

## **Frank and Alice***(The Desires of the Flesh are Unquenchable)*

Living with Frank and Alice I have noticed something. It's hard when someone demands love. When you demand love, it quenches love. It's like living with a demon. It's the unquenchable expression of SELF life. It puts out the fire of love, the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Alice doesn't like to be corrected. She has never learned to receive correction.

(If I were not like her myself, I would have never known this about her.)

Pr 10:8 — "The wise in heart will receive commands."

Pr 10:17 — "He is on the path of life who heeds instruction. But he who forsakes reproof goes astray."

Pr 5:12 — "And you say, How I have hated Instruction. And my heart spurned reproof! And I have not listened to the voice of my teachers, nor inclined my ear to my instructors. I was almost in utter ruin in the midst of the assembly and congregation."

Pr 5:23 — "He will die for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he will go astray."

Alice corrects her husband. He takes it.

Whenever he corrects her she gets very worthless. But it's like a defense mechanism (you know how an octopus sprays inky fluid or a possum plays dead).

She might as well be saying,

"DON'T CORRECT ME! I DON'T LIKE WHAT YOU ARE SAYING."

But in her fallen state she knows not to be so bold, so she subtly acts worthless and he avoids a conflict by not correcting her.

For the moment this brings PEACE, but each time this happens Alice gains new strength. (She ascends.) And Frank becomes weaker.

It is so clear to me that when you try to correct someone and they act worthless, it is a self-preservation defense mode — *a particular evil form of hating correction*.

She ascends and interchanges headship. In speaking with her the other day she admitted to me that her husband was weaker and she needs to be this way to compensate for his lacks.

Alice is very quick to bring up Frank's past, which he has been forgiven of, but not one thing can be said about her current problems without her going into depression. She isn't receiving help, because she doesn't honor her head by listening to him. She judges him and he can't even bring slight correction to her.

Pr 14:1 — "A wise woman builds her house, but a foolish one tears it down with her own hands."

Tonight she was sulking and we *all* wondered, was she mad at us? Was she sick? Did I say something wrong again to Alice? Did I look at her the wrong way? Did she hear an eggshell break as Frank walked by?

The other day Frank told Alice about how she was treating one of their children, and before he could even finish his first sentence she said, "I know, I know, I'm the worst person on earth."

Then Frank said, "No, Honey, you're wonderful. I love you. You're a good imma. Maybe I'm not bringing this right, Alice, I'm sorry!"

This form of resistance works for her! She was happy the correction stopped. She has learned how to put an end to his concerns (about her wrong ways and bad attitudes).

She is not prospering; we are fearful of her strength and fragile existence.

When we talk with Alice she acts like everything is fine and we *always* feel we are wrong for trying to bring something in her life.

Alice doesn't love much! The spirit she receives keeps her from confessing her sins. She refuses help. She is miserable and has a ministry of making others miserable.

Her children are not much loved children, and Alice enjoys time more away from them than being with them. She always has harsh concerns. She never receives. Her life is in her own hands. Alice doesn't like to be corrected.