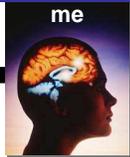


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## Discipline of the Mind



**Moses**  
Law  
Flesh  
Sight  
Rules  
The Cross



**me**



**Jesus**  
Grace  
Spirit  
Faith  
Freedom  
The Resurrection

**Gal. 2:20,21**  
**2 Cor. 3:4-6**

**Where do I start?**

- What do I think?
- How do I feel?
- What do I want?
- What do I believe?

- What does He say?
- How does He feel?
- What does He want?
- What does He say is True?

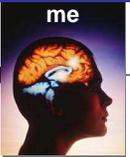




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## Discipline of the Mind





**me**



**How do I discipline my mind?**

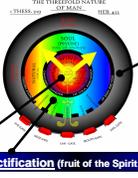
- Remind ourselves of reality!
2. The battle begins in the mind – our interface...
3. I have two choices: Spirit or flesh (Him or me)
4. Discipline, it's what my mind needs!
5. Saturation of my mind with the written and Living Word!
6. We have to get serious!
7. It is not me "doing it", but Christ in me – by faith!

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## Moving from Eternal Life into Abundant Life



**New birth**





**Glorification**  
future perfection

**Sanctification** (fruit of the Spirit from within)

**Justification** (positional sanctification through Jesus: free gift)

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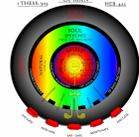
- **Romans 3:21-5:21**
- **The Cross: His death**
- **An act done for us**
- **Removes the guilt and penalty of sin**

**Sanctification**

- **Romans 6-8**
- **The Resurrection: His Life**
- **A work done in us**
- **Removes the growth and the power of sin**

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1. Let's press on to maturity – **Heb. 6:1**
2. My life in Christ will be full of hardship!
  1. **2 Corinthians 11:23-30** – "boast of my weakness"
  2. **Ecclesiastes 3** – "seasons"
3. It's what I allow the hard times to do in me that will determine whether or not I grow deeper in Christ. – **Romans 5:3-5**
4. Five levels of my relationship with Christ

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**Brokenness!**

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**Volitional – Brokenness, the path to the deeper life in Christ.**

- "it is often difficult to believe that there is much to think, speak or write about other than brokenness" (Henri Nouwen *The Return of the Prodigal Son*)
- "brokenness molds our character closer to the character of God more than anything else. To experience defeat, disappointment, loss—the raw ingredients of brokenness—moves us closer to being like God than victory and gain and fulfillment ever can." (Mark Buchanan *Your God is Too Safe*)

1. God knows exactly what He is doing, will not make a mistake, and knows what it will take to bring us into the abundant Life!
  1. **2 Cor. 2:14; Rom. 8:28**
  2. **John 12:24,25** – "if it dies, it bears much fruit"

"The Lord shows us here that the outer shell is our own life (our soul life), while the life within is the eternal life which He has given to us. To allow the inner life to come forth, it is imperative that the outward life be replaced. Should the outward remain unbroken, the inward would never be able to come forth... (Nee)

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**Brokenness, the path to the deeper life in Christ.**

- "True spiritual brokenness is a reflection of a life given to humility, a contrite spirit, and an understanding that we are like brute beasts before God unless we allow Him to break us like the horseman breaks a stallion. Real brokenness is the man who acknowledges that he is no longer his own; he has been bought with a price. Such a man yields himself to God to be broken and formed into the image of Christ." (Dan Edelen)

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Brokenness, the path to the deeper life in Christ. – **John 12:24,25; 2 Cor. 2:14; Rom. 8:28**

2. Examples of brokenness.

1. Abraham – **Gen. 12:1,2 → Gen. 22**
2. Joseph – **Gen. 45:8**
3. Moses – **Ex. 2:3-4**
4. Isaiah – **Isa. 6**
5. Paul – **Acts 9:23-25; this was the lowest point in his life and the beginning of the greatest discovery he ever made! – 1 Cor. 15:31 "I die daily"**
6. Peter – **Matt. 26:31-34; 75**

"God's order has to work up to a crisis in our lives because we will not heed the gentler way. He brings us to the place where He asks us to be our utmost for Him, and we begin to debate; then He produces a providential crisis where we have to decide—for or against, and from that point the 'Great Divide' begins." (Chambers)

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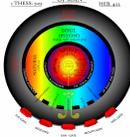
3. Cautions!

- a. **Don't wear your past like a badge! – Phil. 3:13; Isa. 43:18,19**  
 "too often we who revel in our pain exhibit a pride in displaying just how broken we are! No one has been as hurt as badly as we have been. No one has endured the tragedies we have endured. In short, we become immune to the very brokenness God desires to instill in us so long as we make an idol of our pain.  
 "Acolytes of this 'new' brokenness must always talk about it, wear it as a badge of honor, and retreat into it whenever anyone questions the need to dwell in the pain. Worse yet, we can use our pain as a way to assuage our guilt before the Lord. We make ourselves appear downtrodden when we are anything but, refusing true brokenness and holding instead to the mire of our own making."  
 "Such is not God's brokenness, but a counterfeit that leads us away from real healing and growth in Christ. Dying to self means abandoning even our pain, no matter how great, to take on the image of the Savior. Only then can the scales drop from our eyes and we be raised up to stand in true brokenness before God. (Dan Edelen)
- b. **Don't seek brokenness, seek Christ! – Heb. 12:2; 1 John 4:18**

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THE THRESHOLD NATURE OF MAN (1788) (1800) (1820) (1840)



"...there is no other path that leads to life than one of surrender. The cross means death and its definition has not changed in two thousand years. We are not our own, we have been bought with a most precious price, yet we live like masters of our realm, dictators of not only what we suspect we own, but dictators to God of how He should treat us because of our own self-importance." (Dan Edelen)

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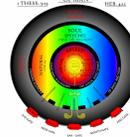
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"Apart from surrender, there can be no life in Christ. I used to think that it was possible to be a Christian and yet live just like those around me, but I now know that this is a lie. We tend to believe that lie, however, here in America. So we go on stumbling in the dark for a light that can be ours only if we, like that grain of wheat, fall into the ground and die to the rest of the world around us. Only then can we be fruitful, the aroma of God amid the stench of a dying world."

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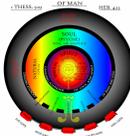
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"The catalysts for brokenness don't have to be huge, tragic or devastating, though sometimes they are. Suffering comes in all sizes and shapes every day of our lives. And when it comes, we often bury the pain of it somewhere deep inside us where it simmers and stews and gnaws away at our peace, faith and health, turning our hearts even stonier, compounding our pride and unbrokenness layer by layer." (Gary Rosberg)

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