

Session Four: Understanding and Reversing the Effects of the Fall

† The Biblical Context for Understanding Life

- The Reality of the Spiritual World
Gen 3:15; Job 1,2; Eph 6;12
- The One Divine Plan of our Father
Phil 2:9-11; Col 1:13-19
- The meaningfulness of History and Personal Responsibility
Jer 17:10; Rom 14:12; 2 Cor 5:10

† Our Vulnerability to the Enemy

Common: Shared by All Indicate Our Basic Errors

Money
Pride
Self-Centeredness
Spiritual Passivity
Pretense Regarding Spirituality

† Warnings Regarding the Spiritual World

POSSIBILITY OF DECEPTION

“God can’t / won’t”
“I spell Devil _evil”

POSSIBILITY OF DISOBEDIENCE

“I have no need to change”
“I have no need to resist”

POSSIBILITY OF BEING HINDERED

“I don’t want to”

POSSIBILITY OF BEING IN BONDAGE

“I can’t”

† The Basic Character of Sin

SELF-CENTEREDNESS

THE OBSESSION WITH. . .

- “My Needs” -- “My Problems”
- “My Appearance” -- “My Peace”
- “My Relationships” -- “My Progress”
- “My Comfort” -- “My Enjoyment”
- “My Spirituality” -- “My Gifts”
- “My Money” -- “My Time”

† Consequences of Misunderstanding the Spiritual World

WAGES OF SIN IN THE EMOTIONAL LIFE

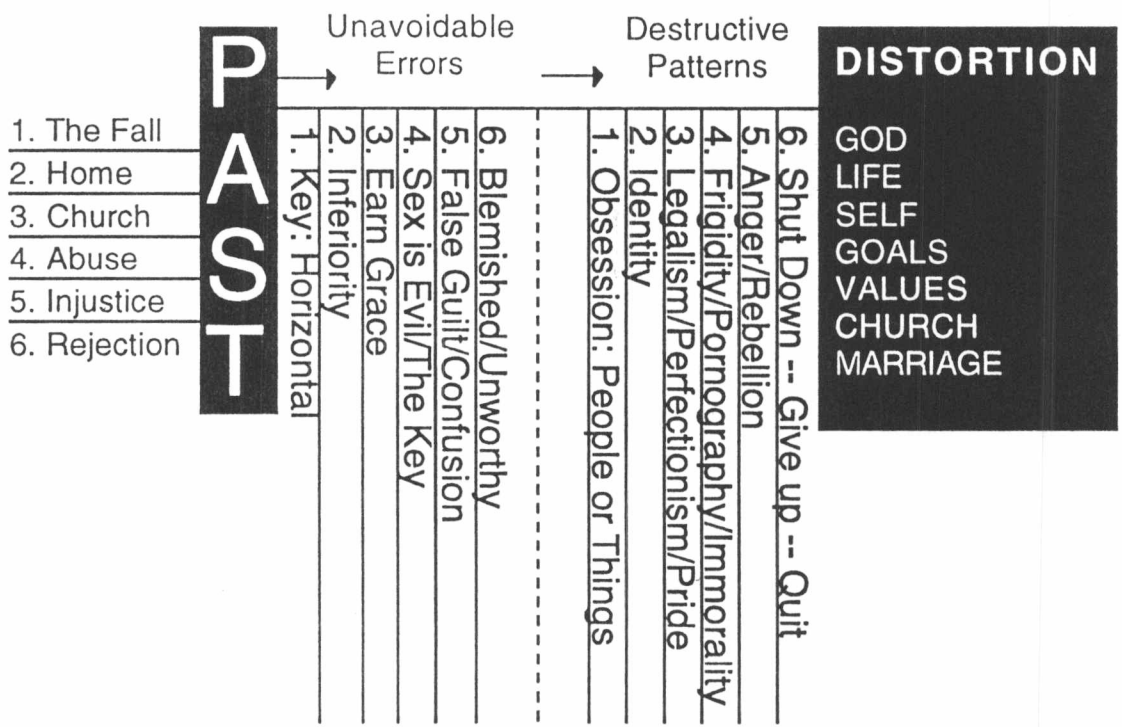


HURT
REJECTION
INSECURITY
INFERIORITY
SELF-CONDEMNATION
PERFORMANCE
ORIENTATION

HOSTILITY
RESENTMENT
ANGER
BITTERNESS
WALL OF MISTRUST
INABILITY TO RECEIVE LOVE

† Errors, Patterns, Distortions

The Holy Spirit has come to bring healing to our distortions, help us break down our destructive patterns, and uncover our unavoidable errors. He has come to set us free. And, to enable us to glorify the Father and exalt the Lord Jesus. It is very rude and insulting to say to the Holy Spirit, "I'm OK, I don't need your help!" We must confess to Him our sinful attitudes regarding our error and bondage and ask Him for His help.



† Internalized Error
Jer 13:23; 2 Cor 10:12

- The Past/Enemy
- Character: Internalized/Deceptive
- Result: Programming for Hindrance
Powerful Control
- Solution: Apply External Test-Bible
Treat as Strongholds
Seek Counsel and Healing

† Important Distinctions

- What has Happened to us does not tell us who we are.
(Joseph, David, Paul, Onesimus)
- What has Happened to us does not tell us who God is.
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† Our Greatest Hindrances

I don't need to

I don't want to

I don't know how

(To submit to these hindrances
-- errors is to destroy the spiritual
meaning in our life.)

† Giving Ground to the Enemy

- The Lies We've Accepted, Believed and Practiced
- The Sins We Have Committed

(Thoughts, Attitudes, Relationships,
Obsessions, Demands, Submissions,
Way of Life, Values, Priorities)

Take the Ground Back

- Confess the Error/Sin to God
- Renounce/Repudiate the Error/Sin
- Helpful to Confess/Receive Prayer

† Taking Back Ground
(Eph 4:27)

GROUND: Areas Given to the Enemy

Worship of Satan
Superstition
Appeals/Trust in Satan
Idolatry as Persons, Sex,
Money, Possessions, Obsessions

TAKE IT BACK

Confession to God
Repudiate the Act/Enemy