

The Spirit of Counsel

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" *The Spirit of the LORD* shall rest upon Him,

The Spirit of wisdom and *understanding*,

The Spirit of counsel and *might*,

The Spirit of knowledge and of *the fear of the LORD*. (*Isaiah 11:2*)

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Besides being a most welcome facet of The Holy Spirit, along with the other six Spirits listed above, **THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL** is something (or Someone) we all have within us (who are born again). Some of us have not learned to clear the passages to release the flow, or to tap into this powerful anointing, or to recognize or access this Presence and this voice. The Seven Spirits of God are able and available to impart to us THE MIND OF CHRIST. There are some things that can block or be in the place of The Right Things.

This understanding is all about getting THE RIGHT THINGS IN THE RIGHT PLACE, AND THE THINGS THAT ARE THERE INSTEAD, OUT.

'THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL' is the name of our Counseling Program and Ministry at HIS PRESENT GLORY CHURCH. We call it that in all honor and due respect to this special manifestation and anointing of The Holy Spirit of God that we have experienced in a multitude of changed lives. It can only be God. Those who are changed know. (John 9:25b "...one thing I do know, that whereas I was blind before, now I see." AMP

IN THE BEGINNING... The groups started as a result of several leaders, who had struggled to make some huge changes in their lives and found they were stuck. As we communicated about what we were experiencing, we decided to get together and be more honest and real than any of us had ever been. We had some things in common, the desire to move on into the deeper things of God, and to stop using reasons and excuses for not changing. Together, as we became willing to bring our matters to light and truth, and unwrap each others grave clothes, we found the way out.

We had all been talking and complaining and praying but staying the same. Some battled with addiction, some negativity, self-pity, pride, fear, jealousy, rejection, self-consciousness, perversion, lust, etc., etc., etc., It was difficult to put The Truth into words and admit it because of the common strongholds of Pride, Shame and Fear.

We all are involved in the need for this deep work. There is no one who does not need this kind of Truth and Light. This is Transparency. We need one another to deal with what we need to in order to 'put off the old' and 'put on the new' and be 'fitly framed and joined together'. We need each other to help us 'put away the things of a child'... of the old, natural, carnal realm. What a good work it is in us as we each become willing to learn to become safe to handle the hurting and scarred hearts of others. Scripture does not say that we need to trust men, or that we are trustworthy, but rather to *trust in The Lord with all your heart*, and yet confess your faults to one another. (If you are forming a Spirit of Counsel Group, contact a current facilitator for guidelines.) We are prayerful in selecting each groups members, and yet everyone needs help. There can be several groups depending on the condition and the maturity of the members and available facilitators.

When we started it was easy to miss the verbal and obvious messages that made room for procrastination, excuse making, justifying, rationalizing, alibis and having lots of good reasons why we were not able to take the ground and make the changes we were always talking about wanting to make. Here is a good question: Do you want to deal with it or just complain about it? Do you want to ask your group for some help identifying what your top issues are? Do you want some honest feedback and counsel on what your first steps might be in discovering and dealing with what is hurting and blocking you? Are you willing to know The Truth about your self? Jesus told us not to know Him after the flesh anymore. He told us that He is The Truth, and The Light and The Way and The Resurrection and The Life. Will we embrace Him as The Whole Truth about us? Will YOU embrace Him as The Whole Truth about YOU? Do you want to KNOW THE TRUTH THAT WILL MAKE YOU FREE? Will it kill the Pride and Shame and Fear from keeping your spots and wrinkles covered and isolated by them instead of covered by The Blood and brought to The Light to become one with The Light?

Our secrets lose their power when WE bring them to The Light. They become part of our testimony. They become what we OVERCOME. THE TRUTH AND THE LIGHT BRING A CROSS TO THE POWER OF THE PIT IN YOUR LIFE. ALL THAT DIES' ALL THE CROSS AFFECTS, IS THAT WHICH IS ***NOT YOU (BY GOD'S DESIGN).***

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; NKJV

The child of God and sons of God are not killed by the cross. The old Adamic, carnal nature and it's relative (outlaw and in-law) ungodly spirits are separated from us by the cross of Christ.

AS WE DEAL WITH OTHERS IN MERCY AND TRUTH AND FORGIVENESS AND PRAYER AND RECONCILIATION AND UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, WE CREATE A SAFE PLACE FOR OURSELVES. PRAY YOU HAVE SOMEONE TO WORK WITH, WHO WILL BE WHOLE-HEARTED IN BEING HARMLESS AS A DOVE AND LOVING AND WISE IN THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM.

THE TRUTH AND THE LIGHT IS THE GREAT EQUALIZER. SOONER OR LATER OUR STUFF WILL COME TO LIGHT, IT IS PROMISED IN THE WORD OF GOD. ALL THINGS THAT ARE HIDDEN WILL BE BROUGHT TO LIGHT. THE HIDDEN THINGS BLOCK OUR GROWTH AND THE FLOW OF THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT IN US AND THROUGH US.

IT IS SO MUCH BETTER WHEN YOU BRING YOUR OWN TRUTHS FORWARD YOUR SELF; HOW MUCH MORE HONORABLE. THIS IS WHERE PEOPLE WITH COURAGE GET REAL. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR TRUE HUMILITY. PERHAPS YOU WILL BE THE FIRST GOOD EXAMPLE OF THIS TO THOSE AROUND YOU, BUT COURAGE AND TRUTH AND LIGHT AND LOVE RELEASE THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL. IT IS CONTAGIOUS. REGARDLESS WHAT ANYONE ELSE DOES, YOU CAN GROW. YOU CAN CHANGE. THOSE WHO REFUSE THE MASK OF PRIDE AND THE COVERING OF SHAME FROM HOLDING THEM BACK AND DOING THEM FAVORS OF HIDDING THEM FROM THE LIGHT, GROW HUMBLE. GOD EXALTS THE HUMBLE. THE PROUD HE LAYS LOW. HAVE YOU BEEN EXALTED, OR LAID LOW? HAVE YOU BEEN PROUD OR HUMBLE? DO YOU KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT YOUR SELF? THERE IS A HUGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CONVICTION AND CONDEMNATION.

CONVICTION CUTS WITH A SURGEONS PRECIOUS SKILL AND TENDERNESS FOR GOODNESS SAKE, TO REMOVE DIS-EASE. CONDEMNATION STABS AND LIES FOR THE SAKE DISCOURAGEMENT. CONVICTION IS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS.

THESE ARE STRETEGIC TIMES ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH AND THERE IS A BRIEF PERIOD FOR PREPARATION. THIS IS THE PREPARATION FOR THE THIRD DAY; FOR THE THIRD 'ONE THOUSAND YEARS'. HE IS COMING FOR A BRIDE OF CORPORATE SOULS WHO ARE PREPARED FOR THE MARRIAGE FEAST AND WHO ARE WASHED AND WITHOUT SPOT OR WRINKLE. WE NOW HAVE BEEN GIVEN EVERYTHING THAT PERTAINS TO LIFE AND GODLINESS.

THIS MESSAGE IS A GOOD NEWS MESSAGE OF OPPORTUNITY AND ENCOURAGEMENT. READ ON AND BE BLESSED:

WE HAVE **THE OPPORTUNITY** TO DEAL WITH OUR STUFF. REGARDLESS WHAT ANYONE ELSE DOES, WE CAN BRING OUR TRUTHS FORTH AS UNTO THE LORD. I HAVE FOUND THAT I WOULD RATHER BE HUMBLE AND GET MY STUFF OUT THERE AND OUT OF THE WAY. I USED TO THINK I COULD HIDE EVERYTHING, HAVE YOU NOT SEEN THE WAY OF THOSE WHO ARE NOT HUMBLE? THEY PASS THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO DEAL WITH THEIR OWN STUFF, AND IN THE END ARE HUMILIATED BY SOMEONE ELSE NEEDING TO BRING UP THEIR STUFF TO BE DEALT WITH.

If you can't do it alone, get help. Pray about it and The Lord will be faithful to show you who, how, what, where and when. Begin with first things first. Begin with your own soul. Name the areas you know you need to change. Name the areas other people around you would say you need to change.

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David talked with his soul: 'Bless The Lord, oh my soul,', 'Why are you downcast, oh my soul?'

Now, you who are spirit, interview your own soul. Ask your self the right questions and you will begin to gather some of the right answers. You will need some in-form-ation about whom and what it is that has been causing the block and stronghold against your desired change. 'Your battle is not with flesh and blood, but with powers and principalities in high places of wickedness'.

As you begin to exercise your discernment and discerning of spirits, and start taking charge of your life, as the child and son of God that you are, you can begin to put a 'mug shot' and 'description' up of these criminal, mafia type family of lying spirits (or fami-liar spirits) that have been operating in you, and as you and through you that actually are not you. You can start a 'file' on them. Do some investigation work about what has been going on in your soul and body without your permission and agreement. What kind of transient parasite spirits have you got deceiving you on an inside job?

When you know what it is that you are dealing with, (and you can find out by what their thoughts, goals, acts, end results are, you can also begin to determine how they got into your life. (Is this something that travels bloodlines? Does it run in your family? Was it modeled for you? Did it enter as you were being victimized? Did it show up in your life to mask you or do you a favor when you were very vulnerable?) It helps to know how something got in because you would want to find out how to deal with that opening and close that door and seal it once you move these things out, so they don't have access to come back into your life and bring 'seven greater'. You want to be sure that even before anything is ever 'cast out', that you know how to keep it out and what the right thing is in the right place and that you are already practicing it, so that it doesn't find the place 'clean and garnished' and vacant, so it has legal rights to come back in.

You will be moving these giants out of your land. You will learn from Joshua and Caleb. The other 8 were full of fear. Don't be like them. The fruit is tremendous and worth it all! The grapes are like pomegranates!

Pray for and ask God for the Gift of The Spirit that is the ***Discerning of Spirits*** (1 Cor. 12:10) and for increased discernment in general. Let the separation between good and evil move out of gray murkiness and into black and white clarity. The mixture is double-mindedness and nothing seems clear in it. A double-minded man can profit nothing.

You learn to be a good steward over your own soul and body. There is no ungodly spirit or sickness or disease that is a part of God's design for your life. Renounce it, name it, and separate your self from it with your words... It is not 'your' cancer or 'your' depression. Don't claim it and don't be deceived into accepting it as your life and lot.

You go into your own heart and soul like the FBI, and do the work of a good steward I speak to you, spirit-man, and son of God. I speak to The Christ in you now, and I know that you are The Lover of your soul and the Savior of your body. You want to observe the 'modes operendi', of these ungodly familiar spirits that nest in your and use you to host them as they operate out of you, using your soul and body as their vehicle. Do not be ignorant of them, the Word of God says. You want to be sure you know you're you're dealing with them. You have seen the cops do a 'sting' on criminal activity. They observe; set them up, catch them, bust them, cuff them, bind them and lock them up. Keep them from operating. Whatever you bind on earth is bound in the supernatural realm. Do the work, say the words. The worlds were formed with words. With words people marry and make oaths and contracts that are binding. Use your words wisely, but use them!

Do not be ignorant of the wiles of the devil. First begin to become conscious of what is going on in your thought life. Learn the path of thinking, feeling, willing, doing. Make no place for the devil. Make no provision for the flesh. First observe and learn and then you will go in and make your permanent changes and bring about in your soul an eternal reward.

Know your enemy, but not as your primary focus. Your primary focus is always the presence of God, and especially as Christ in you, as your identity. But there will be some intense dealing with the pit until you have overcome entirely. You will need to know and remove your enemy with diligence and wisdom and power. Identify the enemy. Break them down, separate them, they work in families or gangs, or tag team partners that form stronghold whenever possible. What is the thing you hate and do not want to do?

When I didn't know The Truth and I only knew the facts, I pooh-poohed this concept of considering these things 'spirits'. I was told these were my emotions and my mental condition and I needed to accept it. I was told, for instance, that I had a 'chemical imbalance' and I had a medical or mental or emotional 'illnesses, and I would have to learn to live with these things, like depression and anxiety. I 'lived' with them, or more honestly, I died with them, for 20 years. They followed my consistency in this torment in The Ream Study for manic depressives. I was a classic case.

But when I looked into scripture and found out that there is '***a spirit' of heaviness***, and '***a spirit' of fear***, and I besides that, that ***I have authority over them, that was good news! I have authority over them now***, in The Name of Jesus Christ the Son of God. That means I do not have to accept them and live with them anymore! The Truth that I now knew was making me free. When I did not know it, it did not change me.

Now I was learning how to choose my thoughts; how to think with THE MIND OF CHIRST and how to LET THAT MIND BE IN ME. I dealt with depression ***as*** The Spirit of Heaviness and it had to get up off me and leave. I believed it, The word of God said it and The devil was now subject to obey me. The anxiety that was supposedly a 'personality disorder', which of course it is, is one of ***the spirits of Fear***. I had to deal with panic attacks the same way. Panic is terror. These were terroristic attacks on my soul. I didn't know what was happening the . My soul needed saving. I was bound up with fear. I needed to know The Truth that could make me free.

The word of God says that God did not give me a spirit of Fear, but of love and power and a sound mind! I have authority over it in The Mighty Name of Jesus Christ. I needed to use that authority. I needed to speak to these spirits. I needed to submit my self to God and I needed to resist them (the devil) and then they had to 'flee from me'. I did it and they had to go. I still do it when necessary, although my condition is nothing like I was then, but they still have to go, and they do.

So I did not know I could choose my thoughts. I did not know I didn't have to accept my diagnosis (and there were many, because I had put my hope in doctors and they make diagnosis. Those diagnoses were like a curse to me. They were spoken over me to name the things I was told I had to accept. I DID NOT KNOW BETTER. I DID NOT KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT ME THEN, so I accepted these things as a part of my defective personality. They well can be a relative to the old adamic, carnal, human nature, but now that I know that I could and did 'reckon' that dead, crucified with Christ, it is no longer that old thing that is the core of my being and identity, but in it's place I have invited and accepted Jesus, Yashua, and Christ to be my life.

Now I know its not just depression or heaviness, and anxiety or fear that I deal with in those same ways. I have learned how to deal with all emotions in the same way. I have learned that rather than that old carnal crazy defective mind I had, I now have access to THE MIND OF CHRIST. Instead of the miserable emotions I was stuck with, I was designed to have THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT filling my emotions. Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge]. AMP

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My spirit man is the presence of The Spirit of The Son of God in me. This is Christ in me, The Hope of Glory. This is the presence and substance of God, who is ***'as He is in this world.'***

It is Him, in me, as me, and with me and through me. I am this new creature in Christ. ***This is my Identity.*** Christ is my life. The old man is dead. In his place I accepted Jesus into my heart. Christ is being formed in me. He is Lord over every area in my life, even though I am not finished yet; I am complete in Him. 'Who is joined to The Lord is one spirit'.

I am one with God in Christ. My spirit is a deposit of God in the core of my being. I live the exchanged life. I gave Him my life and He gave me His. We are one. I am a child and son of God in the core of my being. This is my identity. It will never change. He will never leave me or forsake me. I have a soul and live in a body and I am no more my soul or my body than I am my house or my car, but they are alive and designed for me as my expression and my vehicle... even more; as I am a spiritman, and my spirit man is The Christ in me, who is of that same spirit of The Son of God, This Christ in me, the Hope of Glory is lover of my soul, and savior of my body.

What is the trait or characteristic or does and says, and you know your own true identity in Christ, then you can begin to separate your thoughts from the temptation thoughts of those ungodly spirits that are not you.

Are you really ready for change? Can you imagine what your life will be like without the same old problems? What is the right thing in the right place? What will take the place of what is being changed? Do you know? What is it that hold you? What is the favor it does you? What is the spirit behind it? What do you have to do to maintain it? How long will you remain stuck and why? Is it pride, shame or fear? Then those ungodly spirits have seduced and deceived your soul into putting them on as a mask and hiding under them instead of humility, honesty and the blood of Jesus.

Accountability

Requirements are a whole-hearted desire and willingness to do whatever it takes to get 'unstuck', and to begin to move into the fulfillment of our potential, both in THE KINGDOM OF GOD, which is at hand (Mark 1:15, Luke 21:31), AND IN THIS WORLD. (1 JN 4:17)

The absolute core goal and purpose is for each one to absolutely know and understand with foundation his or her true identity in Christ and to absolutely know the voice of God and the mind of Christ and to have no question that they are not just related to, but rather IN UNION AND INTIMATE COMMUNION WITH GOD, and furthermore, to know with Paul, The Apostle, who also wrestled with his identity at first, (Romans 7:15-8) who we are and who we are not, regardless of our weaknesses. (Our identity is the source from which we do what we do. We need to know who we are. Jesus asked 'Who do you say I am?' Rather we sin or are righteous, it is out of who we believe we are in the core of our being. Identity is an absolute necessity in every foundation. Without the surety of your identity in union with Christ you have nothing to build on.

There are a multitude of mini-teachings in THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL pages. Practical Transformation is the focus. It is the result of ***the renewing of the mind*** with ***the washing of the water of The Word***, (which you will soon find is the only truth about you). For too long we, as Christians, have yet been unable to clearly separate the difference between our own thoughts and that which is temptation. Many believe the temptation is their own desire, rather than a temptation thought of some ungodly spirit, rather it be lust or jealousy or self-pity, and they accept the temptation thoughts as their own. Jesus was on all points tempted. It is not sin to be tempted.

Once we realize we are dealing with temptation, at that very moment, we need to recognize it as not our thought, for we have the mind of Christ. We can, on the spot, reject it and replace it with what we know is The Word of God, and therefore, the mind of Christ, our only Right Mind. We must learn and know exactly where the lines are. We can manage our thoughts in faith. We will experience a death to all that we had accepted as our own 'bad' thoughts and desires. We know because we know we are children of God and our spirits are born again sons of God (and this is our identity) that we cannot and do not sin; we have THE MIND OF CHRIST. LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU. Find the line, for the sake of your own soul, and your own peace, between temptation and sin. Begin to learn the steps and where the lines are and establish your identity in perfect love and practice righteousness. These are elementary steps and threads in the fabric of the revelation of a huge multi-faceted mystery God is revealing to you.

This process is about getting 'free', and not only getting free, but learning to access and live out of the ongoing Spirit of Counsel, who is able to instruct and comfort and direct with Wisdom and Understanding and co-knowledge with God, the steps and the thoughts of our moment to moment daily lives!

'Who the Son makes free is free in deed'. (John 8:36) Are you free in deed? Are you free from the power of the pit? Are you walking in your Promised Land? Are you free from passivity and fear? Are you free from self-consciousness, negativity and depression? Are you free from besetting sin, from self-pity and addiction? The whole-hearted desire and willingness to do whatever it takes to move into your Practical Transformation process define the requirements for those who are candidates for this no-nonsense, intense and powerful ministry and program. There are no 'Lookie-Lou's' allowed. Everyone must become willing and open to Truth and Light ***ABOUT THEMSELVES*** in order for The Way that is promised to open up to them. This is The Way to Real Love and Real Life. This is The Way for you to enter into your deliverance, healing and restoration. This is The Way of Truth and Light. This is deliverance from denial and self-deception that is an agreement with blindness that keeps one stuck.

Those who enter and pursue this intense and narrow way also will find God's magnificent and original perfect design for their lives.

Transparency is a learned thing. It is a practiced lifestyle. It is authenticity. If you don't know the real you, look into the Word of God. It will tell you who you are as a child of God. Loving The Truth and embracing and living in The Light is a brand new concept for some. It is not impossible, but you must begin somewhere.

God has created us perfectly and we have listened to and been changed by other impressions than His image, and other voices and other words have shaped us and told us who we are and suggested to us the path that will make us happy and it didn't. The thoughts that we have been entertaining and accepting about ourselves have not brought us into that which is fulfilling and satisfying and it is time to find out why and to make some changes. It is time to draw the line and say 'enough is enough' and to step onto a new platform and a clean canvas and begin again. This will bring you into the reality of your true identity in Christ.

This Way will bring a death to religious spirits, performing, self-hatred, devastated relationships and hopeless dreams.

are than His voice and It comes from the death to 'mask-wearing'. It makes us real. First we get to join the human race and face our condition, in fact, and then we are able to move out into 'The Truth About Me' realm, which means I get to learn who I am and also who I am not.

I get to face and understand, at last, the simple reality about my true identity. It is The Truth THAT I KNOW that makes me free. Accountability and "speaking the truth in love" are key focuses. The teachings incorporate THE CIRCLES TEACHING which is on video. We come together in these groups to dig into issues and problems that we could not resolve any other way. It is only by learning and knowing and accepting and believing who we are in Christ as a child and spirit-man son of God, after the Firstborn of many brethren, that we can understand "Who We REALLY Are", that we can truly be freed from the negative things we don't want to do.