

The Church of the Servant King

Review of the Spiritual Life of the Believer (Lesson SLR – 8D)

Christian Integrity: The Spiritual Power Sphere of the Mature Believer Component #4 – Momentum

Momentum Defined

The insulation of the mature believer inside the spiritual power sphere is maintained by the principle of momentum, the fourth component. Momentum is simply the consistent and continuous intake and application of Truth to every facet of one's life. Momentum builds upon itself, reinforces and is reinforced by the other components of the spiritual power sphere.

Scriptural Mandates to Maintain Momentum

2 John 1-6; Ephesians 4:11-15

Principles Related to Momentum in the Spiritual Life

- No genuine humility = no self-discipline. No self-discipline = no spiritual momentum. No spiritual momentum = no insulation via the Spiritual Power Sphere.
- Only by maintaining spiritual momentum will knowledge of Truth become wisdom.
- Only by maintaining spiritual momentum will Truth be synthesized so that the believer avoids contradictions in his thought and life. For example, doctrines such as the essence of God, election, predestination, foreknowledge, free will, the Angelic Conflict, dispensations, etc. are not synthesized the first time they are studied. Synthesis is achieved in time with repetitious study – momentum.
- Consistency in thought results from momentum. Consistency in thought means no contradictions, rational thought, and logical thought.
- Only by maintaining spiritual momentum will knowledge of Truth become more than academic; it will become reality and motivate and provide capacity for love (personal and impersonal or unconditional).
- Only through spiritual momentum will the believer acquire God's panoramic perspective of human history that is vital for the believer's objectivity (ability to see beyond self-interest). This is orientation to reality.
- No momentum = spiritual anorexia.
- Spiritual momentum results from maintaining focus upon the believer's purpose in life and avoiding the distractions that result from a focus upon the world and the flesh that lead to spiritually destructive thought patterns, e.g. mental sins of jealousy, arrogance, self-pity, bitterness, and "strongholds" in the soul.
- The believer with spiritual momentum is not distracted by even the temporary external stimulus provided by times of association with other mature believers. The believer with spiritual momentum has genuine humility, objectivity and orientation to reality that will not allow even the blessing of association with other noble individuals to be a distraction.
- Spiritual momentum will allow the believer to maintain concentration and focus even when studying truths that seem to have no relevance at that moment in his life.
- Spiritual momentum requires the concentration that is characteristic of genuine humility and allows the believer to pursue any thought to its conclusion. (Emotional thought has no course or direction. It is just reaction based upon self-interest).
- Momentum is essential to the correct function of our royal priesthood and our royal ambassadorship.

- Momentum recognizes the principle that almost everything in life is a cumulative process that results from daily decisions, e.g. study/knowledge, thought patterns/strongholds, diet & exercise/health, spiritual study/spiritual application.

Momentum's Relationship to the Other Components of the Spiritual Sphere of Power

Component #1 – Yieldedness

- The duration of time that the believer is yielded is tantamount to momentum.

Component #2 – Objectivity

- The greater the momentum, the greater the objectivity.

Component #3 – Humility

- Enforced humility can lead to genuine humility in the yielded believer.
- Genuine humility is maintained through momentum.

Component #5 – Personal Love for God

- Personal love for God will not be obtained without spiritual momentum.

Component #6 – Impersonal (Unconditional) Love for Mankind

- Impersonal love for mankind will only result from personal love for God which is attained in spiritual momentum

Component #7 – Momentum Testing

- Momentum will be tested through all kinds of circumstances – people, organizations, thought patterns, etc.

Component #8 – Sharing God's Happiness

- Spiritual momentum is essential to ever share in God's happiness