



And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

Isaiah 58:12

Praise

The Lord has been very good to us. We have had some wonderful meetings and great opportunities to see the Lord at work. One instance was when I preached the message *The Four Rules of Communication* and struggled the entire time. I did not understand the spiritual battle that was taking place. In the invitation, all but four people came forward. One responding individual was the son of the pastor. There had been division between the two and things were resolved that day.

The Lord has continued to use the message *Anger: the source, results and dealing with it*. Each time I preach this message, I am met at the display table by people who are either struggling with this issue or someone in their home is. All across America, people are hurting and most do not know the solution to their problems.

The Lord has been blessing us with meetings: August and September are full and I have one week open in October.

Please continue to pray for us. We are raising support, but we are more earnest in helping people. We believe that if we focus on helping people the Lord will take care of helping us.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. It is exciting serving God, but it is also a battle. God bless!

Prayer

Just a few miles from where **Rapha House** will be located is the bridge pictured to the right. Its height is equal to one Washington monument and two statues of liberty. It spans the New River Gorge. It reminds me of the great gulf that separates God's people from the biblical solutions to their

problems. Each week I meet people who are angry, depressed, frustrated, anxious and have lives filled with trouble. Our ministry is to help these people: in particular, young people.

As of today, we have 11% of the money necessary for the purchase of the building. The Lord is blessing and God's people are getting involved. We hope that you don't pass up this great



opportunity of making a difference for Christ. In the last newsletter, I petitioned churches and God's people alike to give a \$500 donation towards the purchase of the property. The response has been tremendous and we only need 89 more responders. Please prayerfully consider what the Lord wants you to do.

On September 6, I meet with the town council at Ansted, WV. There is a stirring taking place among the people. They are under the impression that **Rapha House** will be something like a detention center and I will be bringing in dangerous juveniles. The meeting is supposed to be with the council, but will most likely involve the town's people. We really need your prayers. God is working and Satan is fighting back!

Help from the Word of God

Depression (part 3)

In dealing with depression, there are two aspects to consider: the source of the depression and the fruit that it has produced in the heart of the individual. The sources of depression were previously explored. In this segment, I will discuss the fruitful actions stemming from the heart.

As was previously discussed, depression comes from circumstances in life. These circumstances can create one of many soulish or emotional responses. An important thing to recognize is that the longer a person has been in a negative emotional state, the more difficult it will be to deliver them from their condition. Those, who have been in such a state for a great length of time, may even be considered in bondage. The Bible states that fear can bring man into a snare (Prov. 29:25) and also warns him about anger and the snare that it brings (Prov. 22:24-25). The New Testament describes a person as being taken with or arrested with fear (Luke 8:37). Simon, a man described as being bound in iniquity, was also described as being in the gall of bitterness. Bitterness that has rooted into the soul can trouble the person or be said to crowd them in (Heb. 12:15).

An important Biblical truth to understand is that what is in the heart of a person will soon produce actions. Examples of this are found in the Bible. The fool in his heart does not believe in God and produces corrupt and abominable works (Psalm 14:1), a righteous man, who has the law of God in his heart, will take steps that do not slide (Psalm 37:30-31), and those who hate are said to have abominations in their heart that will have actions shown to everyone (Prov. 26:24-26).

Fig. 2 displays actions that can result from negative emotions in the heart. These actions can range from mild to outrageous. The Scriptures reveal several of these and they are: showing signs of aggression (Numbers 24:10; Psalm 37:8; I Samuel 20:30-33), verbally attacking people (I Samuel 17:28), physically beating another (Numbers 22:27), and murder (Genesis 4:5-8, Gen. 49:5-6, Exodus 2:11).

Some important questions to consider are:

1. How many times have I acted physically aggressive towards someone because of my anger?
2. How many times did I verbally attack somebody because I was angry?
3. How many times did I physically grab, slap, hit, punch, or kick someone as a result of me being mad?
4. How many times did I act physically aggressive towards someone that could have accidentally resulted in death?

If you have recalled incidents relating to any of the above questions, you have or have been in bondage to emotions resulting from the troubles or problems in your life. These actions, their root emotions and the problems that created them must all be confronted in order to experience recovery or emotional and spiritual healing.

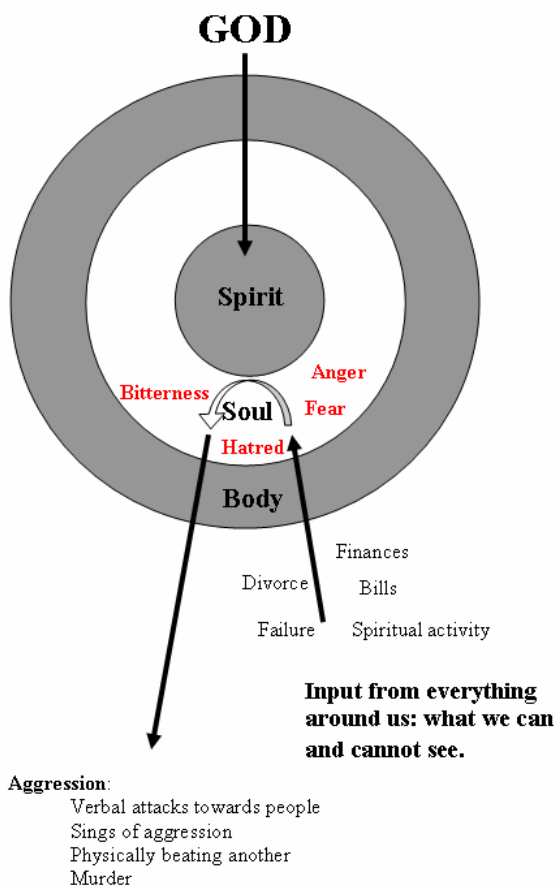


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