

THE PERFECT PATH TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
VOLUME 5: LIFE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD
MESSAGE 38: STIR UP THE GIFT [THE GRACE]
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• **FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:**

- **2 Timothy 1:6-7**
 - Anything God gives us has to be developed in us
- **Philemon 3-6**

I. **Seek Those Things that Are Above!**

- a. Seek those things that have come from above and placed in the reborn human spirit
- b. Colossians 3:1
- c. (Mat 6:33) [Amplified Classic Version] But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.
 - i. God's way of how God wants things done
 - ii. God's being Right in how He wants things done
- d. Colossians 3:1-3
 - i. Ephesians 2:6 = we are there now seated with Christ
 - ii. Spiritual Matters, the Kingdom of God – how God operates and how He is right (He cannot lie) in how He operates
 - iii. 2 Timothy 1:7 = this is part of knowing who we are in Christ:
ANOINTED with Power, Love and A SOUND MIND!
 - 1. The Passion Bible: “For God will never give you the spirit of fear (*my note: He can't give what He doesn't own*), but the Holy Spirit Who gives you mighty Power, love and self-control.”
 - 2. Verse 8: partake of the afflictions of the Gospel, according to THE POWER of GOD: THE BLESSING, THE ANOINTING & The HOLY SPIRIT!
 - 3. Everything the Holy Spirit IS
 - a. Isaiah 11:1-3
 - b. Hebrews 10:29 = the Spirit of Grace
 - c. Luke 4:18 = He IS the Spirit of Power
 - i. Acts 10:38 = “how God ANOINTED Jesus with the Holy Spirit & Power”
 - d. Romans 1:4 = the Spirit of Holiness
 - e. Romans 6:4 = the Spirit of Glory
 - 4. How do we develop a Sound, Spirit-controlled Mind?

II. What is it that we are supposed to be seeking?

- a. The Kingdom of God and His Righteousness – God’s way of doing things & the way He wants us to do things & God is right about how He wants things done: because it works!
 - i. Hebrews 6:17-19 = “it was impossible for God to lie”
- b. Seven things we should be seeking as to how God’s Kingdom Operates & how we should operate within His Kingdom:
 - i. The Authority of Jesus Christ [His Lordship]: Matt. 28:18-20
 - ii. God IS Love: 1 John 4:16
 - iii. Power: Luke 4:18-19, Acts 10:38
 - iv. Righteousness: 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - v. Faith: Romans 1:15-17 = “the just shall live by faith”
 - vi. Grace: Ephesians 2:6
 - vii. Wisdom: Proverbs 3:5-7, 13, Colossians 1:9 (God’s Will)
 1. Psalm 37:23 = the steps of a Good Man
 2. Proverbs 4:7-8
- c. Philemon 6 = the Grace of God provides it all for us, in us

III. Transformed by the Renewing of The Mind

- a. Romans 12:1-3
 - i. Transformed = to change completely from one form to another – to spiritual: changed by something other than by natural means
 - ii. Verse 1: don’t let the physical body dictate your speech and actions
 - iii. Present it for Godly purposes [we are a living sacrifice]:
 1. Prayer
 2. Study
 3. Meditation
 4. Going to Church (a Bible preaching Church)
 - iv. To Renew = to renovate
 1. Webster’s 1828 Dictionary: restore to a good state (after decay or deprivation: deficiency or poverty) to rebuild or revive
 - v. Verse 2: we all need to prove to ourselves God’s Will on all three levels: Good, Acceptable, Perfect
 1. The level of return on God’s Word depends upon it: 30, 60, 100-fold (level of knowledge and belief)
 - vi. Verse 3: soberly = free from the intoxicating influences of false doctrines & untruths
 1. God gives us all THE measure of faith
 2. 2 Peter 1:1 = “obtain like precious faith”
 - a. Romans 10:17 = faith is obtained (grows) from the Word of God (Truth)
 - b. So, continue to hear and hear some more