

## **SPIRITUAL DYNAMICS**

### **Session #4**

#### **The Consequences of Yielding to the Spirit**

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#### **Purpose**

To introduce the believer to the consequences of yielding to the Spirit.

#### **Summary Statement**

There are two basic categories of suffering as it relates to the believer. First, there is deserved suffering and second, there is undeserved suffering.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Why is this Study Important?**

The believer needs to become comfortable with the understanding that there will be suffering in the Christian life – suffering because one has done something wrong and suffering because one has done something right. In the context of this study, there will be suffering as the believer makes experiential those truths that are positional (see Rom 6.1-13 cf. 12.1).

If the believer does not follow Operation KRY consistently, there will be suffering – maybe not immediately, but eventually there will be suffering as that believer develops attitudes and belief systems contrary to Truth.

For instance, fleshly defense mechanisms constructed in the soul lead to the erection of false belief systems or edifices. The construction of these false belief systems or edifices are tantamount to the “strongholds” that Paul mentions in 2 Corinthians 10.3-5 that must be torn down. (God must destroy self-absorption, self-justification and self-deception before He can construct an edifice in the soul that is built upon trust in Him and the principles from His Word). When these self-destructive thought patterns have hardened into an edifice in the soul through years of rationalization on the part of the believer, the believer will be assured of making decisions and formulating attitudes contrary to the path that leads to joy, peace and contentment in life. This is one form of self-induced misery.

When undeserved suffering comes to the believer's life, the believer can react based upon fleshly defense mechanisms and perhaps achieve temporary relief from suffering, but ultimately, the believer will suffer from attitudes of bitterness, anxiety, anger, etc. On the other hand, the believer can yield to the Truth applicable for the situation. Suffering may still occur, but it will be for the purpose of God conforming us to the image of His Son. (See James 1:12ff and 1 Peter 3:13-4:19).

#### **Consequences of Yielding to the Spirit**

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<sup>1</sup> Deserved suffering can be categorized as follows: 1) self-induced misery; 2) warning discipline; and 3) the sin unto death. Undeserved suffering is experienced by the believer due to an almost infinite number of causes which are related to the fact that we live in a fallen world. In addition, the spiritual believer will experience greater suffering as he/she yields to God the Father, God the Holy Spirit and the Word.

The consequences in the believer's life of functioning in Operation KRY will be suffering. The believer who is in a position of yieldedness to God and functioning under Operation KRY will pay with his life (i.e. his self interest). The suffering in this case is the result of something done right rather than something done wrong. The modus operandi (method of operation) for the follower of Jesus is illustrated in the following statements of Jesus:

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, **let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.** For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it. For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and will then recompense every man according to His deeds.'" (Matthew 16.24-27)

The believer KNOWS that his old-man was crucified with Jesus on the Cross. The believer RECKONS it to be so and thinks the same way God thinks when he "...denies himself, and takes up his cross..." on which his old man was crucified. The believer YIELDS when he follows Jesus in volitional perfection.

The Cross and suffering go hand in hand. When the old-man is being put to death, he doesn't die easily. He struggles to stay alive, and it is this struggle that causes the believer to suffer. If the old-man would just roll over and die, the battle would be won without suffering. The suffering associated with reckoning and yielding is a clear indication that God plans for the old-man to be put to death without any pain killers. Therefore, reckoning and yielding spontaneously produce the suffering of death and the joy of victory.

The production of the fruit of the Spirit in the believer's life is a result of the ministry of the Spirit in the believer's life which ministry is manifested in one of seven different ways:

- ✓ Produces Christian character
- ✓ Produces Christian service
- ✓ Teaches
- ✓ Promotes praise and thanksgiving
- ✓ Leads
- ✓ Witnesses with our human spirit
- ✓ Makes intercession for us

As the believer develops Christian character through Operation KRY, the believer will be motivated to pursue personal ministry through the exercise of his or her spiritual gift. A listing of the permanent spiritual gifts (contrasted with the temporary spiritual gifts) mentioned in Scripture follows.

Temporary

Apostle  
Prophet  
Word of Wisdom  
Word of Knowledge  
Discerning of spirits  
Faith  
Healings  
Miracles  
Tongues  
Interpretation of Tongues

Permanent

Pastor-Teacher  
Evangelist  
Teacher  
Helps  
Mercy  
Giving  
Exhortation  
Governments (Administration)  
Ruling  
Ministry