


The Heart Of The Problem
Week #1
The Myth Of Complexity



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2 Corinthians 11:3
But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.




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- The Bible exposes the very thought and the attitudes of a man's heart - Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.




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Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.




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- Great peace for those who love the law – Psalm 119:165

Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.



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Matthew 24:35
Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.



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- Scripture given through the Holy Spirit for all

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness




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"God's healing love can transform the most miserable life into one of comfort, joy, and deep personal peace."

The Scripture will guide you to a cure.




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Mark 7:20–23
And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."




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- Human problem is caused by sin - *Mark 7:20–23*
Galatians 5:19–21
Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.



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- The human problem - Sin
- The good new... Sin is the simplest thing in the world to deal with. Jesus died to cleanse us from sin.



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The Spirit Life The Best Life

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Matthew 6:14-15
"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."



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- To be filled with the Holy Spirit means to be controlled by the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-25
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.



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Why would anyone turn his back on the great inner life developed by the fruit of the Spirit?




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God's Got This Covered

- God's cleansing power

1 John 1:9
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.




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Proverbs 3:12
for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.



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- God's cleansing power
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- Do not put a Band-aids on a long-time problems
- Do not underestimate the cleansing power available when anyone approaches God as a repentant sinner who has seen the sin and wants to be restored and renewed
- It doesn't take God long to transform a humble person



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Homework:

Personal Evaluation Of Your Heart.

