

THE POWER OF SELF-KNOWLEDGE (Part 2)

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- In our last edition, we started our study on the power of self-knowledge. We saw that:
- Self-knowledge is recognition of God given abilities, talents, and gifts to profit from.
- Self-knowledge is an understanding of your potential.
- Ignorance is deadly.
- Ignorance perpetuates disease, poverty, and failure.
- Ignorance produces constant loss in our lives.
- Ignorance imprisons and destroys. God said,
- Everything you need is already in your life merely awaiting your recognition of it.
- Anything unrecognized remains uncelebrated by you.
- Anything you refuse to celebrate eventually exits your life...a gift, a miracle or a person.
- What you do not know you have, you can't pursue or possess.
- What you do not know you possess, you cannot release or maximize.
- Knowledge is a key factor in living a fulfilled life.
- Self knowledge is all about who you are, why you are in this world, how much potential you have, what you are capable of doing, your limitations and the process of maximizing your potentials.
- The key to self-knowledge is in the understanding of the source of man. Everything is made up of the same stuff as what it came out from.

We saw that there is a need to:

- Understanding your source,
- Recognize your spiritual standing,
- Recognize your assignment,
- Recognize your dominant gift.

In this concluding edition I bring you some revelations that will bring out the best in you. Enjoy it.

RECOGNIZE YOUR DOMINANT WEAKNESS.

Every human have one weakness or the other. And God knows that and bears with our weakness.

Ps 78:39

39 He remembered that they were but flesh, a passing breeze that does not return.

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One weakness can destroy you. Your refusal to recognize it guarantees your destruction. Recognition of your dominant weakness can save you a thousand nights of tears, failure, and devastation.

Little weakness if permitted with time can become big and ruin a man and all he has labored for. Greed, lust, lying, prayerlessness, and even gossip can grow until that weakness becomes a raging inferno.

You cannot afford to ignore your dominant weakness. Your weakness is like a living person within you, a living organism. It is a force, silent and deadly, that moves your life toward destruction. If ignored, it will wreck every dream, sabotage every worthy relationship, and ultimately make you a monument of disgrace on the earth

18 FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR WEAKNESS

- 1. Everyone has a weakness.**

Rom 3:23

*23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
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- 2. Your heavenly father is fully aware of your personal weakness.**

Ps 78:39

*39 He remembered that they were but flesh, a passing breeze that does not return.
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Ps 103:14

*14 for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.
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- 3. Your weakness is the entry point for demonic spirits.**

John 13:26

*26 Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon.
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- 4. God will make every effort to reveal your weakness to you before it destroys you.**

Luke 22:31

*31 "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat.
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- 5. Someone will be assigned by the devil to feed and strengthen your weakness.**

Judg 16:4-5

4 Some time later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah. 5 The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, "See if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we can overpower him so we may tie him up and subdue him. Each one of us will give you eleven hundred shekels of silver."

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6. Your weakness will pursue, embrace, and seize any friendship that permits it, feeds on it or enjoys it.
7. Your weakness has an agenda, a plan to take over your life and sabotage it.

James 1:15

15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

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8. Your weakness will bond you with wrong people.

Judg 16:4-20

4 Some time later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah. 5 The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, "See if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we can overpower him so we may tie him up and subdue him. Each one of us will give you eleven hundred shekels of silver." 6 So Delilah said to Samson, "Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued." 7 Samson answered her, "If anyone ties me with seven fresh thongs that have not been dried, I'll become as weak as any other man." 8 Then the rulers of the Philistines brought her seven fresh thongs that had not been dried, and she tied him with them. 9 With men hidden in the room, she called to him, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" But he snapped the thongs as easily as a piece of string snaps when it comes close to a flame. So the secret of his strength was not discovered. 10 Then Delilah said to Samson, "You have made a fool of me; you lied to me. Come now, tell me how you can be tied." 11 He said, "If anyone ties me securely with new ropes that have never been used, I'll become as weak as any other man." 12 So Delilah took new ropes and tied him with them. Then, with men hidden in the room, she called to him, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" But he snapped the ropes off his arms as if they were threads. 13 Delilah then said to Samson, "Until now, you have been making a fool of me and lying to me. Tell me how you can be tied." He replied, "If you weave the seven braids of my head into the fabric [on the loom] and tighten it with the pin, I'll become as weak as any other man." So while he was sleeping, Delilah took the seven braids of his head, wove them into the fabric 14 and tightened it with the pin. Again she called to him, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and pulled up the pin and the loom, with the fabric. 15 Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when you won't confide in me? This is the third time you have made a fool of me and haven't told me the secret of your great strength." 16 With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was tired to death. 17 So he told her everything. "No razor has ever been used on my head," he said, "because I have been a Nazirite set apart to God since birth. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as any other man." 18 When Delilah saw that he had told her everything, she sent word to the rulers of the Philistines, "Come back once more; he has told me everything." So the rulers of the Philistines returned with the silver in their hands. 19 Having put him to sleep on her lap, she called a man to shave off the seven braids of his hair, and so began to subdue him. And his strength left him.

20 Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had left him.

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- 9.** Your weakness will separate you from right people. Your weakness makes you uncomfortable in the presence of those who refuse to justify it.

Gen 3:8

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

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- 10.** Your weakness can emerge at any time in your life, including your closing years. *"What you fail to master in your early years will master you in your later years" (Dr. Sumrall).*

- 11.** Your weakness cannot be overcome with human effort, philosophy, explanations, and self-will power. Only Jesus Christ through the ministry of the Holy Spirit can help you. Call on him now.

Acts 1:8

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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- 12.** Your weakness does not necessarily require a personal confession to every body or anybody, but recognition of it in the presence of God.

Ps 34:18

18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

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James 5:16

16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

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- 13.** The easiest time to destroy your weakness is at its beginning stages.

- 14.** God will permit you to enjoy many victories even while your weakness is operating within you.

Matt 23:37

37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.

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15. Those you love are waiting in the shadows for you to overcome and triumph over your weakness.
16. You are only enslaved by what you permit.

Rom 6:16

16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey-whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

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17. Your weakness can only be overcome by the word of God.
18. Overcoming your weakness will bring you an incredible reward for eternity.

10 WISDOM KEYS TO REMEMBER

1. What you fail to destroy will eventually destroy you.
2. What you are willing to walk away from determines what God will bring to you.
3. All men fall - the great ones get back up.
4. Stop looking at where you have been and start looking at where you are going.
5. You cannot correct what you are unwilling to confront.
6. Crisis always occurs at the curve of change.
7. Anger is the birthplace for solutions. Hate your weakness.
8. Struggle is the proof you have not been conquered by a weakness.
9. What you can tolerate you cannot change.
10. Every relationship will feed a weakness or strength. Wrong people breathe life into your weakness that God is trying to kill. Be careful the company you keep.

RECOGNIZE YOUR LIMITATIONS

You cannot do everything. You can only do what you were designed and created to do through your gifts, skills and intelligence. Goats don't fly. Trees don't walk. Your design determines your capability. Know your limitation. You can't be everything. You can't do everything at a master level.

9 FACTS ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL LIMITATIONS

1. Life was created to be a collection of relationships.
 - Somebody sees what you can't see.
 - Somebody knows what you don't know.
 - Somebody can do what you don't have the capability to do.
 - Pride will deprive you of the great contributions others desire to give you.
2. When you fail to recognize your personal limitations, you become blind to the gifts hidden in those around you.
3. Recognition of your personal limitation will birth an ability to discern opportunities around you.
4. Recognition of your personal limitations will release compassion towards you.
5. Recognition of your personal limitations will expose unnecessary goals and inappropriate dreams you have collected within you.

- 6 Recognition of your personal limitations helps you to maintain focus on what you are created to do.
- 7 Recognition of your personal limitations removes stress. Nothing is more stressful than attempting what you do not have the ability to become.
- 8 When you fail to recognize your personal limitations, you can't seek solutions to them.
- 9 Whatever you do not possess has been stored in others around you.

RECOGNIZE YOUR SPECIFIC ANOINTING

Every assignment requires an anointing. The anointing is the measure of the power of the Holy Spirit on a person to carry out an assignment for God.

A leadership anointing enables you to love and lead. An administrative anointing produces organizational skills and order. A healing anointing releases health and destroys the yoke of infirmities. A Psalmist anointing unlocks worship. A wisdom anointing illuminates.

The anointing is the power of God on man to accomplish God given assignments. Recognize the anointing operational in your life and yield to it. Don't try to be another person. The anointing can only accomplish what you were anointed by God to do.

Respect and submit to the anointing in your life. **The anointing you respect is the anointing you attract.** Grow in your anointing and you will be in reality what you were created to be.

CONCLUSION

This calls for hard work in examining, investigating and seeking God to gain full knowledge of self. You will not get all the insight needed in one day. You must search, cry aloud, pray, and fast, recognize, and come to terms with the realities of your life.

Be filled with the knowledge of who you are and what you possess on the inside. Walk in the consciousness of who you are, what you have and what you can do. Let this knowledge explode in you and energize you to accomplish great things for God and for yourself. May the revelation you have received and you will receive cause a revolution in your life.

Desire to die empty - fulfilled. Use all you have received from God to do all you are expected to do in this world. Be accomplished and fulfilled in life. God is waiting for you to act. The world is waiting for you.

SUCCESS TIT-BITS

1. **Good sense is learning from the past and making sure that past mistakes are not repeated.**
2. **Discipline is an act of the will. It takes discipline to live above board.**
3. **If you make yourself trustworthy, you qualify for promotion. If you prove yourself undependable, then you will remain on the same spot.**
4. **A combination of skill and God's favor and power guarantee success and excellence.**
5. **Ability to manage crisis is a sign that one has become a man.**

6. **Your desires determine who your friends will be.**
7. **Mind management is the first priority in the school of success.**
8. **The wise are they who listen to advice and accept correction and rebuke meekly. Can you consider yourself to be wise?**
9. **Remaining as you are year after year is self-deceit and counterproductive. Resisting rebuke, correction and change is resisting God and progress.**
10. **Before a blessing reaches your hand, there is always a fight. Watch out and do not lose this fight so you do not miss the blessing.**
11. **Breakthrough is a function of grace on the part of God, faithfulness, commitment, seed sowing and sacrifice on the part of the seeker. Learn what to do to get a breakthrough and do it with all your heart and diligence and you will have what you seek.**
12. **Before God the true state of a man is revealed. God cannot be deceived or mocked. It takes sincerity to please God and walk with Him. Can you say of yourself that you are sincere with God?**
13. **Love and affection for God is a function of a decision. Your decision about your relationship with God determines how you relate with Him. Fervency or lukewarmness is a result of a decision. Decide to be close to God and fervent in serving Him today and you will be glad you did.**

RENEWING THE MIND

1. **Your thoughts determine your words, emotions (feelings) and actions.**
2. **As we think so we talk. As we think so we feel. As we think so we act.**
3. **You will always relate to your spouse as you think.**
4. **If you don't know how to control your thoughts in the midst of frustrations and disappointments, your hands will be full of trouble.**
5. **Thoughts fire you on and open you up to all kinds of spirits and experiences. Watch your thoughts closely.**
6. **Change is a function of a firm resolve and determination to become better. Any one who opens up himself or herself for, and cries out for change, will experience change. The desire of God is to see you become better. Agree with and cooperate with God on this, and your life will radiate the glory of God.**
7. **God sees your thoughts and watches you all the time. Everything about you counts before God. Never think or say it doesn't matter. What you say and do can hinder your breakthrough and prosperity that you so desire.**
8. **God is too deep to be fully comprehended. To think that one can know God fully once or in a short period of time is deception. It takes a consistent searching and digging deep into the word of God, fellowship and close communion in heart felt prayers to grow in the knowledge of God and in His power. Make up your mind to dig deep into God, and be consistent in seeking Him.**
9. **God assesses you by your thoughts. He recons with what he finds you thinking and responds to you based on your thoughts.**
10. **The picture you have in your head determines what you pursue daily. Be focused in faith towards your dream and believe against all odds that you will make it with God's help. Always remember, that when one door closes, another opens. Forget the closed door and go for the open door.**

11. **God wants to remove every limitation in your life, do not build mental barriers that will limit you. Remove the negatives and don't focus on them, rather, give your mind to positive thoughts that will position you for miracles.**
12. **If you believe you cannot be limited, you shall not be limited. No man can stop you when you refuse to be stopped. Strong faith and positive mindset is what you need to breakthrough barriers and keep progressing.**

WISDOM FOR ASSOCIATION

1. **To harbor a rebellious fellow is detrimental to you. You will share in his punishment.**
2. **To accommodate one you cannot speak into his or her life is stupidity.**
3. **Anyone who cannot listen to you is not worthy to be under your roof.**
4. **Draw a line between love and encouraging one who refused to be disciplined and grow up.**
5. **The way you dress is the way you will be addressed.**
6. **People read you by the things you wear. Before they hear you, they read you. Before they know what is on the inside of you, they see and interpret what they see on the outside.**
7. **Your type of dressing determines the type of people that are attracted to you. And those that are attracted to you make input into your life – they influence you one way or the other. Those attracted to you strengthen a weakness in you or strength.**
8. **Everybody does not qualify for your presence.**
9. **The antidote for pride is to recognize that the difference between you and the other person is the grace of God. Always remember that what you have and what you are comes from God. Give Him glory.**
10. **A self-centered person does not make a good friend.**
11. **Do to others what you will have them do to you (Luke 6:31)**
12. **If you are not a solution to the one you are in relationship with, then you are a problem to that person.**