

Psychology and Introspection

In order to run a race one must exercise self control in all things: material, time, phone calls, toothpaste, etc. There is a time to be generous and a time to be frugal. Idle words are more than useless — they are detrimental. Foolishness is a waste of substance and dignity. Even the use of gasoline needs to be controlled. Every cent is going to count in the last days. Introspection and self pity are a waste of time. We must see these things as deadly enemies and eliminate them.

The Jews observe the new year sometime in September. True Israel must be restored, reconstituted, to conform to the command of our Father. We must all hear from Him in the Spirit, not just hear from the leader and say, "Amen." We must hear from the Holy Spirit about this with fasting and prayer before instituting something new. We are supernatural because we hear from the Holy Spirit. Natural sciences refute by their general theories the existence of God. Psychology says there is no God, just brain chemicals.

Job 32:8 — A spirit is a non physical presence in you that you can sense, that you can have your mind on, be led by, and have fruit of. Everyone has a spirit. Those quickened by the Holy Spirit know this. But we *didn't* know we were spiritual beings *until* we received the Holy Spirit. We couldn't even sense our spirit. The natural man knows nothing of spiritual things. *Unregenerate* man cannot be led by the spirit. Love is the fruit of the *regenerated* human spirit. But there is no capacity for love in an *unregenerate* human spirit.

1 Cor 2:10 15 — The flesh rules those who are fallen from the Spirit. Those who have received the Holy Spirit are ruled by their *own* spirit, by His Spirit working in their spirit. The Holy Spirit brings the presence of YHWH to our spirit in order that we could be conformed to His image. We understand the things of the Holy Spirit with our own spirit. The natural man (verse 14) does not accept the things of the spirit, because he has an unregenerated spirit that cannot be sensed (verse 11). This is the case with psychology, which is limited to the natural understanding (verse 14). The Corinthians were natural men (1 Cor 3: 1). We understand the things of the Spirit of YHWH in proportion to the growth and development of our own spirit. Leaders must be those who understand the things of the spirit. *Some do not lift up hands because of something they remember. Some lift up hands because of something Satan remembers.* Satan guarded the holiness of God, stood in His presence, and remembers very well how to worship. When we are out of fellowship we can still in some ways function like spiritual men (in a form, pretentiously) because we still have the memory in our brain of what spirituality is like. But we become a defiling influence. We do not build up. Those who lose their fellowship and function by memory are like Satan. Although he is not in fellowship, he can still imitate an angel of light. Others (who have never experienced fellowship) can take in the letter in their mind but cannot sense their spirit. Both of these will turn against the spiritual at the end. The flesh will always persecute the spirit (Gal 4:29). How often do you get angry with a spiritual brother, wife, husband?

1 Cor 2:11 — Your spirit is like the tongue in your mouth. It knows everything about what is in you and is sensitive to any change. Psychology (1 Cor 2:14) denies the existence of the spirit and attempts to understand the thoughts of a man through the use of reason. Psychology dehumanizes man, seeing him as a mere animal. All human beings have a human spirit, but this only makes them natural men. The natural man doesn't sense his spirit, for it is dead. We were all at one time natural men. We all needed the Spirit of God. Now that we have received His Spirit, we are sensitive to the fact that we have a spirit, and so we are able to cut off the flesh.

Before we can start a race we must exercise the fruit of the spirit in all things (1 Cor 9:25; Gal 5:23). If we are inclined to overeat and be pudgy then we are likely to indulge the flesh in other, more subtle things. There are all sorts of sensuality less obvious than being fat. Some will have to suffer greatly to cut off the flesh. Everyone has his burden to carry (Gal 6:4 5). *The flesh profits nothing and hinders everything.* We must begin now to eliminate all waste, idle words, introspection. Deal with them as

deadly enemies. We don't need introspection when we have a living spirit (1 Cor 2:11). Let your conscience do its job and bring conviction. It is there to warn us of sin like a red light. Our spirit shines its light on every part of us (Pr 20:27).

Rom 7:18 — "There is no good thing in me." We waste a lot of time being introspective. What are we looking for inside of us anyway, holiness?

Introspection — looking into one's own mind, feelings, reactions, etc.; observation and analysis of one's self.

Introversion — a tendency to direct one's interest on one's self rather than upon external objects or events. (Finding satisfaction in getting into thoughts of self.)

Introvert — to direct attention upon one's self, bend inward, invaginate.

Invaginate — to draw or collapse inward upon one's self.

Invalid — to dismiss from active duty by reason of disability.

Invalidate — to make invalid, weaken, lessen the force of, destroy the strength or validity of, make of no force, weight, or cogency, to make void, nullify, render ineffective. (All these are listed just below introspection in the dictionary.)

2 Cor 5:11 15 — Introspection invalidates you and renders you dismissed from duty; it makes you an invalid. Paul was none of this. We suffer from an extreme lack of *cogency* — the convincing power we need to keep ourselves alive.

Mal 3:17 18 (Amplified) — Introspection is not right. It is not priestly. It robs us of our peace. Today it may be a fault, but it will be a sin as we go on. There must be progress. He doesn't tolerate today what He did yesterday in us. He is making precious jewels of us. When the temple is built, He will suddenly come to His temple.

Introspection is the root of psychology, self help, self analysis, self consciousness. It is just the flesh trying to refine the flesh. We don't have to figure out what is wrong with us. *We know already. There is no good thing in us.* But, if we want to resist the flesh we can. There is no compulsion to sin. Satan has no power over us anymore. We are happy when we aren't being introspective because we are not under Satan's bondage anymore. We must be active soldiers, engaged in a war to bring about the end of this evil age. If we have peace we can bring about the age of peace. We will fight for this in order to hand it to our children. The peace and prosperity of our children will be great (Isa 54:13). All we have to do is pray about this. We will overcome if we pray.

Rom 8:1 9; 2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:1 3 — Don't let the spirit of this world convince your minds! Satan would like to keep us blind to our Father's heart toward us and make us children of wrath whose minds are set on the flesh (Rom 8:9). We know our character by who we are when no one else is around to see us. We must deny our self. We can do this if we are controlled by our spirit. We have something the world does not have. We have a mind that can be set on the spirit. Human beings can think, create, and reason, even though they are devoid of His Spirit. We are like God in our mind but we are unlike Him in our spirit till we receive the Holy Spirit.

Ruin comes by way of tolerating what we know is sin. We cannot preach good news while tolerating sin. He who preaches without being clothed with Messiah's power preaches a myth (2 Tim 3:5; 4:4).

Myth — a tale that is not taken seriously, does not apply to our lives, and can only exist in the imagination. What's recorded in the Bible cannot of itself give life. Christianity is based upon mythical understanding of Jesus or Bible stories. It is just as valid as if the story had been invented or imagined. They keep the outward form without inner power to actualize it. Unless we preach the good news it will not be preached; it's not just up to the angels any more. But unless we preach the true gospel *in His power* (1 Pet 4:11), we will only wind up bringing people in through their brains.

Introspection is the use of false balances (Pr 20:23; 11: 1; Lev 19:3 6). It is an abomination. The spirit of the world, the Spirit of our Father, and the spirit of man are all mentioned in the Bible. The spirit of introspection is under the spirit of the world (the spirit of unbelief). What spirit will we worship?