

Self-Confrontation

Matthew 7:1-5

Part 1

January 6 ~ March 31

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Week 7

Biblical Structure
for Change

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The Goal of this Study

1. To teach you how to face, deal with, and endure all difficulties of life; and
2. To prepare you to help others to overcome their difficulties of life.

*Embedded in the larger story of redemption is a principle we must not miss: God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things in the lives of others. The overall biblical model is this: God transforms people's lives as people bring his Word to others.**

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A Definition of Key Terms

Counseling:

* One or more people sharing verbal, directional, and instructive ideas for life.

Discipleship:

* The ministry of sharing the good news of change through Jesus with the certainty that the believing hearer will be conformed to the image of Christ.

Some Sources of Counseling/Discipleship:

Preachers

Friends

Professionals

Television

Strangers

Print Media

Family

Politicians

Doctors

Lawyers

Financial Planners

Teachers

Children

Formal

Informal

All of Life is Discipleship



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Psalm 1

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How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord , and in His law he meditates day and night.

3 He will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.

4 The wicked are not so, but they are like chaff which the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.



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“The Bible is worth all other books that have ever been printed.” –Patrick Henry, Governor of VA

“I believe the Bible is the best gift God ever gave to man.” – Abraham Lincoln

“In all my perplexes and distresses the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength.” – Robert E. Lee, American General

“It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.” – George Washington

“This book which is the word of God is the most precious jewel, the most holy relic that remains on earth.” – Thomas Cranmer, English Reformer

“The excellency of this word is so great and of so high a dignity there is nothing on earth which can be compared to it.” – Hugh Latimer, Reformer/Martyr



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“The word of God must be given a place of ununsurped honor within the church.” – John Calvin, Theologian

“May all manner of persons of what estate or condition so ever they be, in this book learn all things that they ought to believe, what they ought to do, and what they ought not to according to Almighty God.” – Thomas Cranmer, English Reformer

“This holy and wholesome true word teaches us truly our bounden duty towards our Lord God in every point what is His blessed will and what His pleasure is.” – Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London

“Whatever truth is brought to us contrary to the word of God is not truth but falsehood and error. Whatsoever honor done unto God that disagrees from the honor required by His word, it is not honor unto God but blasphemy.” – John Jewel, Bishop (1500s)



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Progressive Sanctification

Progressive Sanctification is that gracious work of God in a believer whereby He enables him to replace works of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit, thereby causing him to become more and more like the Lord Jesus Christ.

This process of spiritual growth continues over the course of a Christian's lifetime and is, therefore, neither instantaneous nor complete, but gradually occurs as he appropriates God's sanctifying truth which is found solely in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.
(NANC)



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Progressive Sanctification is a work in which God involves us and through which accomplishes our growth in Christ.

Philippians 2:12-13

So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

Edify: to be a house-builder. i.e. construct or confirm: embolden. In the Scriptures, "edify" is used literally and figuratively.

While the believer is working "out," God is working "in."



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The Process

Principle 27

Effective and lasting biblical change is a continuing process. You are to obey the commands and guidelines in God's Word for every area of your life (your thoughts, words, and actions) (Romans 15:4; II Timothy 3:16-17; James 1:21-25; II Peter 1:2-4). As you stop (put off) the old continuing pattern of sin and begin (put on) the new practice of righteousness and holiness, you are renewed in the spirit of your mind (Romans 6:11-14, 16-23; 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:22-24; Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 3:5-17; II Timothy 2:19).

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Get Together...

For the next 5 minutes. Get together with those around you and discuss page 114 in the *Self-Confrontation Manual*. This page discusses the common results of focusing on self in various ways. Share with each other ways that you have seen this to be true either in your life or in the life of another.



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The “Put-Offs”

Principle 28

In order to put off the old sinful habits, you must first identify them by examining (judging) your life in light of God’s Word (Matthew 7:1-5; I Corinthians 11:28-31; II Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12). Once you have specifically identified sins in your life, you must repent of them (Proverbs 28:13; II Corinthians 7:9-10; Revelation 2:5), confess them (I John 1:9), and immediately put them aside (Romans 6:12-13a; II Corinthians 10:5; Ephesians 4:25, 29, 31; 5:4; Colossians 3:2, 5-9; II Timothy 2:22a).

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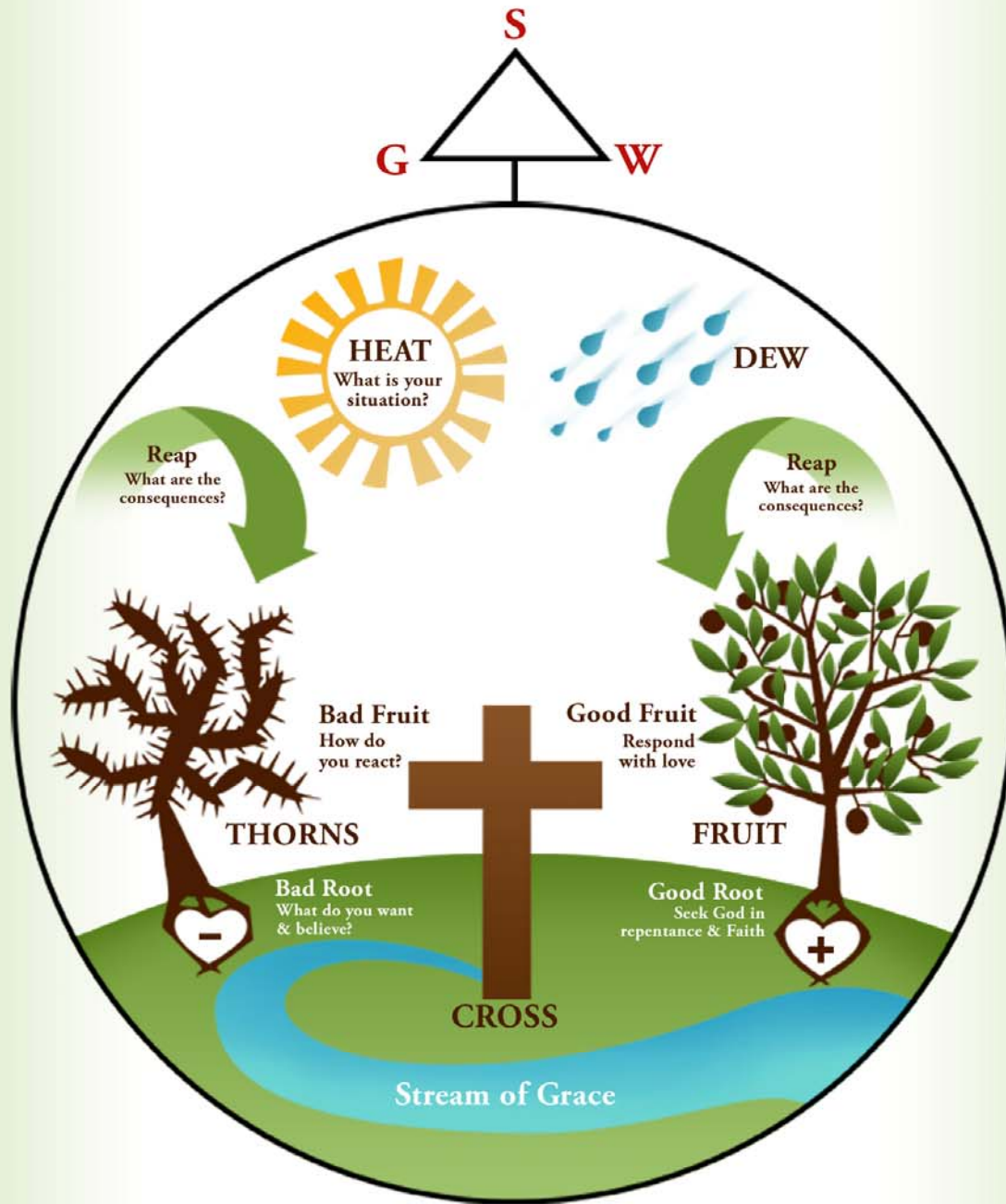
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...if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, 22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of God* has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

“Notice that at the beginning of verse 22, we are told to deal with the manner of life of the old self. This passage describes the biblical principle of putting off the old way of living and putting on the righteous practices of the new self. While the new self has been put on at salvation, the old manner of life must be decisively put off (that is laid aside completely and permanently).”

(SCWB – W84)



Redeemer
Who is God and what does he say and do in Christ?

*diagram adapted by Robert D. Jones from Paul David Tripp, Timothy Lane, How People Change.

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Warning:

You must be careful not to try to match “put-offs” and “put-ons” from unrelated passages or make your own selection of a “put-on” for a particular “put off” listed in the Scriptures. If you replace God’s instruction with what seems good to you, you will have difficulties.
(SCWB-W85)

Another Warning:

Biblical change (putting off and on) is not a superficial matter of behavior. As we have discussed many times, true change is heart change. Often, putting offs/ons are internal, not merely external.

Put Off:

Pride – Proverbs 6:15
Anger – Proverbs 29:22
Hatred – Matt 5:21-22
Worry/fear – Matt 6:25-32

Put On:

Humility – James 4:6
Self-Control – Prov 16:32
Love – 1 Cor 13:3
Trust – 1 Peter 5:7



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The "Put-Ons"

Principle 29

As you put on righteous deeds (II Timothy 2:22b; Titus 2:11-12) in the power of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 3:16-21, 5:18), you will glorify God (I Corinthians 10:31; I Peter 4:11), demonstrate your love for Him (Deuteronomy 10:12; Matthew 22:37; I John 5:3; II John 1:6), and please Him in all things (II Corinthians 5:9; Colossians 1:10).

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The Battle for Spiritual Growth

Romans 7:18-25

18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good *is* not. 19 For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.

20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

21 I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. 22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God ¹in the inner man, 23 but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner ²of the law of sin which is in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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To Flee:

- To run away (literally or figuratively)
- To shun
- To vanish
- To escape (flee away)

1 Timothy 6:10-12

For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. 11 But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance *and* gentleness.

2 Timothy 2:21-22

Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these *things*, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. 22 Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love *and* peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

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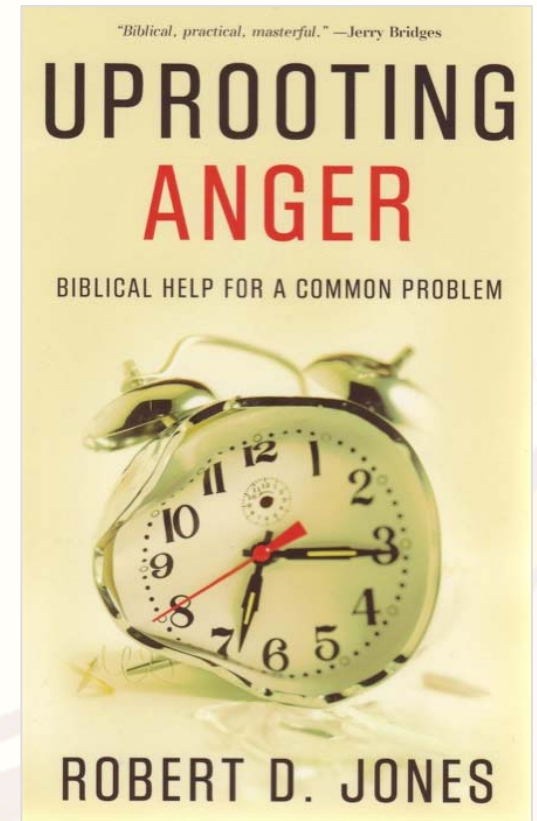
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Think about this...

**What in your life is God calling you to flee from?
What is He calling you to flee to?
(Put Off/Put On)**



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For Next Week:

***Complete Lesson 8 in the
Self-Confrontation Student Workbook***