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PEACE AND POWER

A SOUND MIND HAS FAITH

2 Timothy 1:6-7 say that you must stir up the gift that is within you for God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind. Fear is a spirit, but God has given us a Spirit of power, a Spirit of love and a Spirit of a sound mind. Fear opposes the power of God or faith or believing God. Believing power has to do with a sound mind. A sound mind is not touched by fear, but fear causes your mind to not be sound. When your mind is not sound, the power of God will not flow through you. A troubled mind is a mind that is not sound.

Colossians 3:15 (Amplified) And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with FINALITY ALL QUESTIONS THAT ARISE IN YOUR MINDS, in that PEACEFUL STATE] TO WHICH as [members of Christ's] one body YOU WERE ALSO CALLED [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always].

Fear is a force that opposes peace. If you do not have peace you have fear - the two cannot be in you at the same time. The peace is an umpire, which means it is a referee. The peace settles all questions with finality. When you're in a situation, you have all sorts of questions. The reasoning, questioning and troubles of your mind oppose the peace. When the peace is opposed the force of fear enters. When fear comes in, peace is lost and faith is gone. Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 5:6). His Word says that when you come to Him, you must believe that He is and that He is a Rewarder of those that diligently seeks Him. If you go to God without faith, you are wasting your time and God's time. You need to have the peace of mind, but there is a spirit of fear that wants to attack your mind with questions that you cannot settle. As soon as you get a Spirit of peace in your mind, questions are settled with finality. The peace that you get will release the Spirit of faith and believing that will release the power of God; all troubles will flee and questions will be answered.

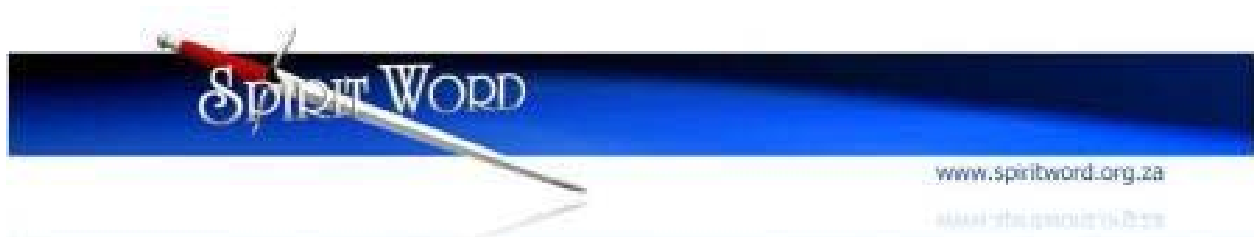
Ephesians 4:23 says that we must be renewed in the spirit of our minds.

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Luke 6:18-19 (Amplified) Even those who were disturbed and TROUBLED with UNCLEAN SPIRITS, and they were being healed [also]. And the entire multitude were seeking to touch Him, for HEALING POWER was all the while going forth from Him and curing them all [saving them from severe illnesses or calamities].

Sicknesses are there because spirits trouble your mind. They rob you from peace and arouse fear. It steals your faith and robs the power of God in your life. It leaves you with troubles.

SIT AND LISTEN WHAT HE SAYS

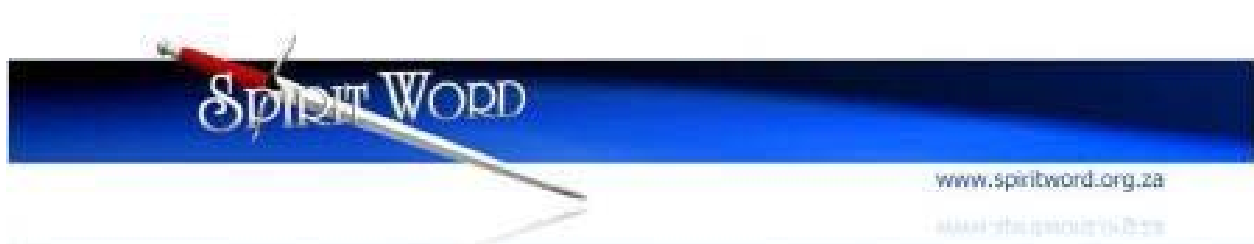
Luke 6:40 (Amplified) A pupil is not superior to his teacher, but everyone [when he is] completely trained (readjusted, restored, set to rights, and perfected) WILL BE LIKE HIS TEACHER.

Jesus told them that if they are prepared to do the things that He is doing and listen, they are His pupils. There would come a time that they would be like their Teacher. In John 14:12 Jesus says that the works that He do, they shall also do and greater works that these they shall do. Those who heard what He taught, have ears and receive the Word, will be able to set the people free from troubled hearts and minds and the things that causes them to doubt instead of having faith.

Luke 10:38-39 (Amplified) Now while they were on their way, it occurred that Jesus entered a certain village, and a woman named Martha received and welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister named Mary, who SEATED herself at the LORD'S FEET and was LISTENING TO HIS TEACHING.

When you come and sit at somebody's feet, you are prepared to be a pupil.

Luke 10:40-42 (Amplified) But Martha [overly occupied and too busy] was DISTRACTED with much serving; and she came up to Him and said, Lord, is it nothing to You that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me [to lend a hand and do her part along with me]! But the Lord replied to her by saying, Martha, Martha, you are



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ANXIOUS AND TROUBLED about many things. There is need of only one or but a few things. Mary has chosen the good portion [that which is to her advantage], which shall not be taken away from her.

Hebrews 12 says that we must look away from the things that can distract, to Jesus. We must come and sit at His feet and listen to what He says. That is the good portion that Mary chose and it does not mean that she didn't work. When you are troubled in your mind, there will come a time that it will cease.

THE PEACE OF GOD AND THE GOD OF PEACE

Philippians 4:4-7 (Amplified) Rejoice in the Lord always [delight, gladden yourselves in Him]; again I say, Rejoice! [Psalm 37:4]. Let all men know and perceive and recognize your unselfishness (your considerateness, your forbearing spirit). The Lord is near [He is coming soon]. DO NOT FRET OR HAVE ANY ANXIETY ABOUT ANYTHING, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God. And GOD'S PEACE [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

When you take your cares to God in prayer, the peace of God will guard your heart and mind.

Philippians 4:8-9 (Amplified) For the rest, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is worthy of reverence and is honorable and seemly, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely and lovable, whatever is kind and winsome and gracious, if there is any virtue and excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, THINK ON and weigh and take account of THESE THINGS [fix your minds on them]. Practice what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and model your way of living on it, and the GOD OF PEACE (of untroubled, undisturbed well-being) WILL BE WITH YOU.

If you have the God of peace, you will have the peace of God - you will have the whole package. If your mind is fixed on the good and away from the troubles, the God of peace will be in and with you. You will have the power and faith will be released. All questions will finally be answered and settled.



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BELIEVE IN JESUS INSTEAD OF HAVING A TROUBLED HEART

John 14:1 (Amplified) DO NOT let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely on God; BELIEVE IN and adhere to and trust in and rely also on ME.

Jesus talked to the Jews and asked them to believe in Him as they already believed in the Father.

John 14:27 (Amplified) Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]

Troubles in your heart are doubt and Jesus told them to not let troubles arise in their hearts, but to believe. Believing is the opposite of having doubt and a troubled heart.

BE NOT TROUBLED

Acts 20:7 (Amplified) And on the first day of the week, when we were assembled together to break bread [the Lord's Supper], Paul discoursed with them, intending to leave the next morning; and he KEPT ON with his message until midnight.

We must get a spirit of going on and keeping on.

Acts 20:8 (Amplified) Now there were NUMEROUS LIGHTS in the upper room where we were assembled.

There were always many lamps when they got together. They kept their lamps burning and waited all night.



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Acts 20:9 (Amplified) And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting in the window. He was borne down with deep sleep as Paul kept on talking still longer, and [finally] COMPLETELY OVERCOME BY SLEEP, he fell down from the third story and was picked up dead.

The people were all very excited to listen to Paul preaching, but one man was bored and fell asleep.

Acts 20:10-11 (Amplified) But Paul went down and bent over him and embraced him, saying, MAKE NO ADO (BE NOT TROUBLED), his life is within him. When Paul had gone back upstairs and had broken bread and eaten [with them], and after he had talked confidentially and communed with them for a considerable time-until daybreak [in fact]-he departed.

Paul went down and after looking at him, said that he was alive and they must not be troubled. They picked the young man up for dead and Paul told them not to be troubled. He went upstairs again and after breaking bread, kept on teaching till daybreak. When Paul told them that it is time for him to depart, the man came to life.

Acts 20:12 (Amplified) THEY TOOK THE YOUTH HOME ALIVE, and were not a little comforted and cheered and refreshed and encouraged.

The young man was stone dead but Paul was in the Spirit while he was preaching. When the man fell, he went down and told the people not to be troubled, because he would be fine. He then went upstairs and had the Lord's Supper. Paul went on till daybreak and when he was about to go, the man stood up alive. The people were all amazed and cheered up. What would you do if your boy fell down and he is dead and the preacher tells you that he is OK and they must go on with the service?

PEACE OF MIND HAVE FAITH

In Mark 9 Jesus and the three disciples were on the mount of transfiguration and when they came down the other disciples tried to get a devil out of a little boy. Jesus told them that if they can believe, all things are possible. Then He



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asked them why they are troubled in their hearts. The boy's father then said that he believed, but had no faith for his child. Jesus told them to believe in Him, because He is not troubled and He asked them why they are troubled.

How many things are troubling your mind? Anything from a disease to a financial problem can cause trouble in your mind. What is giving you peace? You must have the attitude that you do not care how long you are going to wait, but you are going to get healed. You can even fall from the steps and die, knowing that the man of God says that you will be all right by daybreak. When they come here and we tell them to look at us away from their troubles, they get healed. When they look at us, we have the faith to see them healed and they get the healing.

Acts 5:12-16 (Amplified) Now by the hands of the apostles (special messengers) numerous and startling signs and wonders were being performed among the people. And by common consent they all met together [at the temple] in the covered porch (walk) called Solomon's. And none of those who were not of their number dared to join and associate with them, but the people held them in high regard and praised and made much of them. More and more there were being added to the Lord those who BELIEVED [those who acknowledged Jesus as their Savior and devoted themselves to Him joined and gathered with them], crowds both of men and of women. So that they [even] kept carrying out the sick into the streets and placing them on couches and sleeping pads, [in the hope] that as Peter passed by, at least his shadow might fall on some of them. And the people gathered also from the towns and hamlets around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those TROUBLED WITH FOUL SPIRITS, and they were all cured.

God does not want us to fear and to have our minds filled with trouble. God wants us to have peace and have all questions settled with finality so that no question will arise with "Why?" We will have power faith, because our minds are sound and because we are not troubled. People that were troubled waited for Peter to pass them by so that his shadow could heal them. If you are sick, poor, hurt and depressed, you are troubled in your mind. When you are troubled, you must come and sit for a while and listen. It does not mean that you must be lazy, but when it is time to come and hear! Luke 12 says that no man can add to his stature, by being troubled in his mind or worrying.

TROUBLE WATERS FOR TROUBLE SOULS

John 5:1-8 (Amplified) LATER ON there was a Jewish festival (feast) for which Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem a pool near the Sheep Gate. This pool in the Hebrew is called Bethesda, having five porches (alcoves, colonnades, and doorways). In these lay a great number of sick folk-some blind, some crippled, and some paralyzed (shriveled up)-waiting for the bubbling up of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at appointed seasons into

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the pool and moved and stirred up (TROUBLED) the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of (TROUBLING) the water, stepped in was cured of whatever disease with which he was afflicted. There was a certain man there who had suffered with a deep-seated and lingering disorder for thirty-eight years. When Jesus noticed him lying there [helpless], knowing that he had already been a long time in that condition, He said to him, "Do you want to become well?" [Are you really in earnest about getting well?]. The invalid answered, Sir, I have nobody when the water is moving (TROUBLED) to put me into the pool; but while I am trying to come [into it] myself, somebody else steps down ahead of me. Jesus said to him, Get up! Pick up your bed (sleeping pad) and walk!

People say that they want to go and sit by the waters or the seashore. The unrighteous are as a troubled sea that finds no rest. People love still waters. Psalm 23 says that the LORD is our Shepherd and He leads us to still waters where He restores our soul. Jesus sent the disciples over the sea on a boat and the sea was troubled. At another time He was with them in the boat when the sea was troubled and they woke Him up and He commanded the sea to be calm and be still.

The pool at Bethesda was a still pool and every now and then an angel came and troubled the water. All the people that lay there were troubled but when they entered the troubled water they were healed. Jesus came to the pool and the time was not there for the water to be troubled. He asked the man why he was troubled and the man told Him that there was no one to put him in when the pool was troubled. Jesus told him that He is the One that calms troubled waters and troubles calm waters. God does not need seasons and opportunities. If you want to be healed, He can trouble the water for you so that you can be calm. Jesus only wants to know if you want to get out of your trouble. You do not need someone to put you in the pool, because He is with you.