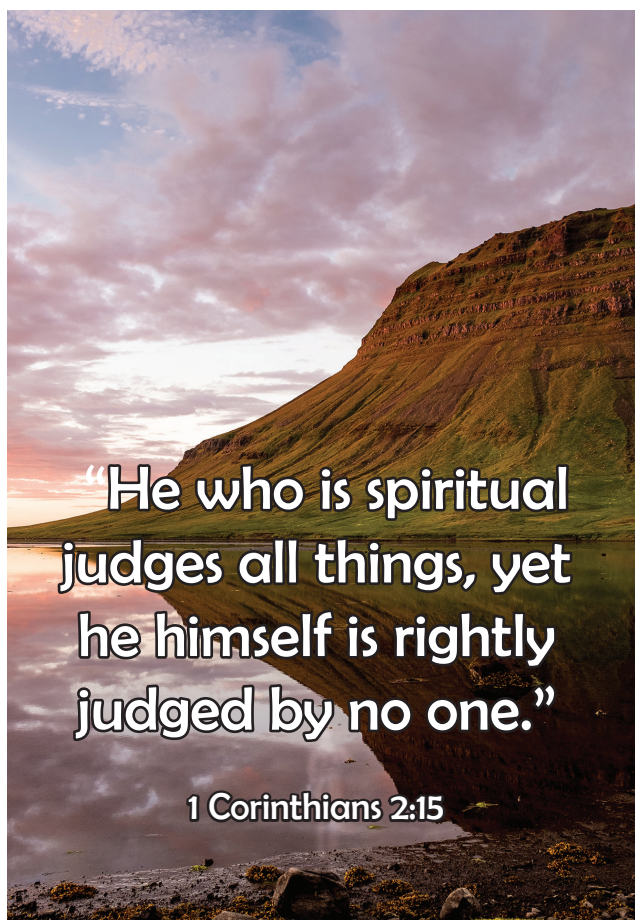




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### New Book: Issues of the Heart

#### Godly judgments

A healthy judgment is based on the Word of God, and the involvement of the Holy Spirit. A human judgment is a perspective that involves unbelief that is rooted in self. It's a human perspective. It's when we reach out and take hold of our problems according to what we believe about them. That's when our problems have power over us. They are capable of influencing how we feel emotionally, with those dominant thoughts that keep coming up into our mind, out of the beliefs and issues of our heart. That's when we become the problem.

Paul says, "The spiritual man judges all things" (See 1 Corinthians 2:15) There are many examples of godly judgments in the Word of God. Paul the Apostle, for instance, spoke into situations where ungodly things were taking place in the Body of Christ. He was telling them what to do, and how to relate to each other in a godly manner.

There was one particular relationship issue that was very serious, in which, it seems, the person involved was refusing to listen. So, Paul gave the church specific instructions on what to do, and how to relate to him. These were true and godly judgments; spiritual judgments. (See 1 Corinthians 5:4-6)

There are people looking to know what to do in a given situation, and they follow after the Word of God, and relate to the Holy Spirit to find answers. They are looking for God's opinion and perspective. That's not a human judgment.

Dear Partner and Friends,

There was so much fruit throughout all the nations in the meetings. Lives were changed in Christ, and it is just not possible for us to share all the testimonies.

In future newsletters and e-mail videos, we are looking forward to communicating more about our overseas ministry. It will help give you a greater perspective of the fullness of God's love.

Thank you for being a part of what Jesus is accomplishing through us. As we partner together in ministry, lives are being changed through salvation, healing, and being set free from bondages, as they receive the teaching of the Word of God.

Human judgments in any kind of situation can devalue people and take away self-worth from them. They can attack the character of the person and judge, "What you're doing is wrong!"

People with judgments, such as this, put other people down. They can also talk about people behind their backs, ridicule them, and mock them. These are all aspects of a human judgment; not God's judgment.

### **The mind of Christ**

Paul demonstrates and teaches that we can have God's perspective on everything. Look what he writes to the Corinthians,

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For *"who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.* 1 Corinthians 2:9-16 NKJV

In our spirit we have been given all things, in Him. As we have the presence of the Godhead dwelling inside us, we are complete in Christ; we lack nothing. We have the mind of Christ in our spirit within us. When you turn to God, you can get answers

for anything. For Christians, there's no such thing as an impossible situation, because the mighty Spirit of God dwells inside us.

### **Spiritual judgment**

Let's look a bit closer at Paul's phrase,

*"He who is spiritual judges all things."*  
1 Corinthians 2:15

The context here is not a human judgment; Paul is talking about the one who is spiritual. Being spiritual involves the Spirit of God and connecting to His presence from within. Then you'll be able to hear by the Holy Spirit, and truth will be opened up to you.

The Bible is different from any other book because it was inspired, as Peter says, to holy men of God who spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (See 2 Peter 1:21). The Spirit of God was working through each person who wrote the words of Scripture. They came from different cultures and places and times, but the Spirit of God enabled those words to be written down to become God's Word. It was the Spirit of God who worked in them, and through them, for the Word to be recorded and communicated to others. It came by the Spirit of God.

Some years ago, when I was speaking, I could hear everything the Holy Spirit was saying. I just repeated what He said. It was an experience that gave my heart confidence. It was the Spirit of the Lord working through me.

Now I know He's inspiring things that I speak and teach. I have His help. *"He who is spiritual judges all things."* There is a judgment that is from God's perspective. There is a spiritual judgment that involves the Holy Spirit where we have God's perspective. God has given us His perspective in all things. We can have His perspective in anything, if we learn not to walk in human judgment. If we immediately guard and protect our heart in all areas of life and refuse to go beyond the actual

facts of what happened, and instead turn to Jesus, we can have His perspective.

Turn to Jesus to find truth, because all truth is found in Him. It may be a fact that we have a problem, but this is what makes Christian's different than unbelievers: we're supposed to find truth in Jesus Christ. We don't find truth in our problems.

We don't deny there are problems, because denial is not faith. It may be a fact that a certain circumstance has happened, but that's not truth. It's just a fact that something took place. No, we find truth in Jesus Christ. We find truth from God's perspective, in Him. So learn to live life with a dependence on the Spirit of God from within, so that your heart does trust God. We don't just choose to trust Him with our words, while at the same time living something different from our heart. That would be hypocritical. If we walk in human judgments, our problems have a hold of us because we have reached out and taken a hold of them!

*"He who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one." 1 Corinthians 2:15*

This doesn't mean that people won't be critical and judgmental of you from a human perspective, and judge everything you do. I mean, look at everything Paul went through. It's obvious that all kinds of people judged him.

*"But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you, or by man's judgment." 1 Corinthians 4:3.*

Paul was speaking to the Corinthian Church because they were judging him from a human perspective. He was the spiritual leader who had established that church. Here, he is speaking to his very own people, and they are critical and judgmental of him. In short, they have human judgments inside of them about what they believe about him. But Paul said, "It's a small thing!" In fact, "a very small thing!"

When people magnify life's circumstances out of all proportion, but you can relate differently to them, that's when their judgments become "a very small thing" to you. On the other hand, if we magnify life's problems, we become the problem.

You see, our beliefs about our issues, magnify them in the imagination of our hearts. Our beliefs and our thoughts focus our attention on the problems. It's a choice that we make. We choose what we believe about them. In that area of speculation, we choose to go beyond the problem, and in the imagination of the heart, we end up establishing all kinds of reasons why these problems have occurred. That's when we get into trouble. That's why it seems that so many of our problems have power over us, because we have become part of the problem.

If we have become part of the problem, then we will end up taking on the identity of the problem. It won't be the image of Christ that people see. No, the problem will become so established in our heart, that out of the choice of our words, out of the abundance of our heart, our mouth will speak! (See Matthew 12:34).

Suddenly words come out of your mouth reflecting the issues within your heart. As a minister, I've heard that many times. Often, people don't realize how much their words reveal the issues of their heart. You see, if people have a problem or a stronghold in their heart, it's going to come out. If it's a dominating issue; you can't keep it on the inside. It can be reflected through your emotions, the choice of your words, your body language, or your attitude. The issues of the heart are reflected in all forms of human communication. It's an image of what's deep down on the inside of us.

### **A place of freedom**

There's a place of freedom where we can guard our heart. Remember, Jesus warned us to protect our heart, to guard it, to simply not go there, but to relate differently. The



disciples said. "Increase our faith!" But they didn't need more faith. They needed the ability to relate differently, and to walk with understanding in His Word. Then they will realize, "Jesus is Lord!"

We need to come to that place where we can say, "The Holy Spirit is going to work in that person. I'm not responsible for fixing other people."

I remember a minister friend, from some years ago, who was involved in an overseas ministry. He was going through challenging problems, and he was seeing things that he knew were not right. It bothered him deeply. He began to dwell upon it. One day the Lord spoke to him, "Do you see this, and this, and this?"

He replied, "Yes, yes, I see it Lord."

The Lord said, "Do you like what you see?"

He said, "No, no, I don't like it."

Do you know what the Lord said to him next? He simply said, "Good, don't you do it!"

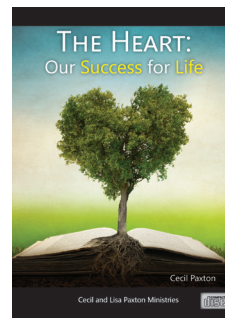
That stuck with him for years and years. You see, he wanted to right the wrong. He felt a strong judgment on the inside about what he was seeing. But you know, Jesus saw every single bit of it, too. He spoke to him about it! God knows all things!

Lisa and I are very grateful to you our friends and partners of this ministry as together we are seeing lives changed. We believe that our partners are greatly prospering spirit, soul and body as you experience increase in the seed you have sown multiplying and increase in the fruits of your righteousness. God's richest blessings in Christ are already yours. Believe and establish this truth in your heart and have an open heart to receive all that God has given you in Christ Jesus.

Blessings in Christ,

*Cecil + Lisa*

## Teaching Products



### **The Heart: Our Success for Life**

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Our heart is directly related to our ability to succeed in life. Proverbs 4:23 says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Life comes from the heart and learning what it means to live out of the heart is essential for a successful Christian walk.

There can be a difference between the knowledge we have of God's Word and what we actually believe in our heart. This teaching will first give a basic understanding of our heart to lay the foundation for understanding the rest of the teaching. It will help you to establish your heart in order to believe God's word, teach you how to guard your heart to keep everything God has given you and, finally, how to have a heart free from unbelief and open and ready to receive from God.

This teaching will benefit those that are dealing with serious issues in their life and need to understand how to establish their heart in order to resolve unbelief and acquire an understanding of the word of God.



### **Issues of the Heart Book**

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The issues of our heart that are formed from judgments is what allows our problems to have power over us. A judgment is when we go beyond the facts of the problem. In the imagination of our heart, we begin to establish deep beliefs contrary to the truth of God's Word, but are truth to us. Unbelief is always about us and the relationship we establish with life's problems. Jesus said to "take no thought" as taking thought is part of the process of empowering life's problems.

It was for living in freedom as a way of life that Jesus set us free. I believe this teaching will help people with deep hurts within their heart be made whole. People who it seems have problems that have power over them can live free and learn a new way of relating to life in Christ that will enable them to walk in freedom. Once you experience this, I believe you will never want to go back, as you will love the freedom of life in Christ!