

GOD CONSCIOUSNESS

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There is no gainsaying the fact that Christians are too devil conscious. We give more of our thoughts to the devil and what he is doing. Sometimes, we magnify the devil, and make God look like a small boy, while the devil becomes the big boy. We see the devil as being in charge. We make him look as if he is omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient. God Almighty is the only omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient person that exists. We need to be God conscious, and not devil conscious. Devil consciousness creates fear, leading to doubt and faithlessness. Devil consciousness puts down God and lifts up the devil. Devil consciousness strips us off our armour, and attracts devils and evil.

“For as he thinketh in his heart so is he.” (Prov. 23:7)

What you think is what you are. What you think is what you will become. Your thoughts always affect you positively or negatively depending on what you think. Positive thoughts will attract positive results. Devil and evil consciousness will attract devils and evil. God consciousness will attract the presence and power of God and whatever God stands for.

Every day, people talk about what the devil has done and what he is doing. Christians love the testimony of the people who have served Satan and have repented. They want to hear what the devil does and how he does it. It has come to a level where people see opposition from the devil even when there is none. People imagine attacks, predict attacks and live in fear. This is as a result of devil consciousness.

Devil consciousness has helped to strengthen the grip of the devil on the populace. It has helped to magnify the devil to a level that people fear the devil more than they fear God. People now fear witches, wizards, occult people, witch doctors and spiritists more than they fear God. It is true that the devil does evil with reckless abandon, and that wickedness makes more impressions in the heart of men, that does not mean that the devil has more power than God. The devil and his agents can use one month to plot and enchant, but God through His children can destroy everything they have done in one second. Evil is more popular than good - it spreads more and faster than good. But good is better and more powerful than evil. I stand for good, and I hate evil. I stand for God, and I hate the devil.

Consciousness of the devil generates strong fear. And what you fear always come to you.

“What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me” (Job. 3:25)

The Bible teaches fear is of the devil and God does not give the spirit of fear. What you fear will always come except you deal with the fear on time. And to deal with the fear, you have to deal with your thoughts – what you give your mind to. God consciousness is the only way.

God consciousness is the act of giving your mind to thoughts of God. It is consciousness of the reality and presence of God in one's life and in every circumstance of life. Jesus said,

"And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matt. 28:20)

The Bible says,

"But He who unites himself with the Lord is one with Him in spirit." (1 Cor. 6:17)

God consciousness is to know, understand and work in the consciousness of who you are in Christ Jesus. God consciousness is working in the light of God's word. It is always bearing in mind who God is and His word concerning any and every situation you find yourself.

Man is a spirit has a soul and lives in a body. The soul of man is the self-conscious part of man. It is in the soul you have the mind, emotions and will. In the mind you have the intellect or reasoning, memory and imagination or creativity. Consciousness is in the mind.

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Consciousness is a state of being conscious. To be conscious is to be awake; aware, knowing things because one is using the bodily senses and mental powers. It is sensitivity. Consciousness is all the ideals, thoughts, feelings, wishes, intentions, and recollections of a person or persons. The conscious mind therefore, is the mind that is awake, alert, sensitive and aware of the wishes going on within him at a particular time.

THE SUB-CONSCIOUS MIND

The sub-conscious mind is those mental activities of which we are not (wholly) aware. **These are thoughts, ideas, desires and impulses arising from previous conscious thoughts in the human mind.** When a man has dwelled on a particular thing in his conscious mind, it will settle into the sub-conscious thereby stimulating certain actions that was not originally planned. I call the sub-conscious mind the store house or reservoir of thoughts. Jesus said,

"... Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good STORED up in him, and evil man brings evil things out of the evil STORED up in him." (Matt. 12:35)

So, if you continue to feed your mind with stories and thoughts about what the devil can do, is doing, or has done, it will be stored in your sub-conscious mind from where it will generate fear of the devil, doubting of God's power and all kinds of bondage. But if you continually and systematically feed your mind with the word of God, and you meditate on it day and night, your sub-conscious thoughts would generate or stimulate faith in God, confidence in God and in yourself to confront every confrontation

and destroy every mountain. It would make the devil to always be small in your eyes and God very big.

God consciousness will always make the devil to be where he ought to be – under your feet. And when he is under your feet, you will trample upon him, and he will not be able to harm you. God consciousness will put your problems under your feet, and you will trample over them. Devil consciousness will make the devil and problems he sends to you to be like a mountain to frighten you and you will be so small that you dare not try to trample upon it.

Devil consciousness is self-imprisonment. God consciousness is releasing yourself from all limitations. It is taking on wings to fly like the eagle where no other bird can catch up with you. God consciousness is putting on the strength and power of God to face the challenges of life. God consciousness is readiness for exploits. It is victory before the fight. It is proper perspective to life. God consciousness is seeing as God sees. It is standing where God is standing, seeing what God is seeing, hearing what God is saying and saying what God is saying. Become God conscious from today and victory and honour will be yours.

WE ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD

To be God conscious, you must understand and be conscious that you are the temple of God.

“Don’t you know that you yourself are God’s temple and that God’s spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him; for God’s temple is sacred, and you are that Temple.” (1 Cor. 3:16-17)

“Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body.” (1 Cor. 6:18-20)

A temple is a house or dwelling place of God. Every believer is a house or dwelling place of God. It means we are carrying God wherever we go – His presence is always with us. You need to have this understanding for you to walk in God’s consciousness. I am a temple of God. You are a temple of God. As the temple of God, you have the presence of God, for the Holy Spirit dwells within his temple. You are a carrier of God’s presence. Be more conscious of that; don’t give your mind to the thoughts of the devil and evil. Give your mind to the one you are carrying. Give your mind to God. Be conscious of the fact that God’s presence is with you. Though you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you shall fear no evil for no harm shall befall you because his presence is with you. His power and authority comforts you (Ps. 23:4).

When you are conscious of the fact that you are a temple, you will be careful not to defile yourself (the temple) with sin, especially sexual sins. He that defiles (destroys) God’s temple shall be destroyed.

DOES GOD PROTECT HIS TEMPLE FROM INTRUDERS, TRESPASSERS OR ENEMIES?

Your enemy is God's enemy. God promises that he will be an enemy to your enemies.

"If you listen carefully to what he says and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies, and will oppose those who oppose you." (Exod. 23:22 NIV)

God will protect his temple from his enemies, intruders and trespassers. The devil and his demons, their agents and their evil projections and attacks are intruders and trespassers. God will protect his temple from them all.

In the Old Testament, God put a restriction on the number and kind of people allowed in his temple, and how many times they should appear before the Holy of Holies. Only the High Priest is permitted into his presence (the Holy of Holies). He is to appear once a year. Other Priests were to perform their duty in the outer court. Only the Levites had right to dismantle, set up and carry the tabernacle. Every sacrifice has its own instructions on how it is to be carried out. Disobedience attracts stiff penalties. Nadab and Abihu died on their first day of assignment and ordination, because they offered unauthorized fire.

"Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they offered un-authorized fire before the Lord, contrary to his command. So fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them and they died before the Lord. Moses then said to Aaron, 'this is what the Lord spoke of when He said; among those who approach me I will show myself holy; In the sight of all the people I will be honoured.'" (Lev. 10:1-3)

God guides his dwelling place jealously. Uzzah died when he reached out to the ark to stop it from falling when the oxen carrying it stumbled. He was not supposed to touch it.

Read 2 Sam. 6:1-8

Uzziah the King of Judah who lived his life pleasing God became proud one day and stepped beyond his boundary to perform the duty of a priest. He tried to offer incense at the temple, though the priests tried to stop him, he didn't listen. God stopped him by striking him immediately with leprosy. Read 2Chr. 26:16-21.

"If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him, for God's temple is SACRED, and you are that temple." (1 Cor. 3:17 NIV)

You are God's temple and you are sacred. You are holy and special to God. And God is watching over you. He is guiding you as he guides his Ark, the Holy of Holies and his temple in the Old Testament. You are sacred to God. The thought of this should excite you and drive away the fear of evil. Be sure, no harm will befall you. You are his temple and he is watching over you.

CONCLUSION

Since we have seen that God protects his temple, which we are, then we should feel secured that God will protect us always. There is therefore no need of devil and evil consciousness. All you need is to keep the temple holy and sacred and God will protect you. Be conscious that you are God's temple and that God does not joke with his temple – He is jealous for you. Be filled with God. Be God conscious.

Consciousness of devils and binding devils every second does not increase anointing. What increases anointing is the consciousness of God's presence and power and who you the believer is in Him. Give your mind to this truth and you will experience unlimited power, faith and victory in every area of your life. I do not mean that when you sense the presence or activity of an evil spirit, you should not exercise authority over such; what I am saying is that you ignore devils and concentrate your mind and attention on God and who you are in Him through Jesus Christ. Be God conscious at all times.

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.” (Psalm 23:4 RSV)

God consciousness gave David victory over Goliath when all Israel's trained men were terrified and discouraged through negative thinking. It was this also that helped him kill lions and bears. Jesus is always with you no matter what you encounter or go through in life. Never forget that God is with you always and forever.

If you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Saviour, receive him now into your life. Bow your head and pray repenting of your sins and asking Jesus Christ to come into your life right now and you will become God's temple.