

## BE STRONG IN THE LORD

As we become sensitive to the Spirit realm, we become aware of the warfare that is going on. When God joins Himself to our spirit we soon experience an inner warfare where our spirit desires one thing and our flesh another. This battle takes place in our soul consciousness. Once we overcome the inner warfare, and bring our soul into subjection to the Lordship of Jesus Christ over our spirit, then we are called to outer warfare where we bring the kingdom into manifestation in the earth.

We need to learn how to maintain a right spirit, and understand the spiritual defenses the Lord has provided. **We need to learn how to put on the armor of God. A provision of total victory has been provided for us.** We can keep our spirit in contact with the Lord where we walk in continual victory. Defeat is not necessary, but until we learn how to walk in the spirit, we are going to live on a soul-level, where the pressures and temptations of this life will overcome us.

**Eph 6: <sup>10</sup>Finally, my brethren** (fellowship of spiritual life, those whose spirits are alive to God), **be strong** (command to do continually, to increase in strength, becoming strong) **in** (intimate union, remaining in a place, a spiritual condition) **the Lord** (acknowledging His ownership of us), **and in** (intimate union with) **the power** (the presence and significance of force or strength) **of his might** (the actual inherent power in our spirit as an endowment).

We are commanded to be strong in the Lord. In the Lord, speaks of our position before God. Our position is one that is imparted to us through identification. We identify ourselves with the Lord by becoming aware of His Spirit. It is His strength, not ours. It is His righteousness, not ours. We stand in His name, not our own name. We do not have enough authority or power in ourselves to do anything, but we can do all things through Him. We are to be strong *in* the Lord and in the power of *His* might.

When we first become a Christian we do not yet know how to walk in the Spirit so we continually revert to living our lives individually instead of living our lives in Him. We need to learn how to abide in the Lord, so that we live our life in Him. We do not move in our own strength or our own worthiness, but we learn to move in His strength and worthiness. The life the Lord calls us to live, and the works He calls us to do are humanly impossible, so we have to learn how to continually depend upon Him. We live in God dependence, and no longer in self-sufficiency.

Everything concerning our salvation depends upon the righteousness of Jesus being transferred to us. When we make a decision to turn our will and lives over to His direction, He accounts us righteous and quickens our spirit, and then He works His righteousness into us, the salvation of the soul, through the process of sanctification.

**We need to learn the spiritual principle of transference. Through the inflow of His Spirit we learn how to draw upon the Spirit of the God.** This is called

transference (the transferring of something from one person to another). God transfers (to pass from one person to another) His attributes to us. We experience His thoughts and feelings, and when we live and act in them, we partake of His nature or character. God can transfer His righteousness, His love and joy and all the fruit of His Spirit to us. He creates these very things in us by transferring them from Himself to us.

**Identification is our part and transference is God's part.** We focus our spirit and our mind upon the Lord; we become identified with him in our thinking. **As we identify in our mind with His provision, His strength, His power- immediately transference begins to work.** This only works if God has joined Himself to us in the new birth of our spirit. Our mind assists our spirit in the identification process. We have to focus our spirit consciousness and our soul-mind consciousness upon the Lord and the best way to do this is through worship. We have to learn how to do this every day.

**It is through the infilling of His Spirit, that transference takes place.** With our mind (soul) we identify with the provision revealed in the bible, a scripture- Ephesians 6:10. Be strong in the lord and the power of His might. Then we activate our spirit by praying in tongues. When we pray in tongues we can immediately feel the power of God in our spirits. With our mind we identify with the provision of the lord, I have the spirit of might in me, greater is he who is in me than he who is in the world. And with our spirit we appropriate the strength of the Lord.

If you cannot pray in tongues, then you have to find some believers who do and hang around with them, it is through our awareness of the consciousness of God in the atmosphere or in us that we will be given words in our spirit to speak.

In an overwhelming presence of the Lord, you will hear words in your spirit, or you may just start speaking without your soul being aware of what is going on. Many young people get filled with the spirit in a youth conference. Many people get filled with the Spirit in a Spirit filled church worship service or having hands laid upon them.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a provision of the Lord; we just have to become aware of it. Or you can seek it like they did a hundred years ago, and God will meet you, he will visit you. It is a necessity not an option.

If you have been born again then your spirit is alive to God. **The newborn spirit has a consciousness, it has the ability to tune into the Spirit of God and feel His emotions.** Once our spirit knows how to tune into Gods emotions, we can do it by an act of the will. We will to feel the compassion of the lord for people. The new born spirit is able to tune into the mind of Christ. It is an act of the will. We will to know the truth. If we don't know it immediately we will know it eventually. It just comes by revelation. We will to do Gods will and then we know.

Our spirit has a will, mind and emotions; it has eyes and ears, it has a mouth. It has all the same functions that

our soul has. When our spirit is born again we have two lives in us, the natural life we were born with which make us human, and the eternal life of God, which makes us divine or a child of God, because our spirit is joined to the Lord.

We can see how transference works when we are around someone who is depressed and discouraged. After we have been with that person awhile, we become the one who doesn't feel very well. We become depressed and discouraged. They have transferred their spirit to us. This is why we have to learn how to build spiritual walls and keep our spirit pressing into God.

That is why some people love to have someone to talk to. Unconsciously they start dumping their problems on the other person and when they are all through talking they feel so much better- they have transferred their problems for a while.

Transference works in the spirit realm and in the soul realm. In the soul realm, transference works just through the power of suggestion. People living on the soul level transfer their feelings to us when they are offended, disappointed or approving of us. In the soul realm transference is used through hypnosis, through counseling, and through suggestion.

In the spirit realm we minister the Spirit of God to one another when we are filled with the Spirit of God and we speak. We speak life over people and begin to learn how to

minister in prophecy as we see the will of God for one another's lives.

Even when we are disappointed with someone, we can see them in the Spirit, and impart the will of God to them, so that they can partake of how God see's us in Christ. God calls those things that are not (concerning people in the time realm) and they conform to what He says, when a person's spirit is open to Him.

When we are living in self, we are also living in some degree of darkness or deception. But the moment we turn our focus upon the lord and the image of His glory shines into our spirit, we conform to that image. **God transfers Himself to us and we walk in accordance to what we are seeing at the moment.** We are either living according to our light, or His light.

Faith comes by hearing, so when we are dealing with our soul we use autosuggestion. We go into a period of meditating upon the Lord and His word and we speak to ourselves in spiritual words and songs and tell ourselves what God desires us to walk in until it reaches the depth of our soul-consciousness.

**Transformation is living by a different life source.** We stir up the life of God in us by speaking or listening to Spirit filled words or thoughts which flow into us strengthening our spirit in the Lord. We have to learn how to be continually filled with The Spirit, unless we learn how to receive the inflow of God through the principle of transference, we cannot walk in the Spirit or minister in

the Spirit consistently. The Spirit of God should be continually flowing into us and out of us purifying the atmosphere so that the kingdom of God comes into manifestation in the natural realm.

In ministering the Spirit we need to get a word from God. Then we have to transfer that word when we minister it. We do not present it as a word to be reasoned over, or debated. The word has to have impact. Even if the person is not able to receive it they will not be able to forget it. When God fills the words we speak, people will be impacted by it, they will respond in some way, they will get angry or blessed by it. It will bother them so that even if they consciously reject it, it will enter their subconscious so that they do not forget it.

When we hear a living word from God it is being written upon our minds (soul), this is transference. **The moment our spirit has the witness within it and receives that word, it receives more than an idea, it receives an impartation. Transference comes because God is imparted in what we are hearing.** We become the word we are hearing when that word is filled with the Spirit of God.

When we sow to the Spirit we reap of the Spirit. When we love, it comes back to us, we set a spiritual law in motion, and it multiplies many times. It is called the boomerang principle.

The boomerang is a spiritual principle. If we try and throw a boomerang away we find that we cannot get rid of

it, it comes back to us. This works positively and negatively. When we sow to the spirit we reap life, when we sow to the flesh we reap death. **This is a law. A spiritual principle is a spiritual law that always works.** When we hang on to our soul-life we lose it. When we lose our soul-life by bringing it into submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ we find our soul being filled with the Spirit. When we love, it comes back again; it multiplies. It hits the target, seems to split and expand, and the person receives the blessing—but **the greater portion returns upon the head of the one sending out the blessing.** We will be blessed with our own blessing, helped with the help that we offer another. When we learn to love by blessing others, the blessing itself multiplies, it comes back to us, even if the person is incapable of receiving it.

*Luke 6: <sup>38</sup>Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

What we sow, we reap. But when we sow to the spirit we reap an increase. **Spiritual things multiply because they are of God and everything of God continually increases. It is forever expanding. It is the law of life or growth.**

The law of God's life increases. The law of the flesh decreases because it is spiritual death. It decays and passes away. When we sow to the flesh it leaves us empty

wanting more, we can never have enough. It produces suffering.

When we cease from sin we suffer in the flesh because our flesh is dying until it is rendered inactive. The law of death is decrease. The law of life is increase.

When we give expecting to receive, letting our left hand know what our right hand is doing, we are operating in the self life which is death. When we give because we love to give, we are operating in eternal life, and it comes back to us, it multiplies because everything of God keeps flowing and expanding. When we love to give we receive more so that we can keep giving. It is part of the law of life; we have tapped into an endless source of provision.

Everything that is not a part of God is a part of death; it passes away because God is not the source of it. What we do in the spirit increases because it is part of God's uncreated life, and this life grows and increases.

As we partake of the divine nature, we are ever changing in conformity to it. The government of God is ever increasing, that which comes into submission to it comes into life. If we do not surrender our life to the Lord we lose it because we are living in death. Everything that is independent of God dies, that which comes into dependence upon God increases because He becomes the source of it.

As we enter into the presence of God we become alive, we experience joy unspeakable, because we are partaking,

and we are participating in the Spirit of God. It is when we come into contact with God; we have come into contact with His uncreated life which keeps expanding in us. We have entered into the flow of His life. This river of life increases as it flows. It is the moving of the Spirit which takes over. The kingdom increases, it expands until it fills the whole earth.

When we submit to the Lord ship of Jesus Christ, He takes over, He manages our life, we experience increase, we experience His promotion, He keeps adding to us. **We have never lived until we have abandoned ourselves to God totally, until we enter into extravagant worship of His perfection.** We partake of His perfection, when we worship him who is perfect. God shares His glory with His beloved. It is this love of God which motivates us and becomes our life.

Everything we do must be done in love, so that we experience the increase of the Spirit, the minute we take things into our own hands we are operating in the flesh, and what we send forth will come back to us in the flesh.

Haman died on the gallows he built for Mordecai. Saul killed himself by falling on the very sword with which he tried to kill David. If we learn the principle of living and moving in the Spirit, the principle of sowing and reaping, we will never have to fight our own battles, we will never have to defend ourselves. If we hate someone on the human level, the minute we send out hatred, it will come back to us.

When we learn how to walk in the Spirit and allow God to fill every word we speak people are going to respond to us because we are living on a whole different level that they have never seen before. People will either receive us or reject us; they do not have a choice because we are manifesting the light of God. We are the light of the world. We have to learn how to respond in the Spirit when we are being persecuted. **If we get offended we immediately cut ourselves off from the flow of the Spirit.**

For if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Heavenly Father forgive our trespasses” God doesn’t have to make a sudden decree, “You I forgive; you I don’t”; it automatically happens. The works were finished from the foundation of the world. Even the works of final judgment were completed. God does not do one thing, we do it all by our self.

*Heb 4: <sup>3</sup>For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.*

When we sow to the flesh we reap death. It is a spiritual law. That which is not like God cannot enter His domain, His kingdom. That which is not like God has to go through the fire of his love which is a purifying fire.

The minute we open up to His Word and we begin to bless, God does not have to make a special decision to bless us. We are living in the Kingdom experiencing the spiritual principles that govern it.

When God joined Himself to our spirit in the new birth of our spirit, we are literally born of Him. Our spirit becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Our spirit is now divine, it has a built in heredity and nature that will grow as it is exposed to God, as it is exercised and fed with the life of God.

**We now have to learn the principle of identification. We have a new identity in Christ.** It is as our spirit is in intimate communion with God (a oneness of spirit) that we experience the flow of His Spirit or the principle of transference. As our spirit is reaching out to God we are identifying with Him. We have an identical spirit, the same spirit that He has and it is as our spirit is focused on His that we make the connection. We are looking to Him which is the principle of dependence. We live and move in Him. This is called identifying with Him.

As our spirit is reaching out to touch Him, we make contact with Him; His Spirit comes upon us in which our soul becomes conscious of Him. We then experience the inflow of His Spirit; we can feel His power and strength.

**When we identify with the power of God drawing upon it, we are becoming strong in the Lord and the power of His might.** We need to learn how to be constantly filled with His strength. As we learn how to practice this, our capacity for God increases.

We cannot be identified with Christ as a member of His Body and be poor or helpless. When we are weak then we are strong. When we are poor in spirit, the kingdom is

ours. In the kingdom we have the necessary power to do God's will.

We need to get our focus off of our weakness and identify ourselves with His strength. Willpower on a natural, human plane will not work. It is not willpower, but it is God who works in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure. We cannot even have a will that is stable unless God works in us to put the will there. We must identify ourselves with Him, and because we want to do His will, He imparts it to us. We will to serve Him, because He puts it in our will to serve Him. **As we identify with Him, the transference begins.**

**When we begin to grow spiritually we cannot take the credit for it. It was transferred to us. He imparted it to us, and we grew by receiving His life and exercising in it.**

Exercise is natural to life; we can see this in a little baby. From the time the baby is born, the baby starts moving and kicking. Mother has to keep checking to make sure the baby has not kicked off the covers.

No one has to say to the baby, "You've got to exercise;" it comes natural. The minute life came; the baby began to move in it. This is what we are doing when we begin walking in the Spirit. We identify with Him, there is transference of life, and we keep moving. **Life develops with movement.**

By nature we are proud, the human nature has a built in pride to it. The self nature thinks it can please God. Then, when we fail, this pride manifests in guilt, which does not work repentance. We think that we could have done better, we say we are sorry. This sense of guilt is based upon the lie of pride that there is anything good in our flesh. We must realize that those who are in the flesh are going to walk in the flesh. Trying to do better is not repentance. Repentance has no confidence in the flesh, and is broken before God; it looks to the Lord for the strength to do His will. **As we develop confidence toward God and not toward the flesh, we will experience His strength. Everything begins to change when we accept this truth.**