

REFORMATION – LESSON 18 (ABC)

QUESTION

EXPLAIN THE ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THIS PRESENT REFORMATION USING THE HEADINGS BELOW AS GUIDELINES.

REVELATION
EQUALISATION
FINISHING
OPPOSITION TO MEDIOCRITY AND LUKEWARMNESS
RELATIONSHIPS
MIGRATION
AUTONOMY
TRANSITION(MENTALITY CHANGE)
INTEGRITY
OBEDIENCE
NEW WINESKIN
SANCTIFICATION

REFORMATION – LESSON 18 (ABC) ANSWERS

THE ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THIS REFORMATION.

MNEMONIC – “REFORMATIONS”

R – REVELATION
E – EQUALISATION
F – FINISHING
O – OPPOSITION TO MEDIOCRITY AND LUKEWARMNESS
R – RELATIONSHIPS
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AMPLIFICATION

R – REVELATION

Revelation is equal to the preceding word. It is the rhema.

Matt 4:4

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"(NKJ)

Genuine revelation is accessed from the mouth of God.
Proceeding word brings life.
Spiritual death results from an absence of the proceeding word.

Revelation is equal to present truth.

2 Pet 1:12

For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.(NKJ)

Revelation is what the Spirit is saying to the churches now.

Rev 2:29

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."
(NKJ)

Revelation is understanding of the times.

1 Chr 12:32

of the children of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command;(NKJ)

Luke 12:54-56

54 Then He also said to the multitudes, "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is.

55 "And when you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is.

56 "Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?(NKJ)

Revelation is something new.

Isa 42:9

Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.(NKJ)

Isa 48:6-7

6 "You have heard; see all this. And will you not declare it? I have made you hear new things from this time, even hidden things, and you did not know them.

7 They are created now and not from the beginning; and before this day you have not heard them, lest you should say, 'Of course I knew them.'(NKJ)

EXAMPLES:

1. MOSES

Exod 17:6

6 "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

(NKJ)

Num 20:8-12

8 "Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals."

9 So Moses took the rod from before the LORD as He commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock; and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?"

11 Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.

12 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."

(NKJ)

The first time God told Moses to strike the rock in order to obtain water. The second time God asked Moses to speak to the rock. However Moses repeated the past action of striking the rock, failing to recognize the new demand of God in a new season. This act which God called unbelief disqualified Moses from entering the promised land.

2. ELIJAH'S PROPHETS

Elijah's prophets saw Elisha emerging from Jordan with the mantle of Elijah. Instead of pursuing the mantle, they went looking for the body of Elijah - the past. They failed to perceive the new season of the double portion upon Elisha.

The understanding of the present demand of God will keep the church in obedience to the voice of God and relevant to the purposes of God.

Failure to understand the times, leads to religious bondage.

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(NKJ)

ALSO SEE Josiah and Pharaoh Necho(2 Chron.35:20-25).

Prov 29:18

Where there is no vision, the people perish(KJV)

VISION = REVELATION = WORD(MESSAGE) FROM THE LORD.

Prov 29:18

Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint.(NKJ)

1 Sam 3:1

Then the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.(NKJ)

GOD IS THE SOURCE OF ALL REVELATION.

Col 2:2-3

2that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,
3in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.(NKJ)

IT IS A PRIVILEGE ACCORDED TO ALL BELIEVERS.

Heb 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.(NKJ)

2 Cor 3:15-18

15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.
16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.
17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.(NKJ)

Believers must reach a stage where they no longer eat regurgitated food. The word must be accessed by all believers.

John 10:27

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.
(NKJ)

CAUTION IN REVELATION

Luke 3:2

while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.(NKJ)

John had the word of the Lord.

John never used the word he received to build a personal kingdom.

John 3:30

"He must increase, but I must decrease.(NKJ)

HOW TO ACCESS REVELATION:

mnemonic " RHEMA".

R – RIGHTEOUSNESS

Prov 3:32

For the froward is abomination to the LORD: but his secret is with the righteous. (KJV)

H – HUMILITY

James 4:6

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."(NKJ)

Revelation(knowledge of proceeding truth) is a grace given to the humble.

E – EARNEST SUPPLICATION

Jer 33:3

'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.' (NKJ)

M – MENTALITY CHANGE

Prov 1:23

Turn at my rebuke; surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. (NKJ)

A – ASSOCIATION

Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. (NKJ)

Prov 13:20

He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.(NKJ)

E – EQUALISATION

The purpose of globalisation is equalisation. Equalisation eliminates control.

We are all sitting at the same table.

We are all sons of God.

EQUALISATION OF STRENGTH(THE FEEBLE SHALL BE LIKE DAVID).

Zech 12:8

"In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them.(NKJ)

EQUALISATION OF REVELATION(TAUGHT BY THE ANOINTING)

I Jn 2:27

But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.(NKJ)

Heb 8:11

"None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.(NKJ)

Hab 2:14

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters

cover the sea(NKJ)

EQUALISATION OF MATURITY

Eph 4:11-13

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;(NKJ)

EQUALISATION OF ACCESS TO CHRIST

Eph 3:6

that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,(NKJ)

Gal 3:26-28

26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.(NKJ)

EQUALISATION OF MINISTRY

This is the recognition of the fact that everyone in the Body is a minister of Christ. This entails the destruction of clergy-laity distinction.

Mal 4:5-6

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

6 And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."(NKJ)

F – FINISHING

Luke 14:28-30

28 "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it--

29 "lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,

30 "saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'
(NKJ)

John 4:34

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

(NKJ)

John 19:30

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.(NKJ)

Acts 20:24

"But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.(NKJ)

2 Tim 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.(NKJ)

Col 4:17

And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."(NKJ)

EVERY GENERATION MUST FINISH THE WORK IT IS GIVEN TO DO.

THE HINDRANCES TO FINISHING ARE THE SAME AS THE HINDRANCES TO MIGRATION.

THE STORY BELOW ILLUSTRATES SOME OF THE REASONS WHY AN INDIVIDUAL FAILS TO FINISH.

II Ki 13:14-19

14 Elisha had become sick with the illness of which he would die. Then Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, "O my father, my father, the chariots of Israel and their horsemen!"

15 And Elisha said to him, "Take a bow and some arrows." So he took himself a bow and some arrows.

16 Then he said to the king of Israel, "Put your hand on the bow." So he put his hand on it, and Elisha put his hands on the king's hands.

17 And he said, "Open the east window"; and he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot"; and he shot. And he said, "The arrow of the LORD'S deliverance and the arrow of deliverance from Syria; for you must strike the Syrians at Aphek till you have destroyed them."

18 Then he said, "Take the arrows"; so he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground"; so he struck three times, and stopped.

19 And the man of God was angry with him, and said, "You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck Syria till you had destroyed it! But now you will strike Syria only three times."(NKJ)

Elisha prophesied that Joash would strike the Syrians only 3 times and fail to destroy them i.e.

HE WOULD FAIL TO FINISH.

REASONS:

SENTIMENTALISM

Then Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, "O

my father, my father, the chariots of Israel and their horsemen!"

Joash was so overwhelmed with grief that he failed to listen carefully to what the prophet was saying.

PAST FOCUS

Then Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over his face, and said, "O my father, my father, the chariots of Israel and their horsemen!"

Joash saw Elisha's sick condition and focussed on Elijah's exit through the chariots, thinking that Elisha was going to exit the same way. This distracted him from what Elisha was saying.

ADDICTION TO LEADERSHIP

Then he said to the king of Israel, "Put your hand on the bow." So he put his hand on it, and Elisha put his hands on the king's hands.

Joash got the first action right, because Elisha was holding his hand. When Elisha took off his hand, he messed up.

HEAVENLY MINDED AND OF NO EARTHLY GOOD.

17And he said, "Open the east window"; and he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot"; and he shot. And he said, "The arrow of the LORD'S deliverance and the arrow of deliverance from Syria; for you must strike the Syrians at Aphek till you have destroyed them."

Elisha got the upward action right, but the downward action wrong. These two actions symbolize the heavenly and the earthly respectively.

A LACK OF ZEAL (APATHY)

19And the man of God was angry with him, and said, "You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck Syria till you had destroyed it! But now you will strike Syria only three times."(NKJ)

Joash showed no zeal when he struck the ground.
This was half-hearted co-operation to the words of the prophet.

O – OPPOSITION TO MEDIOCRITY AND LUKEWARMNESS

Passion for Christ is a reformation lifestyle.
Our destination is Him.

2 Cor 5:8

We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

(NKJ)

Heb 12:2

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 has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.(NKJ)

JESUS DECLARES THAT PASSION FOR HIM IS WORTH MORE THAN ALL THE WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES.

Mark 12:30-33

30 'And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.

31 "And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

32 So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He.

33 "And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."(NKJ)

NATURE OF PASSION FOR CHRIST

EXCLUSIVE(UNAMBIGUOUS ALLEGIANCE)

Matt 12:30

"He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.(NKJ)

Matt 6:24

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.(NKJ)

2 Cor 6:15-18

15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

17 Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."

18 "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."(NKJ)

Luke 14:26

26 "Anyone who wants to be my follower must love me far more than he does his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters-- yes, more than his own life-- otherwise he cannot be my disciple.

(TLB)

CONSISTENT

Rev 2:4-5

4 "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

5 "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place-- unless you repent.(NKJ)

FERVENT

Rev 3:16

"So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.(NKJ)

Rom 12:11

not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;(NKJ)

(LACK OF FERVENCY IN THE LAST DAYS)

Matt 24:12-13

12 "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

13 "But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

(NKJ)

CONSIDER THE PSALMIST'S PASSION AS A PATTERN

Ps 84:2

My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.(NKJ)

Ps 27:8

When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."(NKJ)

Ps 119:20

My soul breaks with longing for Your judgments at all times.(NKJ)

Ps 42:1-2

1 As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God.

2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?(NKJ)

Ps 63:1

O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.(NKJ)

PASSION FOR CHRIST FINDS EXPRESSION IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:-
PASSION FOR THE BODY OF BELIEVERS.

(The good Samaritan. If he could do it for a stranger, how much more must we care for our brothers.)

OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST. THIS DEMANDS PASSION FOR HIS WORD.

THE NATURE OF ONE'S MEDITATION – "THE VIRTUOUS MIND".

Consider the psalmist.

EXPRESSIVE WORSHIP e.g. David, John, Mary.

David, the man after God's own heart, danced before God. When he sinned, his cry was that the Holy Spirit, not his wealth, would not be taken away from him.

The Shulamite's passion – "kisses of his mouth".

The apostle John resting on Jesus' bosom.

John 13:23

Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

(NKJ)

John 14:21

"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

(NKJ)

Rev 1:17-18

17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

18 "I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.

And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

(NKJ)

The woman with the alabaster box.

Luke 7:37-38

37 And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil,

38 and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.(NKJ)

Mark 14:3-4

3 And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head.

4 But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted?(NKJ)

Joshua, staying in the tabernacle.

Exod 33:11

11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.(NKJ)

Mary at the feet of Jesus.

Luke 10:38-42

38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.
40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."
41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.
42 "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."
(NKJ)

SACRIFICE FOR CHRIST AND HIS KINGDOM.

PASSION FOR CHRIST DEMANDS A CHRISTOCENTRIC FOCUS.
THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT DRIVEN BY PASSION FOR HIS CHURCH,
DENOMINATION, NETWORK, MATERIAL COMFORT, FAME ETC., BUT A
PASSION FOR CHRIST.

2 Cor 5:14

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;(NKJ)

R – RELATIONSHIPS

Ps 133:1-3

1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments.

3 It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the LORD commanded the blessing-- life forevermore.(NKJ)

God commands His favour where brethren dwell together in unity. Maturity should bring a strife-free environment. The causes of strife: self-importance, tale-bearing, resentment, indignation, fault-finding, envy and sensual desires must be dealt with in a reformation process to promote unity.

The glorious latter house demands honour and respect for those in the household of faith.

Phil 2:3

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.(NKJ)

THE COMMAND TO LOVE AND HONOUR ONE ANOTHER IS A CLEAR
PRESCRIPTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

John 13:35

"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
(NKJ)

I Jn 4:21

And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.(NKJ)

I Jn 3:10

In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother(NKJ)

I Jn 3:14

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.(NKJ)

I Jn 4:20

If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?(NKJ)

Rom 12:10

Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;(NKJ)

ADMONITION TO AVOID STRIFE.

2 Tim 2:24-26

24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.(KJV)

ADMONITION TO FELLOWSHIP

Prov 18:1

A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; he rages against all wise judgment. (NKJ)

Heb 10:25

not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

(NKJ)

RECONCILIATION BEFORE WORSHIP

Matt 5:22-24

22 "But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.

23 "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

24 "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.(NKJ)

M – MIGRATION

See Principles of Migration – LESSON 1 ABC.

A – AUTONOMY

Autonomous churches must produce autonomous believers. For ministry to move from the pulpit to the people, the people must be autonomous.

Autonomous believers know their authority:
TO APPROACH THE THRONE OF GRACE

Heb 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.(NKJ)

Heb 10:19

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,(NKJ)

TO USE THE NAME OF JESUS

Mark 16:17

"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;(NKJ)

Acts 3:6

Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."(NKJ)

John 14:12-13

12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

13 "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.(NKJ)

TO TEST EVERYTHING

1Thes 5:21

Test all things; hold fast what is good.(NKJ)

Eph 5:6-10

6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord(KJV)

AUTHORITY TO TEST:

THE SPIRITS – "is this the Holy Spirit?"

1 Jn 4:1

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.(NKJ)

DOCTRINE – "is this the Word of God?"

1 Cor 14:29

Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge.(NKJ)

2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
(NKJ)

2 Tim 4:2-4

2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.
3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;
4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.
(NKJ)

CALLING – “is this person called/sent by God?”

Rev 2:2

"I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;(NKJ)

Matt 7:15-16

15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.
16 "You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?(NKJ)

SELF- “am I in the faith/in the will of God?”

1 Cor 11:31-32

31 For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.
32 But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.(NKJ)

2 Cor 13:5

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?-- unless indeed you are disqualified.(NKJ)

TO OVERCOME SATAN,THE WORLD AND THE FLESH
OVERCOME SATAN/DEMONS

TO RESIST

I Jn 4:4

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.(NKJ)

James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.(NKJ)

Eph 6:11

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.(NKJ)

TO BIND

Matt 18:18

“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.(NKJ)

TO CAST OUT

Luke 10:19

“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.(NKJ)

Mark 16:17

“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;(NKJ)

OVERCOME THE WORLD

I Jn 5:4-5

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?(NKJ)

OVERCOME THE FLESH

I Jn 5:18

We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.(NKJ)

Rom 6:16

Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?(NKJ)

Rom 6:13

And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.(NKJ)

Rom 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.(NKJ)

Acts 5:4

“While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”(NKJ)

TO OBTAIN PERFECTION

Matt 5:48

“Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.(NKJ)

Heb 6:1-2

1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.(NKJ)

2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
(NKJ)

It is within the power of the believer to obtain perfection. Perfection means completeness/maturity/achieving the stature of Christ(Eph.4:13).

REGARD GOD AS FATHER

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name (NKJ)

Rom 8:14-15

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."(NKJ)

Isa 64:8

But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and You our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand.(NKJ)

Matt 6:9

“In this manner, therefore, pray: our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.(NKJ)

TO INTERCEDE

1 Tim 2:1-4

1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,

2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life

in all godliness and reverence.

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,
4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
(NKJ)

James 5:16

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.(NKJ)

Those who are not born again, cannot intercede because they cannot approach the throne of grace.

TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH

Jude 1:3

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.(NKJ)

1 Pet 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;
(NKJ)

T – TRANSITION(MENTALITY CHANGE)

See dysfunctional church – the man with the withered hand.

I – INTEGRITY(RIGHT-STANDING WITH GOD)

See mnemonic “RIGHTEOUS” and “DIKAIOSUNE” under ACCURATE PRAYER LESSON 6.

THIS IS REFORMATION LIFESTYLE.

THIS IS THE CHARACTERISTIC OF APOSTOLIC PEOPLE(LESSON 3).

When the blind man washed in the Pool of Siloam, his walk (metaphorical designation of lifestyle) changed.

O – OBEDIENCE

OBEDIENCE IS ALSO A REFORMATION LIFESTYLE.

Jer 11:7

'For I earnestly exhorted your fathers in the day I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, until this day, rising early and exhorting, saying, "Obey My voice."(NKJ)

OBEDIENCE IS ESSENTIAL FOR ACCURATE BUILDING.

Matt 7:24

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:(NKJ)

MOSES WAS COMMANDED TO BUILD ACCORDING TO DIVINE

PATTERN.

Exod 25:9

"According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.(NKJ)

Exod 26:30

"And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to its pattern which you were shown on the mountain.(NKJ)

Num 8:4

Now this workmanship of the lampstand was hammered gold; from its shaft to its flowers it was hammered work. According to the pattern which the LORD had shown Moses, so he made the lampstand.(NKJ)

WHEN MOSES FINISHED THE WORK ACCORDING TO THE DIVINE PATTERN, THE GLORY FILLED THE TABERNACLE.

Exod 40:33-34

33 And he raised up the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the screen of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.

34 Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.(NKJ)

OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE.

1 Sam 15:22

Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.(NKJ)

OBEDIENCE MOVES THE BELIEVER FROM THE PERMISSIVE TO THE PERFECT WILL OF GOD.

Joshua moved the nation from the wilderness(the permissive will) to the promised land(the perfect will of God).

THE BLESSINGS OF GOD ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED TO OBEDIENCE.

Deut 28:1

"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.(NKJ)

Jer 7:23

"But this is what I commanded them, saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.'(NKJ)

JESUS IS OUR PATTERN FOR OBEDIENCE.

John 4:34

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

John 6:38

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.(NKJ)

Luke 22:42

saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."(NKJ)

ATTITUDE IN OBEDIENCE

ENTHUSIASM

Isa 1:19

If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;(NKJ)

EARNESTNESS

Deut 11:13

'And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,(NKJ)

NON-COMPROMISING

Josh 1:7

"Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go(NKJ)

DELIGHT

Rom 7:22

For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.(NKJ)

Ps 40:8

I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart."(NKJ)

N – NEW WINESKIN

Matt 9:17

"Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."(NKJ)

A new move of God necessitates a new structure.

The glory of the Temple of Solomon was greater than the glory of the Tabernacle of Moses. Thus the structure of the Temple of Solomon was superior to that of the Tabernacle.

A new wineskin is not a “new cart” – the product of human thinking but a construction

based on divine pattern(1 Samuel 6/2 Samuel 6).

Heb 8:13

In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.(NKJ)

The Old Covenant with its Levitical priesthood, sacrifices and Tabernacle was discarded for the royal priesthood, spiritual sacrifices and spiritual house, the church.

PRINCIPLE: The old has to be discarded for the new.

ELISHA HAD TO TEAR HIS OWN MANTLE BEFORE HE WORE THE MANTLE OF ELIJAH.

II Ki 2:12

And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces.(NKJ)

OLD STRUCTURE:

GOVERNMENT - episcopalian, presbyterian, congregational, independent.

worship team

worship leader

departments

laity

evangelistic team

intercessory team

emphasizes programs.

inculcates dependence on leadership.

external emphasis.

outer court position.

NEW STRUCTURE

GOVERNMENT - Autonomous system embracing set man principles.

Worship team is now called music team. The whole church is the worship team.

Set man is the worship leader. Worship is everything you do to express your love for God-not just music.

No youth department and children department. Growth as a family. Parents training the children in the ways of God. However there is no opposition to having youth and children fellowship/gathering.

No such thing as laity. Everyone is a minister. Your desk your altar, your career your pulpit.

No evangelistic team. Everyone is a witness.

No intercessory team. Everyone must pray. No program of prayer. You don't need a program to talk to God.

Emphasizes lifestyle.

Inculcates autonomy.

Modifies mentalities not just external patterns of behaviour.

Most Holy Place. Tabernacle of David position.

S - SANCTIFICATION

SEPARATION UNTO GOD. THIS IS NOT THE RESULT OF LEGISLATION BUT THE CONSEQUENCE OF A SPIRIT - CONTROLLED LIFE. SANCTIFICATION IS NEITHER A PRECEDING NOR PROCEEDING WORD. IT IS ALWAYS THE PRESENT DEMAND OF GOD.

1 Pet 1:16

because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."(NKJ)

1 Pet 2:5

you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.(NKJ)

2 Pet 3:11

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,(NKJ)

Rev 22:11

"He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."(NKJ)

Gal 5:16

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. (NKJ)

The issue in Reformation is the acceleration of progressive sanctification-the co-operation of the individual with the Spirit in personal sanctification. This entails overcoming the world, flesh and satan.

WAYS TO OVERCOME:

FAITH

Gal 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.(NKJ)

FEAR OF GOD

2 Cor 7:1

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.(NKJ)

LOVE FOR GOD

James 4:8

8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
(NKJ)

Col 3:14

But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.(NKJ)

CHRIST-CENTRED FOCUS

Rom 7:24-25

24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

25 I thank God-- through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.(NKJ)

SELF-EXAMINATION

2 Cor 13:5

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?-- unless indeed you are disqualified.
(NKJ)

SUPPLICATION

Phil 4:6

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
(NKJ)

Ps 19:12

Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults.(NKJ)

EVASION

2 Tim 2:22

22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.(NKJ)

1 Pet 2:11

11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,(NKJ)

SELF-CONTROL

1 Cor 9:27

27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.(NKJ)

HOPE

I Jn 3:3

And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.(NKJ)

HOLY SPIRIT

Gal 5:16

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