The enemy will remind you of your condition. A still small voice will remind you of your calling. If you listen to the enemy, instead of the still small voice, you will quit.
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Prayer Study # 526

BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND, THE POWER OF AGREEMENT, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF DECLARATIONS

PART 1: THE BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND

And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
Romans 12:2

Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ…
2nd Corinthians 10:5

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be presented blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
1st Thessalonians 4:23

1. **Spirit:** the real you, that which is dead in trespasses and sin but is born again by the Spirit of our God, the spirit wants more of God, it's that vacuum inside every human that can only be filled by "Christ in you,

the Hope of Glory," (Colossians 1:27), the Spirit is the real you, it is what allows you to communicate with God spirit to Spirit, and it is the seat of true worship for we worship in Spirit and in Truth (**John 4:23-24:** ***"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."***. The spirit is also known in scripture as the inner man.

Salvation for the spirit is instantaneous when you are genuinely born again. *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever* (**1st Peter 1:23**).

2. **Soul:** the soul is the mind, will and emotions; the soul is self-conscious and runs on feelings and self-desires.

a. **Mind:** intellect, imagination, reasoning, thoughts, logic

b. **Will:** ego, decision, choice, purpose, desire, determination, intent

c. **Emotions:** senses(hearing, seeing, feeling, smelling, tasting), intangible feelings such as love, anger, moodiness, hate, etc.

The soul is the also the seat of our personalities. We should be conforming our personalities to the character of Jesus.

Salvation for the soul comes progressively, over a lifetime, as you cleanse your mind with the Word of God, walk in obedience, and take on the Mind of Christ. The enemy is no longer able to blind you from the Gospel message, but that does not mean that you will not have to

do spiritual warfare and constantly strive to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. *But if our gospel be hidden, it is hidden in them that are lost, in whom the god of this age hath blinded the minds of them who believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.* (**2nd Corinthians 4:3-4**) *For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that He may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.* (**1st Corinthians 2:16**) *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.* (**Philippians 2:5**)

If you are operating with the soul in the driver's seat, instead of the spirit, you want what is of self and is self-conscious and selfish. You may be born again and an active church member, but you are carnal with self on the throne of your life. Soulish people often have a religious spirit and are usually boring teachers of the Bible because they try to intellectualize the Gospel message. They also are very feeling oriented. If they don't "feel" it, they don't believe it. We must walk by faith not by sight or feeling (**2nd Corinthians 5:7:** *For we walk by faith, not by sight.*), and we must accept Jesus by faith. Often the Lord tests our faith, and we might even begin to doubt our salvation. Without faith it is impossible to please Him (**Hebrews 11:6:** *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him*). He wants us to be a faith people because faith is the victory that overcomes the world (**1st John 5:4b:** *And this is the victory that has overcome the world-our faith.*). and He wants us to be a body of overcomers in this wicked and perverse generation.

Soulish religion is a “feel good” religion, and we see this often in charismatic and Pentecostal fellowships and ministries that thrive on hype and manipulation, although many of these have matured beyond the “feeling” stage and are steadfast in the faith. We must grow-up believers who surrender their plans and ambitions and life to God’s will and ask Him what He wants done. We cannot walk in His Spirit if we are telling God where *we* are going and what *we* are doing, without consulting where *He* wants us to go and what *He wants us to do* and then having the nerve to ask Him to bless it [our selfish plans, ambitions, goals].

Soulish religion also tends to focus on charismatic superstars who lead the congregation to seek manifestations instead of more intimacy with Jesus. They lead with their personalities instead of with the Spirit. Again the soulish church is all about feeling. Often soulish churches and ministries pridefully try to outdo all the other churches. Generally members of soulish churches lack commitment, do not witness Jesus in the work place with the actions of their lives, and are self-willed. The soul is the area where we have the most problems in conforming to the pattern Jesus set for us, and it is the place of the battlefield of the mind between our thoughts and the kingdom of darkness. The soulish church sometimes breeds Jezebels, does not submit easily to authority, and had rather be entertained by music and drama rather than be convicted by God’s Word. Many go to meetings impatiently waiting for the preaching of the Word to get finished so that they can participate in and watch the personal ministry. There is nothing wrong with personal ministry, but God vindicates His Word, not the ministry.

When you are born again, you lose the right to be your own God, and your spirit, submitted to His Holy Spirit, should be your authority over your soul. When that happens, you have success in defeating the kingdom of darkness in the battlefield of your mind in your soul.

3. **Body:** the carton you come packaged in; the outer appearance, the flesh nature, the body seeks to be stimulated with pleasure with one or more of the five senses: see, hear, smell, taste and feel. **Salvation for the body** comes in the future when we receive a glorified body. *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who shall change our lowly body, that it may be fashioned like His glorious body…*(**Philippians 3:20-21b**)

Proper Alignment

The main purpose we study Spirit-Soul-Body is so that we can be in proper alignment. The Lord's will is that we be led by our spirits, not by our souls (mind, will, emotions), nor by our body or flesh nature. If you want to check and see if you are being led by your spirit, all you have to do is see if you are producing the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, long suffering or patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control (**Galatians 5:22-23**).

If you are not being led by the spirit, you will produce unclean fruit. Colossians 3 tells us what some of these fruit are: fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection,

evil desire, covetousness, anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy conversation, and lying.

Scriptures dealing with the spirit, soul and body include the following:

Thou wilt keep [him] *in perfect peace*, [whose] *mind* [is] *stayed* [on Thee]*: because he trusteth in Thee.* **Isaiah 26:3**

For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. **Romans 8:13**

The Spirit of the Lord [is] *upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor: He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised….* **Luke 4:18**

[There is] *therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.* **Romans 8:1-39**

<u>How do we become spirit-ruled and victorious over battles of the mind?</u>

1. **We must deny self, take up our cross, and follow Him: Matthew 16:24**: *Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.*
2. **We must renew our minds by being washed by the Word: Ephesians 5:25-27**: *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave*

Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word; that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that is should be holy and without blemish. **Romans 12:1-2**: *I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind.*

3. **We must consider Jesus and especially His own response to the soulish temptations of the wilderness, where He quoted the Word back to Satan: Hebrews 12:1-3**: *Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame , and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.*
   Matthew 4:3-4: *Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said,* ***"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"***

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PART 2: THE POWER OF AGREEMENT

Part of the battle of the mind hinges on the power of agreement or whether we are in step and believe what the Lord says about us in His Word or what the enemy says to us in our minds.

Matthew 18:19 (NKJV)

19 *"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven."*

" 'If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing.' Does He mean that if we agree on *anything,* He will hear us? Yes, but notice the condition: 'where two or three are gathering together in *my name.*" He will hear any request which is given in Christ's name-that is, a request that Christ Himself would make. Or, we could say that asking in His *name* is asking in His *will."*

J. Vernon McGee

Proverbs 18:21a (NKJV)

21 *Death and life are in the power of the tongue…*

Proverbs 6:2a: *You are snared by the words of your mouth…*

After looking at Matthew 18:19, Proverbs

18:21a, and Proverbs 6:2a, we can come to the following conclusion:

Don't be in agreement with the following:

1. **Satan and the kingdom of darkness**: (EXAMPLES OF THINGS SATAN SAYS: I have blasphemed the Holy Spirit and cannot be saved; I am too bad a sinner to be saved; God could stop all this mess I am in, but He doesn't so that means He doesn't really care about me; There is no hope for you; God didn't really mean that verse you quoted, and even if He did, you are too far gone for His forgiveness; I cannot forgive this person. Did God really say that? The Bible is a book written by men and full of mistakes and parables and tall tales.)
2. **Negative self-talk**: (EXAMPLES OF NEGATIVE SELF-TALK: *No one really loves me; I am a failure always "messing" everything up; The world would be better off if I were dead, I will never overcome my addictions.* I can't ever do anything right.)
3. **Negative words spoken over you by friends and family, especially parents**: (ex. You are never going to amount to anything; I didn't want you; and I wish I had never given birth to you; You are not as smart as your other siblings.)

4. **Negative words spoken over you by others**: (ex. You are ugly! You are stupid!)

Do be in agreement with the Bible, the only true words about who you, if you are a born again believer!:

As Christians, we should never again confess any of the things that are against God's Word. Let me share with you "My Never Again List" taken from Don Gossett's book, *What You Say Is What You Get*.

"My Never Again List"

- Never again will I confess "I can't" for ***"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."*** **(Philippians 4:13)**
- Never again will I confess lack, for ***"My God shall supply all of my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*** **(Philippians 4:19)**
- Never again will I confess fear, for ***"God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."*** **(2 Timothy 1:7)**
- Never again will I confess doubt and lack of faith, for ***"God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."*** **(Romans 12:3)**
- Never again will I confess weakness, for ***"The Lord is the strength of my life."*** **(Psalm 27:1)** ***"The people that know their God shall be strong and do exploits."*** **(Daniel 11:32)**

- Never again will I confess supremacy of Satan over my life, for ***"Greater is He that is within me than he that is in the world."*** **(1 John 4:4)**
- Never again will I confess defeat, for ***"God always causeth me to triumph in Christ Jesus."*** **(2 Corinthians 2:14)**
- Never again will I confess lack of wisdom, for ***"Christ Jesus is made unto me wisdom from God."*** **(1 Corinthians 1:30)**
- Never again will I confess sickness, for ***"With His stripes I am healed"*** **(Isaiah 53:5)**. Jesus ***"Himself took my infirmities and bare my sickness."*** **(Matthew 8:17)**
- Never again will I confess worries and frustrations, for I am ***"Casting all my cares upon Him, who careth for me."*** **(1 Peter 5:7)** In Christ I am "care-free."
- Never again will I confess bondage, for ***"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."*** **(2 Corinthians 3:17)**
- Never again will I confess condemnation, for ***"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus."*** **(Romans 8:1)** I am in Christ; therefore, I am free from condemnation.
- Never again will I confess loneliness, Jesus said, ***"Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."*** **(Matthew 28:20)** ***"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."*** **(Hebrews 13:5)**
- Never again will I confess curses or bad luck, for ***"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us…that the***

blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." **(Galatians 3:13-14)**

- Never again will I confess discontent because ***"I have learned, in whatsoever state (circumstances) I am, therewith to be content."*** **(Philippians 4:11)**
- Never again will I confess unworthiness because ***"He hath made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."*** **(2 Corinthians 5:21)**

The confession of our mouths will eventually bring forth the things we speak.

A most interesting scripture about the Word of God comes from Psalm 138:2b, where He, since He is the Word incarnate, indicates that He values His Word even more than He values His own name, the name whereby we are saved and whereby demons flee!

…for Thou has magnified Thy word above all Thy name!

By quoting His Word we are releasing power against the kingdom of darkness and, if we are consistently faithful and operating in His will, we will defeat the power of the enemy every time.

Many years ago Pat Carver, an international

Bible teacher/evangelist from Mabelton, Georgia, gave me materials that she had written concerning positive Biblical confessions:

Since God so loved the World that He gave His only Son, Jesus, and I have believed in Him and made Him my Lord (John 3:16, Romans 10:8-10), I am a new creature, old things have passed away, all things are new, and I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2nd Corinthians 5:17-21). *I have been delivered from the authority and power of darkness (sickness, disease, worry, sadness, doubt, fear, loneliness, despair, rejection) and translated into the Kingdom of His Dear Son* (Colossians 1:13). *I am blessed with all spiritual blessings* (Ephesians 1:13). *There is no condemnation, and I am free from the law of sin and death* (Romans 8:1-2). *I am more than a conqueror* (Romans 8:37). *I am healed and whole* (1st Peter 2:24). *I reign in life by Christ Jesus* (Romans 5:17). *I am complete in Him* (Colossians 2:9-10).

Pat goes on to say, "According to the Word, you are: *New Creation, Heir of God, Joint-Heir with Jesus, One with the Word, Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, In perfect health, Chosen One, Blessed with every spiritual*

blessing, Standing and acting on the Word, Doer of the Word, Free from law and tradition, Free from want, In favor with God and man, Saved, Redeemed, Sanctified, Forgive, Eternal, Resurrected with Him, Victorious in all things, Cleansed from all unrighteousness, More than a conqueror, Abiding in Him, Carefree, Oak of Righteousness, Wealth in all things, Part of His Body, Having no lack in anything, Set apart, Peculiar, a Gift, Salt, a Believer, a Branch of the Vine, High and lifted up into Heavenly Places, an Overcomer, Partaker of His Divine Nature, a Member of the Royal Family, Unwavering, Loving, Redeemed from the curse of the law and its ability to rule over you, Forgiving, Full of Joy, Tenderhearted, Delivered from Evil, Far from oppression and fear, Blessed of the Father, Temple of the Holy Spirit, Single-minded to His Word, Strong in Him and the Power of His might, a Faith being, Walking in Victory, Healed, Steadfast, Reigning in life, Speaking faith-filled words, God-inside minded, Pulling down enemy strongholds in Jesus' Name, Beloved in the brethren, Complete in Him, Bearing fruit that remains, Peaceful, Casting down any thoughts contrary to His Word and thinking on things that are pure, lovely, honest and of good report, Clad in His full armor and trusting in His Ability.

Daily quoting words from the Word about yourself is a powerful weapon which will defeat the enemy in your life and edify your spirit man, much as praying in tongues does.

PART 3: THE IMPORTANCE OF DECLARATIONS

You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you, so light will shine on your ways (Job 22:28).

For we walk by faith, not by sight (2nd Corinthians 5:7).

But without faith it is impossible to please him… (Hebrews 11:6a).

…And this is the victory that has overcome the world-our faith(1st John 5:4).

…God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did (Romans 4:17b).

Declaration

Given by Holy Spirit in Albuquerque, NM
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Apostle Tracy L. Howard

Because we come in the name of the Lord of Hosts, we destroy your power [the kingdom of darkness] over the land of the city, state, and nation from border to border: East to West and North to South. We destroy your spells over this land. We disannul your curses over this land by the Blood of the Living God, The Anointed One, JESUS CHRIST. We wield the Sword of the Spirit and the Lightning's of God energizes His Army.

COME TO ATTENTION! Make declarations by the Spirit and empower each saint. The Truth has come; your evil fruits in this land have been exposed. You will not prevail; your gates and your accesses are closed and cancelled by the Angels of Heaven and by the saints of the Most High God.

Father God, we petition You for the angelic host to come help us in this Kingdom business. We say that the people of the city and nation belong to You. The wicked one may try to infiltrate our ranks, but he has nothing in us. We have the Glory of God as a shield. We have dawned the full armor of God walking in humility, unity, and love towards one another. The Army of God has and is arising and the gates, I say the Gates of Hell will not prevail.

So we declare and know that the LORD OF SABBOTH will do battle for the saints, His body, and we will take no prisoners. For this mighty army will not stop, we are on the offensive until it is time to go home. I say, "Arise! Arise!"

For the Lord has given us the cities of the city, state, and nation.

We decree our Declaration of Independence, In Jesus Christ's Name, Amen.

2017 Prophetic Forecast
(17 Prophetic Declarations for the New Year 2017)
Doug Addison

1. **I declare and decree that this is a year in which God has heard our cries for mercy and things are turning around**. (Psalm 116: *I love the LORD, for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy. Because He turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live.*)
2. **I speak the opening of the heavenly gates and ancient doors that will bring us into deeper relationship with You, God**. (Psalm 24:7 NIV: *Life up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in*.)
3. **We decree a time of renewing our strength and soaring in Your presence God.** (Isaiah 40:31 NIV: *O but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.*)
4. **We declare that the times of spiritual hopelessness and disappointments have come to an end. This is a year of sudden good breaks.** (Proverbs 13:12 MGS: *Unrelenting disappointment leaves you*

heartsick, but a sudden good break can turn life around.)

5. **We declare a new day, as God's light shines on and through us.** (Isaiah 60:1 NIV: *Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.*)
6. **We decree that we will step into a place this year that gives us greater authority to see answers to the things we ask for in prayer.** (John 15:7 NIV: ***If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever your wish and it will be done for you.***)
7. **We declare and decree that we will live our lives this year about all the negativity around us. We look for doors of opportunity and ask for eyes to see all that you doing God.** (Revelation 4:1 NIV: *After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in Heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.*)

Therefore the Redeemed (Isaiah 51:11)

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return,
And come with singing unto Zion-
And everlasting joy shall be upon their head.
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And come with singing unto Zion-

And everlasting joy shall be upon their head.

They shall obtain gladness and joy
And sorrow and mourning shall flee away!
Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return,
And come with singing unto Zion!
And everlasting joy shall be upon their head.