

DISARMAMENT

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MENTAL ATTITUDE

Mental attitude is a subject that is very misunderstood today. Doctors, psychiatrists, and neurologists understand that the human body breaks down because of mental pressures and the stress and the strain of life. They say that emotions play a big part in mental illness. They also know that any pills, tranquilizers, prescriptions or any other medication is only temporary. This is as far as man can go, educated man. They can prescribe a vacation and rest, but this is only temporary.

So doctors have a temporary answer, **but the Bible has a permanent answer**, which we will study, which is designed for those of you who have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. If you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, we want you to know what John said in John 20:31. “These were written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through His Name.” And in Acts 4:12 it says, “Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” And in Ephesians 2:8, 9, “For by GRACE are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast.”

The answer to mental illness is first of all salvation, accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, and become a child of God. “For we are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:26. And the second answer to mental illness is, now as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, **the answer to you is THE WORD OF GOD.**

Doctors say that emotional stress causes mental illness. Leading doctors say headaches are the most common of all human complaints. An estimated 85% of Americans, they say, suffer from them. Every year some 24 million sufferers, 16 million of them are women, are so disabled or alarmed that they go to their doctors for help. Fewer than 1% of chronic headaches are due to brain tumors or other life-threatening diseases. Relatively few can be

blamed on allergies, eye-strain, sinus trouble, arthritis or even hangovers. **The majority, as high as 90%, are psychological reactions to anxiety and tension.** Doctors do not understand why women have more headaches than men, but women have more tensions than men.

The doctors says the first hurdle is to find out the origin of the cause. They say the causes may be deeply buried in the personality problems of the individual. They say drugs can perform miracles of pain relief for migraine (vascular) and tension (muscle contraction) headaches.

A neurologist and psychiatrist, who headed the only headache full-time clinic in our nation, at Montefiore Hospital, in the Bronx, New York, explain it this way: “Most headaches are a warning of an inability to adapt to emotional stress.” They say that the most effective treatment “is to uncover the underlying problems and then adjust the patient’s ‘attitudes’ and living habits so that the stress is reduced or made more tolerable.”

THAT IS DIRECTLY CONTRARY TO THE WORD OF GOD. **The Bible says that the mental attitude must be adjusted to the Word of God.** GOD’S ANSWER IS NOT GETTING OUT FROM UNDER THE STRESS AND THE STRAIN. He says in 1 Corinthians 10:13, “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man, but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make the way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”

Now, God’s way of escape does not mean a way to get out from under the stress and strain of life, or uncover the underlying problems or adjust the living habits. That is NOT God’s answer to mental illness.

In our study you will see the real answers as God has set them down in His Word. These are for believers only. This is a monopoly of the believer in Christ.

One doctor's patient had tried all the usual pills. She had been treated for sinus trouble and had followed allergists' diets, and nothing helped. She was almost like the woman in the Bible who had an infirmity for 18 years, and no physician could heal her. This doctor's patient's headaches flared on weekends and following difficulties with her two teenage daughters and her mother-in-law. She thought they might be related to the strain of maintaining her home, taking care of her children, meeting social obligations and **"feeling" to blame for her husband's recent heart attack.** The doctor said she was on the right track, and as he helped her analyze her basic feelings about these matters, the headaches eventually subsided. But the doctor admits that this is only temporary, and not the answer.

He goes on to say, "Perhaps the most vital point to understand is that certain emotional attitudes make some people more headache-prone than others." He says that the "key to successful treatment is understanding these attitudes and then modifying them. For it is easier to change attitudes, even if stubbornly held, than it is to change jobs, mother-in-laws, or other life circumstances."

To change attitudes from one human viewpoint to another human viewpoint is no help, except temporarily, but to change the mental attitude from human viewpoint to Divine Viewpoint is the answer.

One doctor thinks the explanation is physical as well as psychological, "a 'bio-chemical shifting of gears' as the body moves from full mobilization for stress to a period of relative calm." **But the Bible says that circumstances make no difference.** The Word of God is **designed for the mountains and the valleys of life, "abase and abound."** The Bible is the ONLY ANSWER. The Bible is called **"the mind of Christ."** This is the ONLY THING THAT WILL WORK. It is the shifting of gears from the human viewpoint to God's viewpoint that gives you the right mental attitude. **To have God's viewpoint of life in the mind is the answer to mental illness.**

One doctor suggests that the "weekend headaches are triggered mainly by tensions in

the home environment as suppressed family conflicts, or the stress of meeting unwanted social demands." **In other words, he is saying that "living" causes one to be a headache sufferer.** Well, one MUST live. And we must live in the Devil's world. **If God wants us to live in this world, He must give us the formula for doing so. God has given us the greatest formula for living that has ever existed, and it is found in the Word of God, the Bible. THE ANSWER TO EVERY PROBLEM IN LIFE IS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURES.**

Unbelieving psychologists or psychiatrists, or even believing ones, who are carnal, do not have the answer. They have a very temporary answer at best, but no one has a permanent one, except the Lord. God has been gracious enough to put the right answers to mental illness in writing. It is for us. We have access to it. **Therefore we have no excuse. "God is faithful who will not have you be tested above that which ye are able."**

Now when you have it in for someone, causing emotional stress, your muscles remain contracted for prolonged periods and pain develops and radiates upward to the scalp, to produce a dull "vise-like" headache, lasting sometimes for hours, weeks, or even sometimes years. Some things that cause tension headaches are: A feeling of apprehension about problems, sensitiveness, fear of making mistakes, discontent, feelings of guilt. The doctor says that these are rooted in childhood and are related to specific and current emotional stresses. Their prescription for tension headaches is "get rid of your worries and relax." And for the migraine headaches it is, "get rid of your wrong attitudes and relax." That is all well and good, but they cannot write a prescription to give you **something that tells you how to do it.**

The doctor goes on to say, one of the most important services a doctor performs is to assure a headache patient that he isn't suffering from some dread disease. But that is STILL not the answer. The patient may be suffering from a dread disease or pressure problems. The interesting thing is that **the Bible is designed to give you inner peace and inner happiness even though you have a dread dis-**

ease or pressure problems. “I will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Me, because he trusteth in Me.”

Another answer they suggest is to change your living pattern, to reduce heavy demands that typical headache patients load on themselves. People get headaches for a lot of reasons, such as resenting the fact that they are getting older.

In the final analysis, a noted neurologist of the University of Cincinnati, admits drugs and medical help, psychology and psychiatry only afford a certain measure of relief, but anything they can do about tension and pressure is **only temporary**. They say that emotions play an extremely important role in causing blackheads, maybe 50%.

Now, it is not surprising that headaches should be a response to nervous tension. After all, the spinal cord is as much a part of the body's central nervous system as the brain. Just as tensions cause reactions of the blood vessels in the head, so they can cause increased blood flow and muscle spasms in the back. These reactions, in turn, produce pressures on the nerves coming out of the spinal cord. We feel such increased pressure as pain.

As with headaches, **back pain can be purely an emotional defense mechanism**. The doctor may prescribe “bed rest” for a woman with many domestic responsibilities. But this is only temporary. The doctors says “other psychosomatic backaches may require treatment for the removal of their basic psychological causes, possibly by talks with the family physician, or with a psychiatrist.” This also is not the answer.

Even foot trouble can be caused by your mental attitude. A woman speaking at the University of California at Los Angeles, speaking to 1400 women of Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish faiths, said, “Americans live within a paradox. They consider themselves rational, logical and reasonable. They believe that right will prevail. They believe in the value of progress ... Things will get better as time goes along.” And she went on to say “Americans are afraid of the unknown. Insecu-

rity leads to fear.” She also knows the cause of mental illness, but **not the answer**.

So, physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists and neurologists know physical illness can be caused by “what you think.” So they try to keep you busy, and keep your mind off of yourself, which is a good idea. It is not merely keeping your mind off of yourself, **but the object of your thinking makes the difference**. You are the subject and the OBJECT is the WORD. **And you have to believe it**. You are the subject. You believe the Word, the object. **it is the object of your faith that counts**.

Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ must face reality, such as family difficulties, decisions, pressures, accepting responsibilities of authority, money problems, marriage and many others. If you don't know the Word of God, then you will face these problems from the human viewpoint.

The human viewpoint includes emotion, tradition, religion, background, education and culture. When the believer faces reality from the standpoint of these things, he is **farther from the answer and becomes unstable**, and in his instability he cries, curses, has temper tantrums, anger attacks, divorce, refusing to discuss family problems, avoiding questions, or never giving a direct answer to a question.

The believer must face reality from God's Viewpoint. The problems of life have an answer in the written Word of God. He must face his problems from the Divine Viewpoint and not from the “dream world.” **Facing your problems from the human viewpoint only puts you farther and farther from the answer**.

We have the principle found in the Word of God which we will call “**the dynamics of thought**.” This principle is found in Isaiah 55:7-9 and 2 Corinthians 10:1-18. Now it has become a fact that illness is not confined to the physical alone, but includes mental psychosis. Medical science is aware of the fact that your **physical welfare has to do with what you think**. **believers are not equipped to carry their own troubles**. The Lord has known this for a long time and Scripture has declared it for a long time. The basis for per-

petual happiness for the believer is in the Word of God. The true issue is **what we think**. It makes a difference, **the only difference**. Mental tantrums overflow into the physical, such as fear, etc.

In the Korean War men died because of "give-up-itis." They folded up and would lie down and say "let me alone." And if you let them alone they would die. **It is possible to die because of what you think**. Some medical doctors will not operate on a patient until his mental attitude is right. If the patient does not care whether he lives or dies, the doctor will not operate, but if the patient has a desire to live, the doctor proceeds with the operation. Whether or not the patient gets well depends on his mental attitude.

Eczema, warts, goiter, ulcers, headaches, backaches, foot problems and even blackheads are of the overflow of the mental pressures to the physical body. Now, if the human spirit, which you receive at the point of salvation, becomes filled with the Word of God, and you as a believer have the Divine Viewpoint of life, **when that believer is in the stress and strain of the pressures in his life, and applies the Word to pertinent situations, the result will be peace, stability, perpetual happiness and victory in this life**. But, in contrast, if the human spirit is empty of the Word of God, the believer then must draw on his own human soul which contains only human viewpoint. This causes rashes, and other above named troubles, as well as mental tragedies. **it all depends on what you think**.

The toughest people in the world are those with the right mental attitude. And they never give up. **Toughness is a mental attitude of thinking a certain way**. PEOPLE GIVE UP BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY THINK. This is also called "fainting in the mind." **The Russians and Communism are doing everything they can to make America give up**. The mental attitude of the Americans can turn the tide. What you think can do it. No one can stop you from thinking. But we are weakened because of the lack of Bible teaching.

Most people, including pastors and teachers, have stopped thinking. **they go by feeling and by human viewpoint**. Consequently they get depressed and upset and miserable. They ignore the Lord and the Word of the Lord. There are many reasons in Scripture why believers suffer. **But the greatest of these is because of ignorance of God's Word**. And because of ignorance, God even has to discipline His own children. 1 Corinthians 11:30-32, "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world."

We must know God. **And to know God, we must know His mind, His Word. God has designed us to think, learn, and discern what goes on in life**. The greatest thing that can happen to a believer in Christ is to learn God's viewpoint of life.

Isaiah 55:8, 9, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." The words "My ways" and "My thoughts" are Divine Viewpoint. "His ways" and "His thoughts" are as high above our ways and our thoughts as Heaven is above the Earth. RELIGION AND HUMAN VIEWPOINT ARE MAN'S THOUGHTS AND MAN'S WAYS.

Man today is thinking about solving world problems in terms of internationalism, disarmament, the National Council of Churches, the United Nations, and other things, but those things are ALL HUMAN VIEWPOINT. **There is no place in the Bible, in God's Plan, where these things are condoned, apart from the 1,000 year reign of the Lord Jesus Christ on this Earth**. God's viewpoint is nationalism. God says there must be a balance of power between nations.

But what God thinks is one thing. What the unbeliever and what the ignorant believer think are another thing. **Your life is patterned by what you think**. You can do what you

want to because of what you think. **If you don't come to Bible class, for example, you don't come because of what you think. If you do come, you come because of what you think.** People wander aimlessly through life because they don't think Divine Viewpoint. **If you have human viewpoint in your mind, you are neutralized by what you think.** You are at a standstill, spinning your wheels, as it were. It is like riding a merry-go-round. You get on a mechanical horse, and go up and down and around and around.

WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO MENTAL ILLNESS? 2 Corinthians 10:1-8. What you think can make you or break you. **Whether you are happy or miserable depends on what you think.** The more Divine Viewpoint you have, the more oriented you will be, and the result is stability of mind and production. It is easy to become ill by constant anxiety. We have problems of adjustment, **either human or Divine adjustment.**

1. HUMAN ADJUSTMENT: This is self-justification, the direct attack. If you cannot get your way, throw a tantrum. Use the anger attack and call it nerves. If you get so mad you cry, or cuss, then someone will listen to you, or give in and you get your way, or maybe someone will "baby" you and tell you how wonderful you are.

When a person is frustrated, he turns to sublimation, and he may turn to drinking, reading every word in the newspaper, watching everything that comes on TV, spending a lot of time in bed or just day dreaming, anything to keep from facing the problem. This is running from reality to the dream world, human viewpoint, or to the things we THINK CAN HELP US. You avoid reality. You refuse to discuss it with your mate. You go into seclusion. If a problem arises and you cannot face it, you throw a fit so you will not have to

face it. These are some of the things we do when we use human viewpoint.

2. DIVINE ADJUSTMENT: This includes facing life from God's viewpoint, such as, believers, when we are out of fellowship, we confess our sins as per 1 John 1:9 ("If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness"). This also includes operating by putting our faith in the Word of God, applying pertinent doctrines to the situation, using Bible promises, being constantly filled with the Holy Spirit, in occupation with the Person of Christ and living in the Word of God. If we don't use these things which God has provided for us, we will have different mental problems and mental illnesses. **The Word of God, the Bible, is the ONLY source of Divine Viewpoint.**

2 Peter 1:19 says, "Where unto ye do well that ye take heed (a warning), in your minds, knowing this first, the prophecy came by holy men of God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit, not by the will of man," literally "interpretation of men." **The Bible in your hands is more real than seeing and hearing the Lord Jesus Christ.** The Bible is a critic of human thoughts and motivations. Criticism is a part of the warfare. Life is not to be made up of faultfinding criticism, but this is part of the warfare. These "pin-pricks" of life are nothing compared to the "ice-picks" of life. You have to take care of the little "pin-pricks" before you can take care of the "ice-picks."

Misunderstanding is another part of the warfare. Don't worry about being misunderstood. And don't spend all of your time trying to explain all of your actions and why you said everything you said. Just live your life as unto the Lord and let Him take care of the criticisms and the misunderstandings.

THE CURE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS

2 Corinthians 10:1, 2, “Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you: But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.”

Paul received criticism from the Corinthians. The legalists tried to discredit Paul. In 2 Corinthians 10:1 Paul says HE USES “MEEKNESS AND GENTLENESS.” Both are characteristics of the Lord Jesus Christ. They are both words of mental attitude. Meekness means the perspective of GRACE in the mind. The Corinthians have heard and believed the critics and they hate Paul. Paul had taught them the Word of God, but they maligned him and hated him, even though they had no right to do so.

Verse 2, “But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us, as if we walked according to the flesh.” In verse 1 “beseech” means to exhort. In verse 2 “beseech” means to beg. He begs them, exhorts them, to change their mental attitude, so that he will not have to use harsh words and get tough with them when he gets to Corinth.

Paul’s confidence is in Jesus Christ. Paul knew, and you can know, when people are out of line. And his ministry was to get them back in line. The legalists said that Paul was a tough guy when he was writing to them, but that he was a weakling when he is in their presence. He did not have a good speaking voice, and they made fun of him and called him a mouse. **But toughness is not the sound of the voice. toughness and dogmatism are in the message.** Paul will have to get tough with some of the legalists. They say that Paul is carnal, out of fellowship, “walking according to the flesh.”

Verse 3, “For though we walk in the flesh,” is literally, according to the standard of the flesh, physically or in the sphere of the flesh. After salvation we live physically however long God wants us to live here. We remain in the flesh as long as God desires. When it is time for us to depart, nothing can keep us here. But while we are here, we live either in the Spirit, or in carnality. This is the principle of the soul versus the Holy Spirit.

Verse 3, “We do not war after the flesh.” that is according to the world, the flesh and the devil. We do not war with human talents, or human abilities. They do not give victory or glory to the Lord.

We are physically alive as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, but our warfare in this life is not physical, but our warfare is in three areas:

1. **THE WORLD:** This is thinking what the world thinks, which is all excluding of the thinking of Christ.
2. **THE FLESH:** This is the fact that we have this old sin nature to sin.
3. **THE DEVIL:** These are the principalities and the powers of the unseen world, called fallen angels or demons. This includes the doctrine of demons.

Verse 4 speaks of the weapons of our warfare. “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.” The weapons believers are to fight with are not carnal. That is our weapons are not those things we have through our first birth. We may use these things to fight with, but we do not have victory or success through this method. **Our weapons are not physical, but are in the realm of the mentality.**

“Not carnal but mighty through God.” God is the source of power to combat the doctrine of demons. “But” is a word of contrast, “but mighty through God.” “Mighty” is a reference to the omnipotence of God. We have this power on the inside of us as believers in

the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ is on the inside for fellowship and He keeps pouring in the power by means of God the Holy Spirit. God the Holy Spirit is in you in order to execute the Christian way of life, and this power will pull down “the strong holds,” the strongest power of Satan. In other words, **God provides all the necessary weapons.** This is TRUE ARMAMENT, or disarmament. **Human viewpoint then is disarmament.**

“But mighty.” This is plural in the Greek language, and it refers to inherent power, the power of the third Person of the Trinity, God the Holy Spirit. This power is ours through the controlling of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God in our mind. Then we can pull down strong holds.

“Strong holds.” This is one of the strongest words in the Bible for Satan’s powers. We cannot pull down Satan’s powers with human ability or talents or anything we received at the first birth. We must know and use those things we received at the second birth. God uses the non-talented, those non-respectable, the sinners who realize that they are saved by GRACE, and know that they must operate on what God has provided. We are not to use physical, carnal weapons, but mighty through God, and that is:

1. The power of God the Holy Spirit.

2. And the power of the Word of God.

These powers are guaranteed by God to break the strongest powers of Satan, and our old sin nature. All of our abilities “pooled” cannot even phase Satan.

Verse 5 is the fact that THE POWER OF GOD CASTS DOWN. There are two viewpoints in life: The human viewpoint and the Divine Viewpoint. Divine Viewpoint is looking at life through God the Holy Spirit. There is always a conflict between these two views. If you have a husband who is a problem, if you go into dream world when he is away from home, such as watching TV, drinking coffee with the neighbors, talking about him, or feeling sorry for yourself, or complaining and joining clubs, such as a garden club, or become a dog lover, in trying to forget him, this

is all human viewpoint and is NO SOLUTION AT ALL.

Some people try to buy their way out of their problems. Some try to talk their way out, and say, if we just talk it out. Men even shoot their wives to avoid the responsibility they took on themselves. They cannot face reality from the human viewpoint. **But the only way to face reality is from the Divine Viewpoint.** Learn and use the Scriptures, verses, principles, God’s promises, and the doctrines found in the Word of God.

Use Romans 8:28, “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, and to them who are called according to His purpose.” Use 1 Thessalonians 5:18, “Give thanks always for all things (good and bad), for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” Use Psalm 37:4, 5, “Delight thyself in the Lord. Commit your works to Him.” This is Divine Viewpoint. “And He will bring it to pass.” Use Matthew 21:22, “And all things whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.” This is Divine Viewpoint. Pray for your husband, the one who misused you. And be in fellowship when you do it. Use 1 Peter 5:7, “Casting all your cares on Him, for He careth for you.” This is Divine Viewpoint. Always use Divine Viewpoint and then come back to reality and have victory.

YOU HAVE A CHOICE BETWEEN THE DREAM WORLD AND THE MIND OF CHRIST. This is trying to solve your problems by dreaming, by telling your troubles to others, by dreaming up some “do it yourself system.” But no matter what you do, these things do not ever help. They get you farther and farther from the solution. So, you can choose dream world, or you can choose the mind of Christ, the Bible. You can get into the Scriptures and learn the Scriptures, and get the Bible in your mind, and be able to use the Word of God in your life. ALL OF THE HUMAN VIEWPOINT IS AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.

Verse 5, “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.” “Bringing into captivity every thought.” This means to bring the Word of God into your life and apply it. Why did David win the battle over Goliath? What is a slingshot over against the great armour of Goliath? What were David’s talents, size, and abilities against Goliath?

Goliath was a man of war, the champion of the Philistines. David was not a champion at this time. He was just a kid. But what was David’s Divine Viewpoint against Goliath’s human viewpoint? It was everything. David was using Scriptures. He was depending upon the Lord. Now, Saul the king, and all of Israel were afraid and ran away. They were using human viewpoint. David was not afraid. He said, “Who is this uncircumcized Philistine, who has nerve to deny the armies of the living God?” His own brothers were jealous and made fun of him and criticized him. But David depended on the Lord and on the Word. And he said, “And all the Earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth, not with the sword and spear (carnal weapons), for the battle is the Lord’s, and He will give you into our hands.”

David faced his reality with the Word. **You cannot keep a sane mind and face your problems from the human viewpoint.** David won the battle because of having God’s viewpoint in his mind. While you use God’s viewpoint, God fights your wars and your battles. DON’T DISARM YOURSELVES. Our fortification against Satan is Bible knowledge. Studying the Bible does not cause insanity. But the more you study, the further you get away from insanity. THE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORD OF GOD IS THE CAUSE OF MOST INSANITY. A Christian cannot just take life without the Word of God. Mental attitude is what counts in life.

You cannot fulfill verse 5, “Bringing every thought into captivity,” unless you know the Word of God. **Changing styles with the crowd is part of human viewpoint.** All of us wearing the same styles, no matter what they look like or what you think. If you have Divine Viewpoint, you do not let anything change your good judgment. Do not try to

compete with the teenagers. There is nothing wrong with being an adult. But there is something wrong with being an adult and trying to look like a teenager. **The only way to grow up is to know the Word.**

Verse 5 deals with imaginations, human solution and the dream world. “Every high thing.” This is the human viewpoint of life. We exalt and glorify self and not God. Human viewpoint is never an answer for the believer in time. God closed the door on human viewpoint. He allows us to use it, **but He does not allow you to be successful with it.** You may make a lot of money, but it will not give you inner peace and inner joy. It can only cause you misery.

Illustration: Job and Solomon. All of the human viewpoint you use is stated here as “Against the knowledge of God.” It is against the doctrine of God, or the Divine Viewpoint. The word “against” is literally “contrary to the Word of God.” **No problem can be solved by human viewpoint.** God closes the door on it. Every time you use human viewpoint, you put Divine Viewpoint out of your mind. And at the same time you whack yourself over the head.

If you keep on using Divine Viewpoint, you push human viewpoint out of your mind, and your mind keeps on being strengthened. The more you use human viewpoint, the closer you get to a nervous breakdown, a mental breakdown. You can never have mental stability until you learn to use Divine Viewpoint in prosperity, as well as in adversity. “For better and for worse,” not a wife or a husband, but the Word. Face the little things of life with Divine Viewpoint and they will prepare you for any crisis in life. **Get your mind off of others. Suffering is blessing.** Give thanks for criticism, for problems, for pain, heartaches, and the headaches of life.

“We know that all things work together for good to them that love God and to them who are the called according to His purpose.” All things are not good. But when we depend on a promise, no matter what happens, then the sun breaks through and things begin to happen, and it is just what God has ordered. If you throw Divine Viewpoint out of the win-

dow when the problem hits, and you keep on throwing it away, the little problems will tear you apart and then when the crisis hits, the load gets too heavy, and you won't let God carry it. You get completely bogged down with it mentally. You become mentally ill.

"Bringing into captivity every thought."

This means to take prisoner from the enemy "every thought," which is device or scheme or solution in the mind. Each scheme or human solution must be put into Divine Viewpoint. **You must bring each one, one by one, and put them in the Lord's hands. USE GOD'S VIEWPOINT.**

1 Timothy 4:1 says, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of demons." This is believers departing from the faith. How do believers depart from the faith? Well, BY WHAT YOU THINK. **If you use human viewpoint and ignore what God says in the Bible, you have departed from the faith.** You have departed from the Word. You are operating on the doctrine of demons, and the energy of the flesh, and against Divine energy that comes from being controlled by God the Holy Spirit. Satan counterfeits true doctrine. He copies it. **He has believers doing good, human good, and thinking that it is Divine Good, that which pleases God. BUT IT DOES NOT. Satan knows it, but believers do not.**

The great issue in life is HUMAN GOOD VERSUS DIVINE GOOD. Or Divine energy versus human energy, which is energy of the flesh, that which comes from the old sin nature. The social gospel is "doing good" but it is satanic good. The doctrine of demons is socialism. **The social gospel is socialism and communism and wants to TAKE AWAY YOUR VOLITION, YOUR FREE WILL, AND THEN YOU WILL NOT HAVE THE POWER OF CHOICE.** They will choose for you. Their choices will be all negative, against the doctrine of God.

This is the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error. The social gospel is man, internationalism, man by his own devices and schemes trying to bring in world peace by taking weap-

ons from individuals and disarming, letting our soldiers come home, disbanding all the military bases. This is not the answer.

Socialism is good versus good. The United Nations is good versus good. Some things are good in themselves, but not as far as God is concerned. We must sort them out. **Things are good from the human viewpoint, but there is good and then there is Divine Good.** Communism says we are doing good. But they are using satanic devices. **The social gospel is satanic good.** The social gospel is socialism. The social gospel is internationalism, man by his own devices trying for world peace. **Taking weapons away from people does not solve anything.** The social gospel is the doctrine of demons, which is "departing from the faith," or using satanic devices, satanic doctrines. **When a church does these things, it looks legitimate to the ignorant believers.**

The answer is "Bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." Keep meditating on the Word. For believers to "depart from the faith" does not mean to get out of churches, but to stay in church, to use the "doctrine of demons" to deceive others in and through the church, to twist and distort the Word of God.

People go to church for many reasons:

1. It makes them feel good.
2. People see you in church and think you are great.
3. You say a few things in a meeting and people say, "Wasn't that great?" And it could be the "doctrine of demons," or just words, or human viewpoint.

That is departing from the faith in a church. **They may have been saved by faith, but they have departed from it. But they are still saved.** Some people get up and say a lot of things, but they are unbelievers.

So the "doctrine of demons" says:

1. Go to church in the energy of the flesh.
2. Participate in the church in the energy of the flesh.
3. Imitate others in the energy of the flesh.
4. Pray in the energy of the flesh.

5. Worship in the energy of the flesh.
6. Give in the energy of the flesh.
7. Sing in the energy of the flesh.

But ignore Psalm 66:18, "IF I REGARD INIQUITY IN MY MIND, the Lord will not hear me." Or ignore Isaiah 26:3, 4, "THOU WILT KEEP HIM IN PERFECT PEACE, WHOSE MIND IN STAYED ON THEE, because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." In church and in Sunday School sometimes they read a Scripture and everyone gives their human viewpoint.

They take the Lord's supper and it looks good, but the result "some are weak," physically, "and some are sick," mentally, "and some sleep," die physically. **It looks like the Lord's table, but very few know that it is really the devil's table.** You cannot know the difference apart from the true teaching of the Word of God. Some preachers and teachers look good, **but they are the devil's disciples and they teach socialism, communism, and the social gospel.**

2 Peter 2:18, 19, "For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error, while they promise them liberty, they themselves are servants of corruption, for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage."

They speak "great swelling words of vanity." **This means they use wonderful flowery sentences, but they are empty, have no meaning. They allure through the lust of the flesh, through gimmicks, see who can bring the most, competition.** Sit with my group, come to my church, we have a new building, and all of this is alluring through the flesh.

2 Timothy 3:7, "Ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth." Romans 10:2, "They have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge." 2 Corinthians 10:6 describes victory against Satan's counter attack, "And having in readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled."

"Having readiness," means to literally keep on being ready by having doctrine in your mind. **The Word of God in your mind is the only weapon against the "doctrine of demons," or Satan's counter attack, i.e., "to revenge all disobedience."** With the Word of God in your mind, you can present the right side of the problem. You are to be ready to present the right side of the problem in any difficulty or situation, i.e., "when obedience is fulfilled."

Verse 5 cannot be fulfilled in your life, unless obedience is fulfilled. This is the point in time when you can study for yourself, and can distinguish human good from Divine Good. **Study until you can discern the true from the false.** Have your weapons sharp and ready, that is, Divine Viewpoint in your thinking. Every time you study or are in Bible class, you are fulfilling obedience.

We receive the Word because the Word is ready for us. The Holy Spirit teaches us the Word of God, that which God has prepared and preserved for us. Maybe we will receive the Word and maybe we will not. If we do, neither the little things nor the big things in time will stop us.

But if we do not, our lives will be a mess. We will be miserable. We will fall apart, and also take others along with us. Maybe we want to operate on what we think, which may be the "doctrine of demons."

If we will receive the Word, we can handle our every day problems and then be ready when the lion roars, "and stalks about seeking whom he may devour." **Satan gets us out of fellowship, and he eats us up, and he scares us.** We get our eyes on the world, the flesh, and the devil, and then we are not "casting down imaginations." We fall apart, and the seams come apart. **And we fall apart mentally.**

A soldier does not learn to shoot on the firing range. He only practices, goes through routines. The army calls this "basic training." They go over and over and over things. Then when they get into a battle, they shoot, shoot. They know just what to do and when to do it.

This is a perfect illustration of a believer. We go over and over the Word of God, and

when we are faced with the “doctrine of demons,” we know just what to do: SHOOT THE WORD. It is not the time to clean or examine the gun, but to shoot. FIRE THE WORD IN!!

1 Timothy 4:6 gives the answer from the PASTOR’S standpoint. “If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the Words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.”

1. “Put the believers in remembrance” means to teach and keep on teaching.
2. “Nourished” means fed.
3. “Words of faith” are the promises.
4. “Good doctrine” is Truth, Divine Good.

1 Timothy 4:13 is the answer from the BELIEVER’S standpoint. “Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.”

1. “Reading” means to exegete, which is to take it apart word by word.
2. “Exhort” means to take what you learn to others.
3. “To study doctrine” means to get doctrine into the mind so you will be ready when the lion roars with false doctrine, or human viewpoint.

1 Timothy 4:15, “Meditate upon these things.” This is reading, exhortation, doctrine. Give yourself wholly to them. **This is to be the most important thing in your life.** Be able to apply doctrine to every situation and know whether it is the will of God or not. When you give self wholly to these things, it is for your profit, to your advantage. Your presentation of doctrine will be beneficial to you and to others.

1 Timothy 4:16, “Take heed.” This is a warning from doctrine. The carnal believer takes heed from the doctrine of demons, verse 1. You yourself are benefited when you study. Take a warning from doctrine. We are warned all through the Old Testament and the New Testament to take warning from doctrine. There are two reasons why:

1. To deliver yourself.

2. To deliver others from the problems you face, from maligning and gossip.

Whether it is true or not, let the Lord take care of it. “Cast your burdens on the Lord.” Psalm 55:22.

2 Timothy 3:16, 17, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God many be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

1. “Inspiration” is God-breathed, or given by means of the Holy Spirit.
2. “Profitable” is for reproof.
3. “Profitable for instruction in righteousness.”

What is the purpose of all of this? Answer: “That the man of God,” who is the believer, “may become mature,” well equipped, “and thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

2 Corinthians 10:7 tells us what the Bible says about mental attitude. “Do not look on things after the outward appearance.” “On things” means your problems or your pressures in life. “After the outward appearance” is human viewpoint. Do not go to someone who has a good personality to help you with your problems, or to someone who sympathizes with you and says everything will be all right. Or to a psychiatrist who lets you ramble on and on about your past or your problems while he snoozes and collects your dollars. Neither go to a fortune teller, or to someone who does not understand the Word. These people compare themselves with themselves. **You should compare yourself with the Word of God.**

2 Corinthians 10:12 is SANCTIFIED SARCASM. “For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.” Paul says here, I don’t want to be associated with the legalists, who keep on patting themselves on the back, “they measure themselves by themselves.” Paul says they are “unwise.” The legalists know the Word, but they don’t

apply it. They pat each other on the back and gossip about others, and say they are better than others. This is spirituality by relativity.

Verse 13, "But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you." "Measure" here means a rule, a standard of the Word of God, the Canon. "But we measure ourselves by the standard or the rule of God." This is done by taking in the Word, the promises, the doctrines and APPLYING them. Paul tells the Corinthians that they are looking at life from the superficial standards. The Corinthians were loaded with human viewpoint, looking on the outward appearance of what things seemed to be.

The Bible gets on the inside and shows us what things really are like, WHAT MAN IS ON THE INSIDE, AND WHAT ORGANIZATIONS ARE ON THE INSIDE. If we are looking at life from what we think, or feel, or see, we had better think again. DO NOT TRUST IN YOURSELF, OR IN OTHERS, BUT TRUST IN WHAT THE WORD SAYS. WHAT JESUS CHRIST THINKS MAKES THE DIFFERENCE.

When the Bible is the criterion, or authority, all superficiality will be removed. Human viewpoint is superficial and will be removed. We are to measure ourselves by the Word, and not even by another believer.

2 Corinthians 10:12-18 states the results of the right mental attitude:

1. Measuring by the Bible. Verses 12, 13, "For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you." This is measuring by the Word of God. When we measure ourselves by the standard of the Word of God, the result is the right mental attitude. You cannot have the right mental attitude when you measure yourself with others OR TAKE AD-

VICE OF PEOPLE THAT DO NOT KNOW THE WORD OF GOD.

2. Verse 14 speaks of extensive preaching of the Gospel. "For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you, for we are come as far as to you also in preaching the Gospel of Christ." Paul warns the believers to wake up. He had trouble getting to Corinth. He felt terrible. He had trouble. He was beaten, tortured, but it was not how he felt, or he would have gone to Cypress to rest. But he pressed on because of the right mental attitude. In spite of it all, he got to Corinth, BECAUSE OF WHAT HE THOUGHT, NOT HOW HE FELT. Paul moved in and the Corinthians responded to the Gospel of Christ and were saved.

3. Verse 15 talks about growth and development. "Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly." When you constantly look at life from the Divine Viewpoint, you grow up. Some people never grow up spiritually. They are children all of their lives. The viewpoint of the "natural man" IS NOT connected with the physical body, BUT THE MIND. OUR MATURITY IS FOUND IN THE REALM OF WHAT WE THINK. We mature spiritually by hearing the Word. You get it into your mind, and from the Divine Viewpoint you begin to grow.

It is possible for a child to do some things adults do, but that does not make them an adult. A child does not have the mentality to keep it up. Some things a believer does look as if he is spiritual, BUT HE IS UNSTABLE AND CARNAL.

NO BELIEVER CAN EVER BE MATURE APART FROM A MAXIMUM KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORD. Babies and children resist the Word. One overt act does not make him mature. Growth and development make for maturity. "Grow in GRACE by the knowledge of our Saviour Jesus Christ."

4. Verse 16, increased missionary effort. Verse 16, "To preach the Gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another

man's line of things made ready to our hand."

The more a believer has of the Divine Viewpoint, the more missionary effort is increased, at home and abroad. Missionary effort depends on our mental attitude. They did not stop to boast. They did their job and did not boast. But they moved on. A missionary call is not a high and mighty call. You must have doctrine in the mind to be a missionary.

"Regions beyond." This means a complete change of environment. The most important thing for a missionary is to have the right mental attitude. Only one out of every 10 missionaries stay abroad for a second term. The language, the climate, the food, the personality conflicts, all enter in. And a person cannot take it apart from the right mental attitude. You cannot take the "regions beyond" when you think human viewpoint. If you have no concept of basic training in the Word, even though you have a helmet, a hunting jacket, even comfortable shoes, and all the physical equipment, you cannot take it unless you have the Word of God in your mind. Unless you are mentally equipped with doctrine from the Word of God, you won't be even able to get along with people at home.

5. Verses 17, 18, which speak of thinking God's thoughts. "But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth." "He that glorieth," this is not praising God, but glory in the realm of thinking God's thoughts. 1 Corinthians 2:16 is the mind of Christ ("For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ"), and it is Divine Viewpoint. We cannot glorify Christ without having His mind, His Viewpoint. Human viewpoint seeks approval. Ego that comes from the old sin nature is starved for attention. **It is possible to do a right thing in a wrong way**, such as giving money. It is what you THINK while you do the act. Leave the commendation in the Lord's hands. You CAN'T get on the right foot with God except by knowing the mind of Christ.

There are two viewpoints in life:

1. Human viewpoint. This is what man thinks. Satan and demons are the source.

2. Divine Viewpoint. This is what God thinks. God is the source.

The Bible is the only source of God's viewpoint. The Bible is the mind of Christ. If a Christian is going to have Divine Viewpoint in his mind, the more he knows about the Bible, the more Divine Viewpoint he has. The less he knows about the Bible, the more human viewpoint he has. He must be occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. He must meditate, study and think. THINK. Hebrews 4:12 says that the mind of Christ "is a critic of the thoughts and intentions of the mind."

The motivation of the inner life. It is the only critic of what we think. We must be aware of what we think. As we study the Bible, it criticizes us as to what we think and straightens us out as to what we should think. YOU ARE WHAT YOU THINK. People judge you by what you do. **But God judges you by what you think.** You can please either God or man.

A summary of 1 Timothy 4:

Verse 6, the pastor's standpoint. Put the believers in remembrance of the Word.

Verses 13, 15, the believer's standpoint. Read, exhort, study, meditate.

Verse 16, take heed to deliver yourself and others.

Verses 17, 18, the Word is God-breathed, profitable for maturity.

A summary of 2 Corinthians 10:12-18, the results of the right mental attitude:

Verses 12, 13, measure things by the Bible.

Verse 14, extensive preaching of the Gospel.

Verse 15, growth and development.

Verse 16, increased missionary effort.

Verses 17, 18, thinking God's viewpoint, the mind of Christ.

FIVE THINGS THE BIBLE CALLS MENTAL ATTITUDE

1. WORLDLINESS.

Romans 12:1, 2, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 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." **Worldliness is a mental attitude.**

Verse 1, "The mercies of God." This refers to the many things that you receive at the point of salvation. And because you possess these Divine assets, you have the ability to "present your bodies a living sacrifice." This means to accept the Christian walk of life, once and for all. There is **no such thing as rededication.**

"Reasonable service." This is not reasonable service. The Greek language says "spiritual service." There is nothing reasonable about it. **It is spiritual, super-natural service.**

What is our spiritual service?

1. Confession of our sins. 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

2. The filling of the Spirit. Ephesians 5:18, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."

3. Faith in the Word of God. Hebrews 3:19, "So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief."

4. Occupation with Christ. Hebrews 12:2, 3, "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."

5. Living in the Word. 2 Timothy 2:16, "But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness." 2 Timothy 3:16, 17, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Verse 2, "Be not conformed." This means don't be worldly. "But be ye transformed." How can you be transformed? "By the renewing of your mind." This is not something you do. It is not an overt act. It is not what you put on your face, nor the clothes you wear. Now you can act as if you are listening and you still have your mind on other things.

People point their finger at you and say that you are worldly because you stay at home and don't come to church. **But it is what you think that makes you worldly.** Colossians 3:2 says, "Keep on thinking on things above." "Worldliness" then is called, in the Bible, a mental attitude. "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."

2. THE BIBLE CALLS THE MENTAL ATTITUDE PEACE.

Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee." "Thou" is God. "Will keep him in perfect peace." This is the peace that passes all human understanding. "Him" is the believer. "Whose mind is stayed on Thee."

Why? Verse 4, "Because he trusteth in Thee." Not only for salvation, but for the things the Lord has provided for us in the Word. Verse 4, "Trust in the Lord." How long? "Forever." Why? "For in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." His strength lasts forever and so will ours, if we trust in Him forever. This is strength in the mind. In other words, **mental stability.**

This is the same as in Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall RENEW THEIR STRENGTH. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall RUN AND NOT BE WEARY, AND THEY SHALL WALK, AND NOT FAINT." This is in the mind.

PERFECT PEACE. What is peace? **It is not laying down our arms.** If we do this, the enemy would completely take over, and that would not be peace. It is not letting someone push you around. **BUT PEACE IS WHAT YOU THINK. If you think Biblically, you have peace.** But you will not have it until you know something about the Bible. Maybe you are eager to serve the Lord, but you try to do it without knowing what the Bible says about the situation.

Now, **that does not honor the Lord. You must know what the Bible says and then you use that knowledge.** Now, in Romans 8:6 it says "to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Your thinking must be done around the Word. "Keep thinking about things above." Philippians 4:7, "And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall guard your minds and souls through Jesus Christ." Your thoughts and mind will be stabilized by using what God has provided through His Son. Peace is not emotion. **We spend too much time on the outside and not enough on the inside.**

3. GIVING IS CALLED A MENTAL ATTITUDE IN THE BIBLE.

2 Corinthians 8:12, "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." 2 Corinthians 9:7, "Every man according as he purposeth in his mind, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for the Lord loveth a cheerful giver." The amount you give is **not important, but what is important is what you think.** The Bible does not talk about amounts to the Church. **It does not require a tithe.** Some should give more than others and some should give less. **A certain percentage is not required.**

NOTICE: "Give with a willing mind." And "As a man purposeth in his mind, not

grudgingly nor of necessity." Grudgingly is a mental attitude. Giving because others give is an abomination to the Lord. We should never give to show, to make ourselves look big, to belittle others, or because others give. The Lord hates that. To give joyously in thanksgiving is acceptable to the Lord. If you cannot give as unto the Lord, **YOU SHOULD NOT GIVE.** If you cannot serve as unto the Lord, **YOU SHOULD NOT SERVE.**

4. STABILITY IS WHAT THE BIBLE CALLS A MENTAL ATTITUDE.

1 Corinthians 10:12, "Wherefore, let him that thinketh," human viewpoint, "he standeth take heed," a warning to believers, "lest he fall." "Fall" here is to fall mentally. **You must have the Divine Viewpoint, doctrine, in your mind.** If you do not know and use GRACE, **you fall mentally,** i.e., mental illness. Stability, then in this verse, is a mental attitude.

5. CHARACTER IS A MENTAL ATTITUDE.

Proverbs 23:7, "For as a man thinketh in his mind, so is he," Philippians 2:5, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." We judge people by the outside. People are superficial. They are not what they seem to be. Matthew 23:27 says they are like white-washed tombstones, beautiful on the outside, but full of dead man's bones on the inside. You outwardly appear righteous, but you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. Clean and beautiful on the outside, but self-righteous, hypocritical, religious on the inside. The thinking may not be vulgar, **but merely human viewpoint.** We do not and cannot depend upon our emotions. It is not how we feel, but what the Word says: **Faith, trust, believe in the Word of God.**

2 Corinthians 10:7, "Do we look on things after the outward appearance?" This is human viewpoint. **Man looks on the outward appearance and God looks on the inside.** We are Christ's, so we are to use His Viewpoint. **If we look at life by what we feel, by what we think, by what we see, or what others, non-spiritual, say, then we had better think again.** Do not trust in yourself. **Trust in**

Christ and in what Christ thinks, the mind of Christ in written form.

You stand or fall based on what you think. It has been written that in the United States there are approximately 800,000 hospitalized mental patients. And that there are approximately 700,000 a year admitted for psychiatric treatment. Over 100,000 of them are there for the second and third times. **Mental illness began with the history of the human race, with the rejection of God's plan.** Cain killed Abel. Cain was mentally ill.

2 Peter 1:9, 10, "But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." If we lack "these things," the Word, the result is mental illness. **If we forget GRACE, the result is mental illness.**

2 Peter 1:1, "Like precious faith." Everyone of us RECEIVES salvation the same way, BY FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS. **All of us are equal in honor, but different in experience.** These are Peter's dying words, and he is preparing believers for suffering. When religion and apostasy come in, there is suffering on the part of believers. Peter says in his dying moments, that a believer can only "ride out" the suffering (and we all have it) by GRACE and knowledge plus the application of the Word, and this adds up to maturity.

Paul was the apostle, an academic type of person. He was brilliant, cultured, and he knew at least three languages: Greek, Hebrew and the Roman languages. Peter knew one language. He was the emotional type.

In his original writings, his are hard to understand. He leaves out verbs, gets mixed up in his grammar, but his epistle shouts in the Greek. It is a powerful stirring message. Peter is not interested in grammar, BUT IN COMMUNICATION. He wants to get the point over and God used him in a wonderful way. He has the highest temporal spiritual gift possible. He was an apostle and a pastor-teacher.

Verse 2, "GRACE and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and

of Jesus our Lord." Now, GRACE is something we cannot earn, deserve, or pay for. GRACE is God's Plan. In GRACE God's Plan is perfect because God is perfect. In GRACE, if man has a part in God's Plan, it would not be perfect. In GRACE God provided for every phase of His Plan: Stages One, Two and Three.

Peter also mentions "Peace." We have peace in two categories: "Peace with God," which is salvation, and the "Peace of God," which is actually the Christian way of life. "The fruit of the Spirit is peace." The "peace of God" is mental peace. In 1 Peter 5:10 Peter tells us "That the God of all GRACE will make you mature, stable, and strengthen you, and settle you." Now all of this is in the area of the mind. Peace is multiplied by being taught, taking in spiritual truths, and doctrines, and knowledge of the Word of God applied. And peace is also multiplied by studying, and this requires more thinking on these things.

Peace is the opposite of mental illness. Mental illness has to do with when a believer gets knowledge of spiritual things in the mind and applies them to his experience. Verse 3 tells us that there are two reasons for us to be alive. "According to His Divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue."

1. **Life**, which is to believe in Christ and have eternal life.

2. **Godliness**, which is the power of God the Holy Spirit operating in the believer, the Christian way of life here on this Earth. **Nothing in human ingenuity can do it.** This is not quitting all your sins, or rededicating your life, or being respectable, or even going to church. It must come through, notice, "KNOWLEDGE OF HIM." He is the Word. He is the doctrine. He is our strength. And He is our stability of mind. The Holy Spirit has to produce the character of Christ INSIDE of you. And this He does when you are in fellowship. **It is not what you do and are, BUT WHAT GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES IN YOU.** The Holy Spirit produces "Love, joy, peace, longsuffering," etc. in the Christian

way of life, Galatians 5:22, 23. The Holy Spirit forms the character of Christ in you.

Verse 4, "God has given unto us exceeding great and precious promises." Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait," trust, "upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint." Romans 8:32, "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Isaiah 41:10, "Fear thou not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will strengthen you," in the mind, "yea, I will help you, yea, I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness." Psalm 27:1, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:14, "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine mind: wait, I say, on the Lord."

Why did God give us these "precious promises?" Verse 4b, "To be partakers of His Divine nature," "to escape corruption." "Corruption" is that which emanates from the old sin nature, i.e., **religion**. "Escape corruption" means to resist "principalities and powers" of demons, the "doctrine of demons."

"Escape corruption" also means that God has provided the Christian way of life in order that we can escape the control of the old sin nature and imitation of the unbeliever and the imitation of carnal believers. **Corruption comes from the lust of the old sin nature.** Lust does not have to control the life. The old sin nature lusts for praise, to be well thought of, tries to please people, power lust, etc.

There are two Divine powers available to all believers today: The indwelling of God the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the Earth") and the Word of God (Hebrews 4:12, "For the Word of God is alive, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul

and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the mind").

The means of utilizing power is by means of perception, hearing and understanding. You cannot utilize this Divine power by human yieldedness. The only yieldedness you can do is 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." When you confess your sins to God as a believer, then you are yielded to God. **You must make it a life long habit of naming your sins to God.**

2 Peter 1:8, "And if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." "If" is a third class condition. If these things be in you. Maybe they will and maybe they won't. But if they are in you and "abound." "Abound" means to apply them. If you apply them then you will never be barren, idle, nor unfruitful, i.e., no production. Fruitfulness and production are based here on knowledge of the Word of God.

You can **never produce** if you don't know simple basic principles:

1. Eternal security.
2. The filling of the Spirit.
3. Understanding the GRACE of God.

Otherwise it will be energy of the flesh. Hit and miss. You must have Bible knowledge. You have to understand what God has provided for you.

Verse 9, the reality of spiritual blindness and mental illness. "He that lacketh these things," doctrine and knowledge of the Word, "is blind," which means he is walking in darkness, and not in the light. "God is light and there is no darkness in Him." So He cannot see any farther than he can see in physical darkness. "He cannot see," understand, "afar off," which is the future in Scripture, God's Plan for the future. "And he has forgotten that he was purged," "cleansed," or made free from his sins. He will forget that he has been cleansed from all of his past. "The blood of

Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses from all sin. **The past is entirely blotted out.** Our sins have been purged, and it is no longer necessary in the Christian way of life to be dominated by our old sin nature.

Verse 10 says, so believer "be sure," make your salvation a reality by getting the Word of God in your mind. "Know these things," the Word of God. **And the Word of God in your mind will keep you from blundering and stumbling, and sorrow and heartaches, and mental illness.** "Diligence," is to be eager to get this doctrine in your mind.

Verse 11, "Entrance," means that the Christian way of life will be opened up for you. You will come to a full realization of it.

Verse 12, "To put in remembrance," Peter will keep on repeating for three reasons:

1. The more he teaches it, the better you understand it.
2. Some needed it to be repeated to understand it all.
3. Some know it, but need to be reminded to apply it.

You must get what is in the Bible, the mind of Christ, in your mind. You must put the right shells in the gun before you can shoot it properly.

Peter gives us a definition of the doctrines. Doctrine is a teaching of the Bible. Take all the subject matter of a particular subject and extract all that the Bible says on this subject and you have a doctrine. **Doctrine is the stabilizer for the believers.** Peter's students knew these things, but Peter was habitually reminding them. Because, **when we know doctrine, then we are stabilized.**

Verse 12, "To be established in the present truth," This is doctrine of the Word of God. Peter is teaching, which is repetition. Verse 13, "Yea, I think it meet." It is God's will for Peter to constantly stir up believers by keeping on teaching the Word. "As long as I am in this tabernacle," This is his temporary human shelter. As long as he is physically alive on this Earth he will keep on teaching, keep on reminding them of the Word.

FIVE THINGS THE BIBLE CALLS
MENTAL ATTITUDE

Verse 14, "Knowing that shortly I must put off my tabernacle," This is physical death, separation of the soul and spirit from the body. Peter knows that he is going to die. How does he know it? The Lord Jesus Christ already told him in John 21:18, 19. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake He, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He saith unto him, Follow Me."

Verse 15 is the fact that after Peter is dead, he wants these people to have the Divine Viewpoint, in order to be able to think God's thoughts. "The Word lives and abides forever." In verse 16 Peter says this is not something we have dreamed up or made up, but it is Truth. "They were eyewitnesses to His majesty." This is the reason they were able to make known to these people the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Second Advent had not yet taken place, but Peter, James and John have seen and heard it first hand.

Verses 17, 18. The voice that came from heaven was God's. "And we" refers to Peter, James and John. These three heard God's voice when they were with Him on the holy mount.

2 Peter 1:19a, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy," **The basis of stability is Truth.** We have it in the completed Canon of Scripture, the Bible. **The Bible is more sure than seeing or hearing.** The disciples knew less about the Lord Jesus Christ than we do. **The Bible is more sure than prophecy.** Verse 19b, "Whereunto you do well, to habitually take heed." Now, there is a parenthesis beginning with the word "as" and ending with the words "Day Star arise."

So you are to take heed, the last three words of this verse, IN YOUR MINDS. **It is NOT how many times you have been through the Bible, but how much of the Bible is in you. If the Bible is not in you,**

you cannot see the Divine Viewpoint, and you cannot know it.

As far as the parenthesis here is concerned, we have three Messianic titles:

1. Light.
2. Day Star.
3. Day.

These are all references to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Messiah of Israel.

Verses 20 and 21, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." This prophecy is not of private interpretation. This is not Peter's private interpretation. It did not come from man, i.e., human viewpoint, but it is Divine Viewpoint. "Men were moved," or carried along by the Third Person of the Trinity, God the Holy Spirit.

Why is the Bible more sure, more reliable? Because it came from God the Holy Spirit. The Christian way of life is a supernatural way of life. **To be spiritual you must be in fellowship and controlled by God the Holy Spirit.** This results in mental attitude love, the principle of forgiveness, faith in the promises of God, believing the promises. **Anything the unbeliever can do through his thinking is not the Christian way of life.**

The mind is crammed full of human viewpoint when it should be full of Divine Viewpoint. The mind is filled with human viewpoint which comes from books, mysteries, novels, magazines, TV, radio, billboards, newspapers, even in horoscopes, like what will happen to us on a certain day if we do so and so. All of this information is looking at life from the human viewpoint.

Now, when a problem comes up and you start to think, all you have to go on is human viewpoint, and you come up with absolutely nothing. You only have human viewpoint to solve the problem **and that will not do it.** People depend upon human viewpoint and it makes them **miserable, upset, unstable, neurotic, and psychotic.** You just simply cannot take your problems with human viewpoint.

You will fall apart. You should be able to operate from your own brain to solve the problem, even while you are in the midst of trouble, waiting for the solution. You should be perfectly happy. **To have perfect peace and happiness is to have Divine Viewpoint in your mind.**

"You will do well if you take heed," to extract from the Bible promises and doctrines, and cram your thinking full of them. God's Word is the mind of Christ. There are several ways to get the Word of God into your mind:

1. Bible study.
2. Teaching.
3. Personal study every day.

If you do not understand, keep on studying and keep on reading. Do not just stay with one or two verses, but move on.

"Take heed" to know. Have it in your mind. No matter how horrible the experience, just remember Romans 8:28. The experience itself may not be good, but it "will work together for good." THAT IS A PROMISE! Remember 1 Peter 5:7, "Cast your problems on Him" and leave them there. Every time you take them back and start working on them, you get nowhere, it causes you suffering. "Take heed in your mind," not your heart as in the pump, but your BRAIN.

When you say "I love you," you love with your mind, not your pump. You are to get this Divine Viewpoint crammed into your brain so it is as real to you as all the human viewpoint is to you. When you apply cream to your face to take away the wrinkles, it does not make the wrinkles go away. So in the Christian life, when you use human viewpoint, it does not make you happy, or stable, but miserable and unstable.

What is more real to you? Human viewpoint or Divine Viewpoint? Peter has seen and heard, but the content of the Bible is more real, reliable, than hearing or seeing. Now, this is God's mind. **We must get it in our mind and use it in our experiences, ALL of our experiences.** This is constant, habitual use of the Word in the mind.

Man's ways and man's thoughts vs. God's ways and God's thoughts. There are two mental attitudes of life:

1. Human viewpoint, what man thinks.
2. Divine Viewpoint, what God thinks.

There are six hindrances to Divine Viewpoint:

1. Delusion: Isaiah 66:4, "I will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before Mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not." The result of these things is insecurity, deceit, self-illusion and false security. 2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12, "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the Truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

2. Obsession: This is any idea, emotion, impulse, something in the mind, and we cannot do anything about it.

- a. Abnormal fear. Like to ride in an airplane, high places, etc.
- b. Possessed with one idea with the exclusion of any others.

3. Flight of ideas: This means instability. Things are done for us today i.e., push buttons, timers, washers, dryers, machines in the offices. There is a rapid shift of attention plus **a lack of the ability to concentrate.**

4. Distractability: This is confusion in the mind, changing of ideas, as in church and Bible class, where the mind wanders. Anything can distract your attention. **We must learn to keep our minds on the message.** Otherwise IT CAN MEAN MENTAL DISTRESS OR EVEN INSANITY.

5. Circumstantiality: This is not being honest and straight forward. This is beating around the bush. You do not want to be dishonest, but you cannot help it. When you ask a question, they avoid it and talk about everything else.

6. Retardation of thought: This is mental inertia or a lazy mind. Things are so provided for us today that we don't have to think.

- a. Graphic pictures in magazines so we don't have to read.
- b. On TV everything is pictures.
- c. There is no reading, no thinking today.
- d. We do not have to think when a cake will be done, because a timer goes off.

All of these things cause a lazy mind, and are hindrances to having the Divine Viewpoint, which is God's thoughts and God's ways. We need a revival of the mind. Then we can have peace, stability and power in the mind.

2 Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not give us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

The cure for mental illness is a sound mind, a mind filled with the word.

MOURNING: A MENTAL ATTITUDE

1 Samuel 16:1-12

1 Samuel 16:1, "And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided Me a king among his sons."

Saul was a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. He has been set aside by God as king. Why? Because he rejected the Word of the Lord, the Bible, the Divine Viewpoint. We have this in 1 Samuel 15:11-23.

Saul is to die the sin unto death very soon. Samuel is mourning for Saul. Mourning is a **mental attitude and it is human viewpoint**. God has rejected Saul and that is Divine Viewpoint. Saul was rejected because he feared the people **and obeyed their voice**, 1 Samuel 15:24. We have God's provision. "Fill thine horn with oil and go." This is so that he can anoint a new king.

The Lord says that the new king will be one of the sons of Jesse, the Bethlehemite. But He does not say which one. Eliab is big and handsome. This is looking at life from the human viewpoint. **But God says, "I have provided a king."** Verse 2, "And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me." Samuel is afraid and he gives the Lord a human viewpoint answer. "How can I go? if Saul hears about it, he will kill me." That is fear. But God says go. And if He says go, **He will provide the protection**. Fear is a mental attitude. Jesus Christ said, "Men's hearts fail them for fear." Luke 21:26. Samuel was the spiritual giant at this time. But in this Scripture he is looking at life from the human viewpoint. He cannot live in the past. Because he was a spiritual man in the past is no sign that he is now.

In verses 3-6 we have continued instructions of the Lord and the obedience of Samuel. When they came to Bethlehem, Samuel told them to sanctify themselves to come to the sac-

rific. In those days they offered a sacrifice to be cleansed. Sanctify means to be set apart, "cleansed," to make holy or purify. This is like 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." When this was done, the sons lined up. Eliab is first. He is the oldest. He is strong, dark, and handsome. And Samuel says, in verse 6, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him," or "Surely this is God's man, the Lord's anointed." Whatever God says is Divine Viewpoint.

Verse 7, "But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the mind." "Countenance" is his face, how he looks.

The apostle Paul was not tall, dark and handsome. 2 Corinthians 10:7, "Do you look on things after the outward appearance?" God is saying "it does not matter about his face. It does not matter about his height. Nor does it matter about his stature or his build. But the thing of it is **'that I (God) have rejected him.'**" He rejected Saul and Eliab. **The Lord looks on the inside, the mind, not the heart.** He is not watching the blood course through the heart, **but what thoughts course through the mind.** "I have rejected him." This is Divine Viewpoint.

Proverbs 23:7, "As a man thinketh in his mind, so is he." Isaiah 55:7-9, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, My ways are not your ways." **Human viewpoint CANNOT be Divine Viewpoint.** His ways are higher. His thoughts are higher than ours. **Much, much higher.** He looks in our brains and sees what we are thinking. Samuel looked on the outside and Eliab looked good to him. But God said, "No, I rejected him."

1 Samuel 16:8. Next in the line is Abinadab. Verse 8, "Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this." Verse 9, "Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this." Verse 10, "Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The Lord hath not chosen these." Verse 11, "And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, there remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither."

So, David's father, Jesse, says, in substance, "Yea, well I have another son, but he is only a boy, and keeps the sheep. He is out on the mountain side. You wouldn't be interested in little old David." Samuel says to Jesse, "Well, we are going to stay here till you fetch him. Because God said it would be one of your sons, and it is none of these."

Verse 12, "And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he." So Jesse sent someone out after David and he was brought in. David was ruddy, tan. David was probably in his teens, verses 13-19. David had a beautiful countenance. David was handsome, good looking. **And the Lord said, this is the one. This is God's choice, Divine Viewpoint.**

David started from an anonymous nobody. He was the eighth son. The others were educated. David had to care for the sheep. He was a shepherd. He lived with the sheep more than his family. David is the least in Jesse's family. But **he was the greatest in the sight of the Lord.** He became king, the spiritual leader of Israel **because of what he thought.**

David was thinking all the time he was out with the sheep. He was learning to use the Divine Viewpoint. **His thinking made him great.** David cares for the sheep. He is faithful to the sheep and he is occupied with the Lord Jesus Christ. **He was faithful in the**

little things. He lived his life as unto the Lord.

On the inside, David has the right mental attitude, and that is the only thing that God can use. **You cannot have the right mental attitude unless you know what the Bible says on the subject, on each subject.** Just because you know it on one subject, is no sign that you know it on other subjects. **It takes continuous study for anybody. Every situation in life must be met with Divine Viewpoint!**

Colossians 3:1, "If ye be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above," keep on seeking those things above. Verse 2, "Set your affection, mind, on things above, not on things on the Earth." Verse 3, because you are in union with Christ.

Hebrews 12:1, 2 says we are to "run the race," the Christian way of life, "looking unto Jesus." We cannot look to him in the physical sense, but only by delving into the Scriptures. Studying. Meditating. Being occupied with His thoughts. Verse 3, Believers are to consider Him, the Lord Jesus Christ, "Lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." **That means that unless we are in the Word, we will have human viewpoint.** The only way we can have Divine Viewpoint is by habitually studying the Word. **It is not for argument with anybody, but for knowledge to help others, to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.** When we "faint in the mind," we have human viewpoint.

Psalm 78:70, 71, "He chose David also His servant, and took him from the sheepfolds: From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob His people, and Israel His inheritance." God was more real to David than anything else. He learned to do things as unto the Lord, and didn't try to impress anyone. He lived with the sheep and he never complained. The sheep never complimented him, nor thanked him, nor patted him on the back. What makes people keep on keeping on? It is Divine Viewpoint, having the right mental attitude.

1 Samuel 17:1-3, The Philistines gather together against Israel. "Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and

were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim. And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them.”

Verses 4, 5. “And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass.” Goliath is a giant and Gath is his home town. His height is about 11 feet. His helmet is made of solid brass. His coat of mail was his armour. His breastplate and his coat weighed 148 pounds, 5000 shekels.

Verse 6, “And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders.” “The greaves” means that Goliath had strong legs and his greaves protected them. They were made of brass also. And he had a target of brass, a cover for his shoulder blades.

Verse 7, “And the staff of his spear was like a weaver’s beam; and his spear’s head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.” “A weaver’s beam” is an 8 x 10 foot board. He had a spear head which weighed 17 pounds (600 shekels of iron). Goliath has all this protection and carries a shield for further protection.

Verses 8 and 9 contain the speech of Goliath. “And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.”

Verse 11, “When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dis-

mayed, and greatly afraid.” This shows the rejection of Israel. They were afraid. Fear is a mental attitude. They lacked the right mental attitude. This verse is all human viewpoint. They had their eyes on a man, on Goliath, and Goliath was dependent on himself and not on the Lord.

Verse 24, “And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.” The Philistines and the armies of Israel were all ready for battle. And as David was talking to them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up and spake his little speech again. David heard him. This is human viewpoint.

Verses 25, 26. This is Divine Viewpoint. “And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father’s house free in Israel. And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcized Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?” “Who shall defy the armies of the living God?” David looks at this as God does.

Verses 27 and 28 are all human viewpoint again. “And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him. And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab’s anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.” Eliab is jealous of David and angry. He gets sarcastic with David and he says, “Why did you leave those ‘few’ sheep and come down here? Did you just come as a spectator?” “I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine mind, for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.” This is all human viewpoint.

Verse 29, "And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?" David keeps his eyes on the Lord. Saul hears what David said, and sent for him. Verse 31, "And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him."

Verse 32, "And David said to Saul, let no man's mind fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine." David calls himself Saul's servant. "Mind fail" means to fall apart, be upset, nervous.

Verse 33, "And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: or thou art but a youth and he a man of war from his youth." Saul says, "David you are only a teenager and Goliath has always been a warrior. Of course, this again is human viewpoint.

Verse 34 describes two separate events. This is the lion and the bear attacking the lambs of the flock. The lion can run fast and jump high, and it eats flesh. When the lion got the sheep, David went after it. His human assets included: a crook, which was for sheep, not lambs; a sling shot; plus a glorified bat, a club. "And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock."

The first event: The lion could jump high and run fast. And lions eat flesh. When a lion got the sheep David went after the lion. He knew "the battle is the Lord's." He knew he didn't have the power, but he knew that the Lord did. This is Divine power in human hands. The Bible puts emphasis on what David thought. He thought the Divine Viewpoint. It all depends on what you think. "As a man thinketh in his mind, so he is." David didn't brag about what he had done and no one patted him on the back and said that he was wonderful. He did it as unto the Lord. That's the lion incident.

The second event: This was a bear. A bear grabs a lamb and takes off. David goes after the bear and gets the bear and does it as unto the Lord. He goes after the lamb and the Lord takes care of the details. ***With the Lord nothing is impossible.*** David did not brag about

the bear. He never even talked about it. **We should do nothing for human praise.** Some people live on it, which is human viewpoint again.

As a teenager, maybe 19, David is prepared for anything because of Divine Viewpoint. David was different from all the rest because of his mental attitude, what he was thinking. **When we worry or panic, the battle is ours. But in faith, the battle is the Lord's.** David rested in the Lord mentally.

Verses 36 and 37a. Here is David's faith. "Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcized Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine." David drew the battle lines in his mind. "Goliath hath defied the armies of the living God." It was between Goliath and the Lord, **not between Goliath and David.** In that viewpoint, the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear and the hand of the Philistine are all the same. He delivered him from the lion in the past, from the bear in the past, and He WILL deliver him from the Philistine in the future. That's mental attitude.

David had the promises in his mind and he was applying the promises. Divine Viewpoint originates in the Bible. **We must have God's thoughts transferred from the Bible into our minds.** The ordinary believer is chained to human viewpoint. If David wears this armour of human viewpoint, he will be depending on his armour and not the Lord's. And he will be a believer out of fellowship living like any unbeliever. What will he do at this point? This is a temptation. David knew he would kill the giant. How did he know it?

Verse 37b, "And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee." That's hypocrisy, emptiness. It's meaningless. He's expressing human viewpoint. Eliab, in verse 28, tried to get David out of fellowship. Now in verse 38 we have the second attempt to get David out of fellowship. This is human viewpoint.

Verse 38, "And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail." So we have the second attempt to get David out of fellowship. If David wears this armour, he will be depending upon the armour and not on the Lord. He will be out of fellowship. Here, then, is the temptation: to use the physical armour or to use the armour of the Lord, the Divine Viewpoint.

Verse 39, "And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him." "As-sayed" is literally reluctant. He didn't want to go with all this armour on. He said that he could not go out against Goliath with all this on, so he took it off. He had not proved the armour, but he had proved the Lord; the lion and the bear events.

Verses 40 and 41. "And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him." David took his sling shot with five stones. He went toward the Philistine and the Philistine came toward David with a shield in front of him to protect him. That's strictly human viewpoint.

Verse 42, "And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance." Verse 43, "And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods." The word "staves" is literally a staff, a stick. He didn't see anything in David to be afraid of. "Am I a dog, that you come after me with a stick? And Goliath cursed David by his god." He took the Lord's Name in vain.

Verse 44 is a third attempt to get David out of fellowship and operate in the energy of the flesh. "And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the

fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field." Goliath is bragging. He tries to intimidate and frighten David over death.

Verse 45 shows the difference between human and Divine Viewpoint. "Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied." In other words, Goliath uses human viewpoint, and David uses Divine Viewpoint. He reminds him again that the battle is between Goliath and the Lord. Because Goliath has "defied the armies of the living God."

Verse 46 shows David's faith. "This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the Earth: that all the Earth may know that there is a God in Israel." He does this to glorify the Lord. "That" is for the purpose that the whole Earth can once again be evangelized, like the Exodus.

Pharaoh and Goliath were raised up by the Lord to use the wrath of man to praise the Lord. This is the principle of Genesis 50:20, "But as for you, ye thought evil against Me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day to save much people alive." "They meant it for evil, but God meant it for good, to deliver many souls alive." And, that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal weapons, like a sword, a spear and a shield. This is the principle of "bringing every thought into captivity, for the pulling down of the strongholds."

Verse 47, David knows not only the Lord, but he also knows the Word of the Lord. "And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands." David knows the battle is the Lord's. And David knows that the Lord will do it. David, according to human viewpoint, would be helpless before this giant. But since he is helpless, he depends on the Lord. He

places his faith there and runs. If he runs away, he is faithless. If he runs towards the giant, he is faithful.

Verses 48-50. David was actually prepared for this crisis. “And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.”

He was strictly going by Divine Viewpoint, no human viewpoint at all. He used the sword of the Lord, the Word, not the sword of David. Now, here is David, a believer in fellowship, in God’s will. He’s a shepherd boy, and he has a great spiritual victory over Goliath. God has chosen David, the shepherd boy, to be king, the spiritual leader of Israel. At this time Saul was the king.

David had to be in fellowship to be a giant-killer. David did not depend on the metal of Saul’s armour. He depended upon the Lord. David did not run away, but he used the Divine Viewpoint. He was not afraid because he was in fellowship with the Lord.

David used Divine Viewpoint by saying, “The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion and out of the paw of the bear, He will deliver me out of the hand of the Philistine.” David knew that “the battle is the Lord’s.” And that the Lord would give the Philistine into his hand. He knew that it was God’s will.

David also said, “And all this assembly,” Israel, “shall know the Lord saveth, not with sword and with spear.” They did not know this then, and so they ran.

David used the Divine Viewpoint actually of 1 Peter 5:7, “Casting all your cares on Him for He cares for you.” Psalm 55:22, “Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He will sustain thee. He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.” We face many giants in our life time.

But none of them are too big for the Lord. We are afraid of them because we do not know the Lord and know His viewpoint.

Philippians 4:5-7, “Let your moderation, literally gentleness,” which is the production of the filling of the Holy Spirit, “be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” The result: “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep,” garrison, “your mind and thoughts through Jesus Christ.”

Believers in fellowship, looking at life from the Divine Viewpoint, can be invulnerable, and believers in fellowship can know the unknowable. 2 Timothy 1:7, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love, and of a sound mind,” which is a stabilized mentality.

1 Samuel 17:57, 58, “And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. And Saul said to him, Whose son art thou, thou young man? And David answered, I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.” Then in 1 Samuel 18:5 it says, “And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and BEHAVED HIMSELF WISELY: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul’s servants.”

Verse 6, reveals the top song on the hit parade in David’s day. “And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, and with joy, and with instruments of music.” Verse 7 “And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.” That was the popular song of David’s day. And it caused the jealousy of Saul and he tried to kill David twice.

Verse 8, “And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and

to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom?"

The hit song of the day caused him a great deal of jealousy. You know the principle that "jealousy is as cruel as the grave." Verse 9, "And Saul eyed David from that day and forward."

Verse 10, "And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand." Verse 11, "And Saul cast the javelin: for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice."

Verse 12, "And Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, and was departed from Saul." Verse 14, "And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the Lord was with him." Verse 15, "Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him." Saul was afraid of David.

In 1 Samuel 18:1-4 we see that David and Jonathan loved each other. David knew the Word and applied it. In verses 5-9 we saw the hit song of David's day. In verses 8-12 we see that David used the Divine Viewpoint. Saul is using human viewpoint. And he is afraid of David, for David is using Divine Viewpoint. In verses 14-16 we see that Israel and Judah loved David. Also in verse 20 Michal, Saul's daughter, loved David.

Now, after a great victory, and the fact that everyone is telling David that they love him, **David begins to use human viewpoint. He has his eyes on self.** David becomes very vulnerable after his victory. People do it today also. **You cannot be popular without having someone hating you.** In verse 29 we see that Saul hated David. "And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually."

In the expression "evil spirit" in verse 10 we have the principle of demon influence. 1 Samuel 19:1 shows Saul trying to kill David. In 1 Samuel 19:9 there is an evil spirit upon

Saul. In verse 10 Saul tries to kill David again. In 1 Samuel 19:10 Saul is afraid of David.

Now, David is afraid of Saul, which is human viewpoint. David had switched from the power of God to an empty tank. When David was using Divine Viewpoint, he was not afraid of the giant. He had a full tank of gas. In verse 18 David has his eyes on self, therefore he has no power, and he is out of fellowship. And that is why he is afraid of Saul. **The mental attitude again makes the difference.**

1 Samuel 21:1, "Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?" David came to the city of Nob where the tabernacle was. It was stored there after the tabernacle was built. David was afraid of Saul. Saul was afraid of David. And now the priest, Ahimelech, is afraid of David. The city of Nob is made up of priests and high priests. This should remind David of the Divine Viewpoint. David is going to make up an excuse for why he is all alone on the run.

Verse 2, "And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place." David says that the king sent him on a secret mission, and he is not supposed to tell anyone. This, of course, is a lie. King Saul is after him to kill him and David is running away. The Lord had protected him from the lion, the bear, and the giant. He would have protected him from Saul.

Verse 3, "Now therefore what is under thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present." David changes the subject. He asks for bread. The bread should have reminded him of the Divine Viewpoint, the Word of God.

In verses 4-8 we have the Divine Viewpoint, the shewbread and the vessels. Verses 9, 10, "And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that,

take it: for there is no other save that here.
And David said, There is none like that; give it me. And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.” Fear is human viewpoint. David has Goliath’s sword and is running from Saul. **When a believer, like David, looks at life from the human viewpoint habitually, he cannot face reality.** He runs away from it. But, when a believer looks at life from the Divine Viewpoint, then he is everything that God wants him to be. **If he looks at life from the human viewpoint, this is just what Satan and the fallen angels want in the angelic conflict.**

In verse 10 we see Gath, which is the home town of Goliath. Achish is the king there. This should remind David of the Divine Viewpoint. Verse 11, “And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?” The king of Gath remembers David by the well known “hit tune.”

Verse 12, “And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.” David goes from the frying pan into the fire. He is now more afraid of the king of Gath than he was of Saul.

Verse 13, “And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.” David changes his behaviour pattern before them.

Verse 14, “Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me?” Verse 15, “Have I need of mad men, that ye have brought this fellow to play the mad man in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?” David feigned madness, pretended to

be mad. He changed his mental attitude to be mad, to save his life.

It was supposed to be bad luck, in the ancient world, to touch a mad man. David scratched on the door of the gates with his hand and drooled in his beard. He was non compos mentis, mad. And the king says, “haven’t I enough mad men in my outfit without adding another mad man to my staff?” So, as the custom was, they threw David out of the city because he was mad.

The result is in 1 Samuel 22:1 and following. This is the result of David’s lie. In verses 17-19 four score and five persons and 85 priests were killed because of David’s lie. **We cannot have the right mental attitude about any situation in life unless we know what the Word of God has to say.**

Philippians 2:5, “Let this mind,” the Word of God, “be in you, which also was in Christ Jesus.” Colossians 3:1, “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.” Verse 2, “Set your affections on things above,” spiritual, “not on things of this Earth.” Divine Viewpoint versus human viewpoint. Verse 4, “For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”

2 Timothy 1:7, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and a sound mind.” That is Divine Viewpoint. 2 Timothy 2:24, “And the servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, able to teach, patient.” Verse 25, “In meekness, instructing those that oppose themselves, if God,” and He will, “peradventure will give them repentance of the acknowledging of the Truth,” which is literally, change their mind about the Truth. It means to go from human viewpoint to Divine Viewpoint.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Your physical welfare has to do with what you think.

2. The basis for perpetual happiness for the believer is the Word of God.

3. It is possible to die because of the wrong mental attitude. The pressures of every day living can overflow to the extent that they cause eczema, warts, goiters, ulcers, rashes, allergies, headaches and many other things much more serious.

4. We are weak because of no teaching, or not applying what we know. And when problems come up, the lion, the bear, the giant, Saul, we try to, as it were, “sweat it out,” “fight it out,” or run from reality to human viewpoint. The greatest weapon of life is the Divine Viewpoint, the Bible, the mind of Christ.

The one who knows and understands the mind of Christ cannot be defeated, EVER!! **He never gives up in the mind. He never disarms his mind. He never lays down his arms.** It is not “if the Lord will” we will do so and so. We must have a willingness to do ANYTHING. How can we refuse anything when the privilege is all ours, and blessing on top of blessing?

5. Our weapons against all of these ailments, against all the human viewpoint, the wrong mental attitude, the wrong kind of thinking, are not physical weapons or human talents. These things only cause us to be mixed up and useless. Then the believer is miserable and upset and continually on the wrong track. *The greatest weapon in life is the Bible, the Divine Viewpoint.*

2 Corinthians 10:5 says you are to cast down imaginations. That is human viewpoint, what YOU think. **These things, human viewpoint, are against the knowledge of God, Divine Viewpoint.** We are to put what we think aside, and give the Lord Jesus Christ first place. This does not merely mean to go to church, **But it means to put the doctrine of Christ in first place,** which is the teaching of the Word of God.

We are “to bring every thought into captivity.” You may say, “I can’t help what I think.” But yes you can. How can we do it? 2 Peter 1:4 says when you get these **great and precious promises** in your mind, you are not only “partakers of the Divine nature” and partners with Christ in His Viewpoint, producing the fruit of the Spirit, but you have God’s Viewpoint. This only comes through knowledge of the Word of God.

2 Peter 1:8, “For if these things,” the teaching of the Word, “be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1) “In you” is the mind of Christ in your mind.

2) “Abound” means to apply the Word to your experience.

3) You will be fruitful. You will produce the fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22, 23, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.” You will produce the characteristics of Jesus Christ on this Earth. “And you will be fruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Verse 9, “If you lack this knowledge, you are blind.” You can only see a few things, but not the deep things of God. You cannot see the future. You cannot see dispensations. These things are not clear if you do not know the Word of God, if you do not know the principle of maintaining fellowship with God, and the filling of God the Holy Spirit, and putting your faith in the promises of God.

Verse 9 also says that we need to know the doctrine of redemption, how that Jesus Christ redeemed us out of the slave market of sin, how it took a free Man to free us. We have to know that Jesus Christ came from Heaven, and that He had to take on a body, the doctrine of the incarnation of Christ, and

that He had to go to the cross and pay the penalty for all of mankind.

We have to know the doctrine of propitiation. 1 John 2:2, "For He is the propitiation for our sins, not for our sins only, but for the sins of the whole world." unlimited atonement. We need to know the doctrine of regeneration, how that we can be born again, how we can have a relationship with the Lord. We must know the doctrine of expiation, and the doctrine of positional truth, which is the difference between our position in Adam, and our position IN CHRIST.

And we must know many other doctrines. The more of this teaching we have, the more sure, or the more real our salvation becomes to us, the more sure our calling and our election becomes to us.

Verse 10, "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." Knowing these things changes our mental attitude. But we need to have them in the "ready room" as it were, and not lean on our own understanding. **It is not what we think, what we feel, or what we see, but what the Word of God says.** "There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the way thereof is the way of death."

Colossians 3:1, "If ye then be risen with Christ," and you are, "seek those things which are above." This is literally, "set your affections, your mind, on things above." This is the teaching of the Word of God. "And not on things of the Earth," which is what I think, what I feel, what I see.

All day long we hear **only human viewpoint.** We are bombarded with it. The soap operas which come on in the middle of the day so the housewives can see them. We all have TV's, even the poorest, and newspapers. We generally read or hear the headlines. These things are mostly all human viewpoint.

Every day we hear human viewpoint; new styles, hats, clothes, keeping up with the Jones's, competition in life, competing with one another on various subjects. The wife doesn't understand her husband, and her husband doesn't understand her, and so they

look elsewhere. But it is impossible to understand yourself or anyone else apart from the Word of God.

A change of environment won't cure the problem of the mental attitude, because wherever you go, **you take your viewpoint with you.** You don't change your viewpoint from human to Divine by going from Houston to Florida. **The more you use God's Viewpoint, the more stable and more content you will be.**

James 4:8 says, "A double-minded man is unstable in all of his ways." This is talking about a believer having two viewpoints, human and Divine. The believer has two viewpoints he can use, either the human or the Divine. You have a constant choice to make, all the time. The double-minded man, here in James, is a believer using human viewpoint. He is unstable in all of his ways. That is mental illness.

Romans 8:6 says, "For to be carnally minded is death." That is temporal death. Carnally minded is a believer using human viewpoint. He is dead spiritually, temporally. "But to be spiritually minded is life and peace." **Peace is a sound mind, content with whatever you have.** So, if we do not know or apply the Word of God, we are "carnally minded." We think our own thoughts **and we are leaning on our own understanding.** But to be spiritually minded is to be thinking the Divine Viewpoint, learning and thinking God's thoughts, having the knowledge of the Word of God in our minds. Carnally and spiritually minded. **WHAT YOU THINK IS WHAT YOU ARE.**

In Philippians 4:11, 12 Paul learned to be content. He did not know it. **He had to learn it.** He had to learn how to be on top and how to be low, to be in need, and to have plenty. How did Paul learn this? He said, "In everywhere and in all things to be instructed." He was instructed by the Word of God, by doctrine, by the teaching of the Word of God.

2 Peter 1:9, 10. Peter says here, "That if you do these things, you will have the peace that God gives." Philippians 3:17-21 says to "Look on things above, and not on things of this Earth." 2 Peter 1:2, "GRACE and peace by

multiplied to you through the KNOWLEDGE of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord." 2 Peter 3:18, "Grow in GRACE and in the KNOWLEDGE of our Saviour Jesus Christ." **This is the cure for mental illness and the cure for fainting in the mind. It is the way in which to arm your mind for the problems, the pressures, the catastrophes of life.** Because "Man cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." That is why the mental attitude sins are top on the list of all sins. **Mental attitude sins lead to mental illness.**

Proverbs 6:16-19, "These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto Him." Verse 17, One: "A proud look," Two: "a lying tongue," Three: "hands that shed innocent blood." Verse 18, Four: "A mind

that deviseth wicked imaginations," Five: "feet that be swift in running to mischief." Verse 19, Six: "A false witness that speaketh lies," Seven: "he that soweth discord among brethren."

Perpetual mental attitude sins in the life of the believer result in mental illness and the sin unto death. This was the case with King Saul and David. Saul's jealousy perpetuated, and killed him, instead of him killing David. "Jealousy is as cruel as the grave."

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