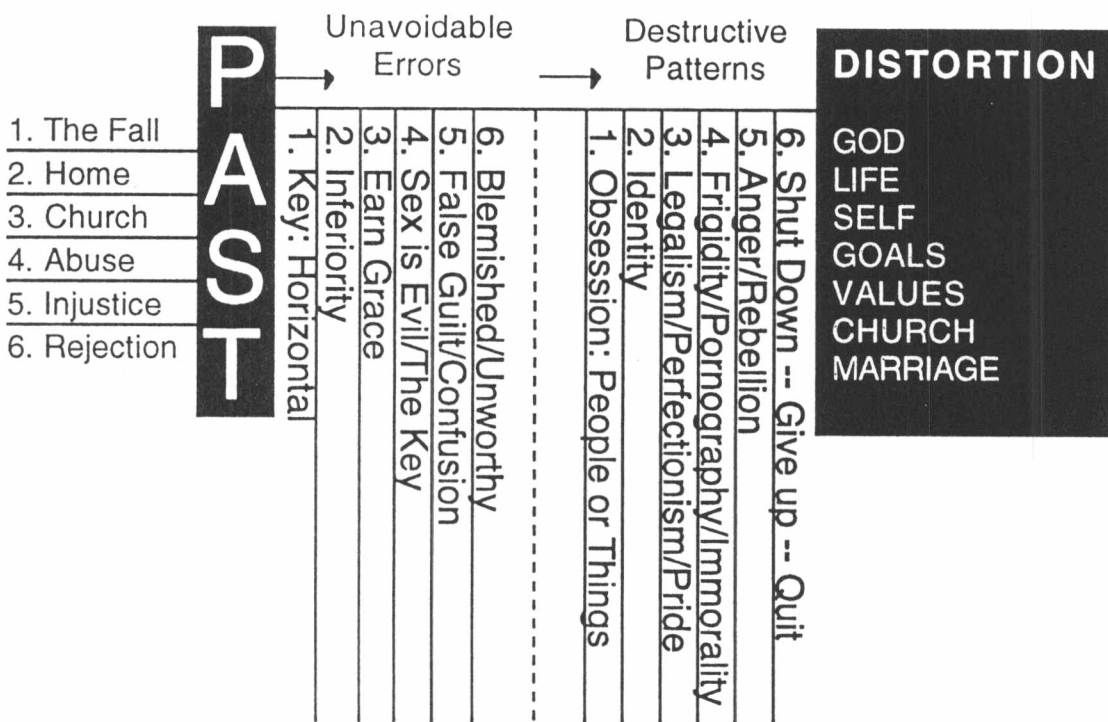


Session Five: Living in the Truth: Reconciling the Past

† 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.



† 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.
(Joseph, David, Paul, Onesimus)

† 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

† Our Hidden Authority Structures

Unbelief Authority Structures

“I know it won’t work” Mark 9:22

Self-Centered Authority Structures

“Leave me alone” Prov 23:7 (KJV)

Religious Self-Centered Authority Structures

“I want him for my needs” James 4:3

Error Authority Structures

“I’m not worthy and can’t “ Gal 3:2

Emotional Authority Structures

“I don’t feel like surrendering” Is 32:10

Body Authority Structures

“If I surrender I’ll have to stop. . . “ 1 Cor 9:27

† Examples of Hidden Authority Structures

PRIDE
(I Don't Need Help)

PRETENSE
(I'm All OK!)

PASSIVITY
(I Want to be Left Alone)

PEACE
(I Don't Want to be Disturbed)

PRESTIGE
(I Know What's Right!)

POWER
(I'm in Charge)

† Our Hidden Authority Structures (2)

Fear Authority Structures
"I'm afraid of what will happen" Mark 4:40

The Past and Authority Structures
"It's all under the blood" Mark 11:25

Reputation and Authority Structures
"I must protect my prestige" John 12:43

Advantage Authority Structures
"I'll gain by doing this" Mark 7:6

Control and Authority Structures
"I'll not give up my control" Is 53:6

The Enemy and Authority Structures
"I spell Devil _evil" Acts 5:3

† Why We do Not Love God

Deprivation
(I don't know what love means)

Pride
(I don't need him)

Arrogance
(I won't submit to him)

Malice
(I want to hurt him)

Fear
(I don't trust him)

Ignorance
(I really don't know what he wants)

† Uncovering That Internal Slave-Master: Our Emotions

- A. One of our serious problems as Christians has to do with the subtle and hidden pressures produced within us by our emotions. We are often unaware of their powerful and controlling hold upon us. Bondage is not a strong enough word to describe their rule.
- B. The reason why we have this internal slave-master can be traced to the Fall, Gen 3:1-7. That act of disobedience to God caused a spiritual death to permeate through the human race. As creatures of death we now believe we are the final authority, not God. The effects of the Fall also caused us to change the SOURCE of authority within ourselves from our intellect to our emotions. And the result of these two errors have made us extremely vulnerable to external control.
- C. One way of uncovering this internal slave-master is by confrontation. Ask yourself (your feelings) some direct questions and write down the answer. The following may help you to get started.

I. What Are My Emotions (Feelings) "Saying" About Who And What I Am?

II What Are My Emotions (Feelings) "Saying" About God?

III What Are My Emotions (Feelings) "Saying" About My Spirituality

Consider also: Future
Church
Person who irritates
Spouse

† The Fall

- Transferred Authority from God to Ourselves
- Transferred the Source of Authority from the Intellect to the Emotions
- We Became Vulnerable to External Control