



PROPHETIC & REVELATORY TRAINING

**MODULE 01**

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Prophetic Operation: God & Man





# **Streams Academy—Prophetic and Revelatory Training**

## **Module 1 Prophetic Operation: God & Man**

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# **MODULE 01**

## **Prophetic Operation: God & Man**

As we walk with God, He doesn't strip away our humanity—He purifies and uses it. Discover the correlation between Christ's nature in you and your growth in your gifting. Learn how the prophetic gift functions, grow in intimacy with the One who made your gifting, and recognize how to step into your full spiritual potential!

Unit 1: Pitfalls

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Pitfalls



## Unit 1: Pitfalls

### The Problem

Charisma minus character equals catastrophe

When God empowers us He does not remove our issues even though He makes provision for us to overcome them

#### Samson

- Desire for a woman's love
  
- Vengeance and retribution
  - Marriage and revenge (Judges 14–15)
  - Prostitute (Judges 16:1–3)
  - Delilah (Judges 16:4–31)

## Aaron and the 70 elders

- Ate with God in heaven (Exodus 24:9–11; 32:1–35)

## Today

- Ministers falling
  
- Mixing opinion with revelation
  - Politics and finance
  - Personal conflict causing accusation
  - Exaggeration
  - Fascination with paranormal activity



## The Solution

### Redefining Maturity

What is spiritual maturity?

- Spiritual gift
- Bible knowledge
- Leadership capacity
- Achievements (leading people to the Lord, giving large sums of money)
- Manifesting the nature of God

Living by the Spirit will always bear fruit

*But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.<sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.<sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,<sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,<sup>21</sup> 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.<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.<sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

*<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. —Galatians 5:16–26*



The spiritual life is a journey of taking on the nature of God

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

*<sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup> But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.*

*<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.—Colossians 3:1–17*

Spiritual maturity is seen by our capacity to love well

*“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”<sup>37</sup> And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.<sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment.<sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.<sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”—Matthew 22:36–40*

How do we know if we love well?

- How do we handle conflict? Are we able to communicate clearly without shutting down or blowing up?
- Do we judge other people’s spirituality because of personality differences?
- Can we easily submit to others, laying down our preferences when someone else is in authority?
- Are we in a variety of relationships with people that are like us and with people that are different than us?
- Have we dealt with prejudice along economic, religious, racial, and age differences?
- Do we have a history of cut-off relationships because of conflict?
- Can we forgive others and ourselves and move forward?
- Can we communicate our preferences and desires without feeling guilty, defensive, or overbearing? Are we able to hear other people’s preferences without feeling defensive, manipulating, or victimized?

Spiritual maturity affects every part of our lives

- Relationships
- Jobs
- Finances
- Goals
- Values
- Marriages
- Entertainment
- Our definition of success

Our level of spiritual maturity affects how we operate in spiritual gifts

- Who we minister to and why
- Our style of ministry
- The effectiveness of our ministry

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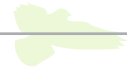
Example: Water through a hose

- What God releases is the water
- Who we are is the hose

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## MODULE 01 HOMEWORK

### Unit 1: Pitfalls

Find 3 examples in the Old Testament and 2 examples in the New Testament of someone that operated in spiritual gifts and also demonstrated bad character.

For each example ask these questions:

Did they start well?

Did they end well?

Do you see anything in the Biblical record that would reveal the root or the beginning of this issue in their life?

If they ended well, what helped them overcome their character issue? Do you see a specific situation in the Biblical record of something that helped them change?

Does the Biblical record tell you if they had good social relationships or not?

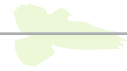
Is there a correlation between relationships and issues being resolved?

Do most people think of this person as a positive example or a negative example?

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**Pillars**



## Unit 2: Pillars

### The Church

Our gifting tells us our function, not our title

The three passages that include major “lists” of spiritual gifts all have one thing in common—they use the metaphor of a body

*For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.—Romans 12:3–8*

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;<sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;<sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.<sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.<sup>8</sup> For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,<sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,<sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.<sup>11</sup> All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.<sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> For the body does not consist of one member but of many.<sup>15</sup> If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.<sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.<sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?<sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.<sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be?<sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”<sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,<sup>23</sup> and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,<sup>24</sup> which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,<sup>25</sup> that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.<sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.—1 Corinthians 12:4–27



*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.—Ephesians 4:11–16*

God is about the work of building His kingdom, not building our ministries!

Humility will allow us to fulfill the necessary function, not expect special treatment

Is the title important?

*“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup> The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. <sup>42</sup> And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”—Matthew 11:40–42*

Some teach that if you don’t call someone by their title you can’t receive the grace that is on them

- That is like saying if you don’t call a doctor a doctor they can’t heal you
- But if you don’t respect their advice and do something with it then you probably won’t get the benefit they bring
- This is about understanding the role, not using certain words

Understand the prophetic trap

- People are impressed by gifts
- Prophetic people often have a history of rejection<sup>1</sup>
- When our gift is praised we can equate that with acceptance
- Then we need to make sure everyone knows how gifted we are to feel loved

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<sup>1</sup> Read *Understanding Prophetic People* by R. Loren Sandford

God is building His church, will we work with Him?

*And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.—Matthew 16:18*

The purpose of revelatory ministry is to expand God's kingdom and build His church!

The church's commission is to make disciples of all nations, are we doing that work?

## The Person

God does not remove us from the equation—who we are affects what we hear and how we communicate it!

Our character formation is the most essential element of our spiritual formation

- Do we look like Jesus?

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
<sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to  
Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

*<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.—Galatians 5:22–25*

How does character affect revelation?

- What we hear is affected by:
  - Strongholds
  - Wounds from past
  - Inner vows
  - Judgements
  
- How we communicate it to others is affected by these factors
  - Emotional
  - Doctrinal
  - Relational
  - Financial

There is a human factor and a God factor

- God factor
  - Spiritual gifts are given not earned
    - Some at birth
    - Some from faith and pursuit
    - Some from position and responsibility

*For the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable.—Romans 11:29*

- Human factor
  - God gives the gift, but we are responsible to steward it

The three powers at war with our gifts (with us!)<sup>2</sup>

<b>EMOTIONS</b>	<b>WILL</b>	<b>MIND</b>
Money	Sex	Power
Gold	Girls/Guys	Glory
Economics	Religion	Politics
Stones to bread	Throw Yourself down	All these kingdoms/authority
Lust of the eyes	Lust of the flesh	Pride of life
Pleasant to the eyes	Good for food	Makes one wise

Compare Genesis 3:6; Luke 4:1-12; and 1 John 2:15-17

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<sup>2</sup> Marcus Young helped me significantly in thinking this through. [www.justprojects.org](http://www.justprojects.org)



When these things are not in the proper place it can cause these problems for prophetic people:

- Cycles of leaving churches or being asked to leave churches
- Lack of community and healthy relationships
- Little influence, or if the gift is strong enough cycles of influence growing then leaving when issues become evident
- Constant conflict with others, often misunderstood as “spiritual warfare” or “persecution”
- A history of short employment
- Feelings of isolation
- Thoughts of being the only one(s) with the true revelation
- Judgmental attitudes towards other genuine believers that hold different values/doctrines
- People following them but leaders not trusting them
- Patterns of sinful behavior
- Noticing negatives but not positives, or significantly less positives
- Relational conflict or abusive relationships with those close to them
- Constant recognition of other’s weaknesses
- Fear of not being recognized as gifted or being truly known
- Lack of experience of the love of God
- Seeing every negative circumstance as God’s judgment

## Understand reaping and sowing

*Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.—Galatians 6:7*

*“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”—Luke 6:37–38*

This principle affects every aspect of our lives

- The way you listen will be how others listen to you
  - The way you listen to people also tells you how you listen to God

*If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.—1 John 4:20*

- The mercy you give will affect the mercy you receive

*For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. —James 2:13*

- How you serve your leader will be how others follow you
  
- How you handle what is currently under your authority will determine if you will be given more to steward
  - Finances
  - Spiritual gifts
  - Leadership
  - Spouse/children
  - Everything!

*His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'—Matthew 25:21*

## The Gift

In the same way that we are born babies and need to mature, our gift is given in an immature state and needs to mature

Areas that need to mature:

- Our reception of revelation
- Our ability to interpret that revelation
- Our capacity to apply that revelation to the situation it speaks to
- Our skill in communicating that revelation so that the hearer receives what God intended how God intended

## Revelation

- Dream or vision
- Thought or feeling
- Understanding or knowing
- Seer realm or visitation
- Translation or transportation

## Interpretation

- Do we understand what we received?
- Most revelation is metaphorical
  - Understanding is both a skill and a gift

### Application

- Does it need to be said?
- Who needs to hear it?
- How much of it should be said?
- Is it instruction or proclamation?
- Are there prerequisites? Does something need to happen for it to come to pass?

### Proclamation

- How do we say it so that it conveys God's heart and intention?
- How much are we allowed to say to them?
  - What level of relationship or favor do we have?
- Do we say it or act it out? Do we share a riddle or make it plain?

Each of these areas need maturity  
How do we mature?

- Practice

*But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. —Hebrews 5:14*

- Failure is the best teacher—are we afraid of messing up?

- Training

- Teaching and demonstration

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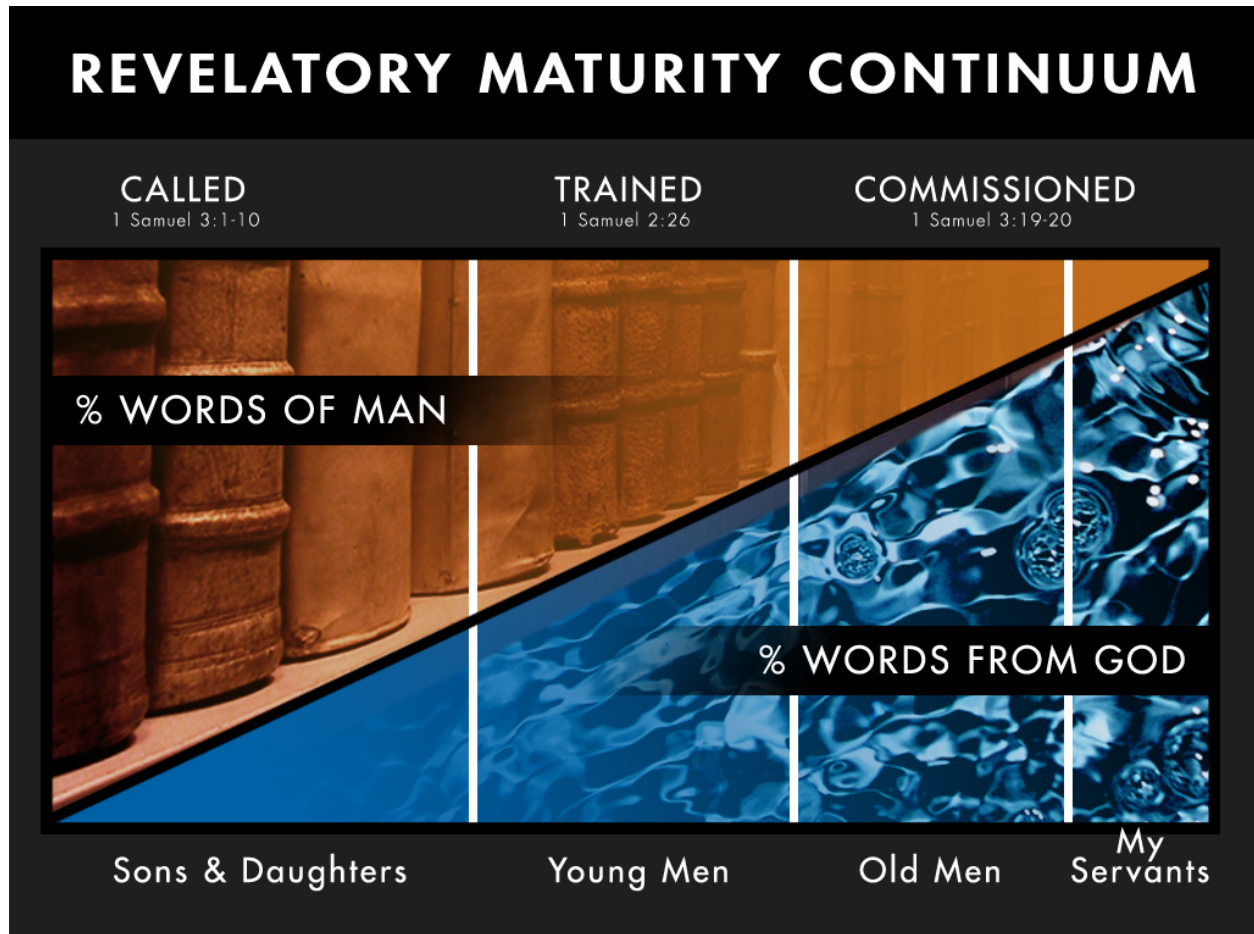
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- Scripture
  - Read
  - Study
  - Meditate
  
- Impartation
  
  
- Feedback



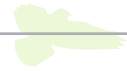
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## MODULE 01 HOMEWORK

### Unit 2: Pillars

*But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.—Hebrews 5:14*

At least three times each week before the follow-up weekend ask God to show you something that is going to happen in the next 24 hours. Write down:

Who is it going to happen to? An individual, city, nation, economy, weather, church, or business?

Have you thought this was going to happen before? Why?

How did the revelation come to you? Thought, understanding, feeling, vision, audible voice, Scripture, etc.?

Have you talked to anyone about this situation previously? Do you have natural knowledge about this?

Are you affected by this? Are you okay with this happening or not happening?

Are you able to change it or help it? Are you suppose to?

The next day write down:

Did it happen?

Was it like you expected or was it different?

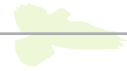
Was it more important or less important than you thought yesterday?

Thinking back on how you received this revelation, how accurate was your interpretation of what you received? Your application?

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UNIT 3

Process





## Unit 3: Process

How does God produce Christlikeness in us?

- Difficulties
- Spiritual Disciplines
- Relationships
- Inner Healing
- Encounters

## Difficulties

*Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup> And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.—James 1:2–4*

*Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.—Romans 5:3–5*

God takes the situations we go through and uses them to create a path of growth

- As the old adage goes, “We can get bitter or we can get better.”
  - Suffering is tribulation, persecution, or pressure
  - Endurance is the capacity to bear up under continued pressure
  - Character is literally proven worth
  - Hope is expectation, looking forward with confidence to something better

- Will we condemn God
  - Why did you let this happen to me?
  
- Will we condemn ourselves
  - What did I do to deserve this?
  
- Will we condemn others
  - If they hadn't..., had...,

- We choose if we see ourselves as a victim or as a victor

*For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.—Romans 5:17*

Understanding the dark night of the soul

In the midst of difficulties God chooses to give us the gift of a dark night

We think our spirituality, our closeness to God, our being loved by God, is defined by our experience

- What we think
- How we feel
- What we want

The ancients called these consolations—the soul’s response to spiritual activity

God wants us to live by faith, not by sight—He desires our spirit to rule, not our souls

Before the dark night we think our souliness is spirituality

God begins to remove our immaturity through desolations and dark nights

*“How do we know we are in “the dark night”? Our good feelings of God’s presence evaporate. We feel the door of heaven has been shut as we pray. Darkness, helplessness, weariness, a sense of failure or defeat, barrenness, emptiness, dryness descend upon us. The Christian disciplines that have served us up to this time “no longer work.” We can’t see what God is doing and we see little visible fruit in our lives.*

*This is God’s way of rewiring and “purging our affections and passions” that we might delight in his love and enter into a richer, fuller communion with him. God wants to communicate to us his true sweetness and love. He longs that we might know his true peace and rest. He works to free us from unhealthy attachments and idolatries of the world. He longs for an intimate, passionate love relationship with us.*

*For this reason, John of the Cross wrote that God sends us “the dark night of loving fire” to free us. John listed the seven deadly spiritual imperfections of beginners that must be purified:*

1. *Pride: they have a tendency to condemn others and become impatient with their faults. They are very selective in who can teach them.*
2. *Avarice: they are discontent with the spirituality God gives them. They never have enough learning, are always reading many books rather than growing in poverty of spirit and their interior life.*
3. *Luxury: they take more pleasure in the spiritual blessings of God than God himself.*
4. *Wrath: they are easily irritated, lacking sweetness, and have little patience to wait on God.*
5. *Spiritual gluttony: they resist the cross and choose pleasures like children do.*
6. *Spiritual envy: they feel unhappy when others do well spiritually. They are always comparing.*
7. *Sloth: they run from that which is hard. Their aim is spiritual sweetness and good feelings.*

*While in chapter 4 I talked about the critical importance of paying attention to our feelings in order to know God, the “dark night” protects us from worshiping them. This is one of the more common idolatries of the spiritual life.*

*St. John of the Cross knew our tendency to become attached to feelings of and about God, mistaking them for God himself. These sensations, rich or empty, are not God but only messengers from God that speak to us of him. There is no other way, John of the Cross would say, for our souls to be strengthened and purified so that we don't worship our feelings than for God to remove them altogether. This is God's way of rewiring our taste buds that we might taste of him ever more fully.*

*St. John wrote: '[God] is purging the soul, annihilating it, emptying it or consuming in it (even as fire consumes the mouldiness and the rust of metal) all the affections and imperfect habits which it has contracted its whole life. . . . These are deeply rooted in the substance of the soul. . . . At the same time, it is God who is passively working here in the soul.'*

*In addition to purging our will and understanding of the deadly sins mentioned above, God also adds something into our souls. He mysteriously infuses or imparts his love into us. God powerfully invades us when we persevere patiently through this suffering. Our great temptation is to quit or go backwards, but if we remain still, listening for his voice, God will insert something of himself into our character that will mark the rest of our journey with him.”—Peter Scazzero<sup>3</sup>*

God moves us through three stages of spiritual maturity

- Survival mentality
- Blessing mentality
- Building mentality

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<sup>3</sup> Excerpt From: Peter Scazzero. “Emotionally Healthy Spirituality.” Apple Books.  
<https://books.apple.com/us/book/emotionally-healthy-spirituality/id894679967>

## Spiritual Disciplines

Our private life will determine the weight of public acclaim we can handle

“What would Jesus do?”<sup>4</sup>

If we do not develop habits of righteousness when times of pressure come we will not be able to respond the right way

- Silence teaches us to keep silent when accused

*For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.—1 Peter 2:21–23*

- Fasting prepares us to say no to temptation

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<sup>4</sup> Read *The Spirit of the Disciplines* by Dallas Willard and *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster



- Meditation practices “taking every thought captive” (2 Corinthians 10:5–6)
- Prayer holds our attention on God’s presence
- Study disciplines our mind to know truth
- Giving forces our emotions to bow to what is right
- Solitude reveals our strongholds and how much we define ourselves by others
- Sabbath shows us we are not God and prepares us for His rest so we can learn to wait on God
- Worship opens our spiritual senses to spiritual activity
- Service practices humility and gentleness
- Submission allows us to not require our own way, not force our agendas on others or on circumstances, it teaches us how to obey authority
- Reading Scripture sensitizes our conscience and orders our thoughts
- Fellowship allows us opportunity to love others and prefer others

Secret obedience develops strength for public victories

- How we obey God when no one else knows will affect how we obey Him when others will find out
  - Public words
  - Miracles
  - Praise of people
  
- Our level of faith in our ability to follow God is built in secret, not in public

## Relationships

*As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,  
5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to  
offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.—1 Peter 2:4–5*

We often think we are good, kind, and loving until we interact with others that rub us the wrong way

God will bring people that bug us around so that we are confronted with our weakness—we need to know where we need to change or we won't change

*When a man's ways please the LORD,  
he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.—Proverbs 16:7*

Our ability to keep our soul in submission to the spirit is not developed in isolation

God has chosen the church and the people He sends us to as a primary way He molds us and shows us how spiritual we really are

Gifted that does not help others is not from God, it counts for nothing!

*If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.*

*<sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.—1 Corinthians 14:1–7*

## Inner Healing

The soul is a lens that the light of revelation shines through—to the extent it is sick, hard, or distorted what we hear will be suspect

What is inner healing? Dying quicker!

Life, and our response to it, causes wounds—ways of thinking, feeling, or wanting that are not right

- Inner healing brings our soul to the cross so that it can die and be resurrected into its true potential in God
  - Unless something is dead it cannot be resurrected
  
- The cross is the only hope for freedom

There are two main ways to access the cross:

- Repentance
- Forgiveness

Core understandings that inner healing is built on:

- Sowing and reaping

*Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.—Galatians 6:7–8*

- Judgments

*Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things.<sup>2</sup> We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things.—Romans 2:1–2*

- Inner vows

*For as he thinks within himself, so he is.—Proverbs 23:7 NASB*

- The Hebrew is literally, “as he reckons within his soul, so he is.”
  - I will never, I will always...
  - Men/women always...
- These are curses against ourselves that form how we see the world and interpret our experiences

- Generational issues

*The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup>keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”—Exodus 34:5–7*

- Generational iniquity (twisting)
- Generational sin (action)
- Generational curses



- Unforgiveness
  - Forgiving others is a key to being forgiven (Matthew 6:14–15)
  - We must forgive ourselves

## Encounters

Encounters with God are invitations to be changed and carry the potential for our change but don't guarantee we will change

*Then the Spirit of the LORD will rush upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man.—1 Samuel 10:6*

We access the potential of change by handling all the other issues we just covered

Every encounter with Jesus carries His nature—in the encounter is the promise, provision, and potential for change

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Encounters can be:

- Visions and dreams
- Visitations
- Translations
- Impartations
- Being filled with Holy Spirit

The more powerful the encounter the greater the potential for change

Encounters are catalysts—we do not stay the same afterwards

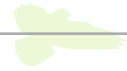
- If we don't change for the good, we will change for the worse

*For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.—1 Peter 2:21*

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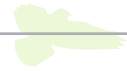
### **Unit 3: Process**

Read *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster

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UNIT 4

Potential



## Unit 4: Potential

### Intimacy

A gift can end up being merely entertainment, but when used within kingdom principles by someone that lives out Christ's nature it can change the world

- My primary goal is not to change the world, it is to get closer to Jesus!

There are levels of intimacy with the Lord

- We may have the gift to have high-level encounters or high-level revelation but our response to His love will determine our intimacy with Him

*Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.—Hebrews 12:14*

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.—Matthew 5:8*

The goal is not ministry opportunities, the goal is faithfulness

- When ministry opportunities are the goal we are getting our reward from man

*Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.—Matthew 6:1*

- Our growth, maturity, ministry, life is all about faithfulness
  - All we have is a stewardship from Him and we will give an account
    - Finances
    - Relationships
    - Favor
    - Gift
    - Authority
    - Everything!
  - If we do well for what we get here we will miss our reward in heaven

- We have been given talents, will we hide them or invest them in people?
  - Matthew 25:14–30

*These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.—Hebrews 11:13–16*

- The choice is between getting glory from people or glory from God

*They loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.—  
John 12:43*



- When we choose Him over people, when He is our reward, when our hearts are set on eternity, then we will have great fruit here on earth

*For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,<sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.<sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.<sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.<sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—<sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.*

*<sup>39</sup> And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,<sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.—Hebrews 11:32–40*

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## MODULE 01 HOMEWORK

### Unit 4: Potential

What is the healthiest example of prophetic ministry that you know of either through personal experience or through someone you know's experience?

What aspect of Jesus' nature did this person exude the most? What fruit of the Spirit was most evident in their life?

What is the most astounding spiritual phenomena that you have personal knowledge of? (First-hand or second-hand experience—it happened to you or the person it happened to told you about it?)

Did the person it happened to/through bear good fruit or bad fruit before it happened? After it happened?

Did this experience make the person more like Jesus? Cause them to bear better fruit for the kingdom?

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