

## DAY 9

Our fast from wrong thinking will release supernatural power in your life. Stay with me through this. I take this very seriously as we identify the truly destructive thought patterns that are producing defeat and lack in our lives. Then we develop simple strategies to HELP YOU overcome those patterns of thought. These seeds will produce the great harvests you have always wanted and needed in every area of your life.

Today's thought:

### **“What's wrong with me?”**

Have you ever thought that? Who hasn't? We have all had our bouts with sin-consciousness—a haunting awareness of all that we do wrong, and all that is wrong about us.

### **We are going to crush this thinking today!**

The first problem with this thinking is: it is "me-centered" not "Jesus-centered". It's selfish. We are called to LOOK to Him—the Author and Finisher of our faith. In Hebrews 12:1 God says, "look up" not "look within".

Another problem with this thinking is that it's OBVIOUS! There are many things wrong with all of us. We're flawed people from a natural point of view, but not in God's eyes. But thinking "what's wrong with me" breeds perfectionism, self-centeredness, obsessive introspection and condemnation for our flaws and shortcomings. (Of course, we need to admit our weaknesses, and receive God's forgiveness and strength.)

But it starts with developing a "righteousness consciousness", rather than a "sin consciousness".

The constant awareness of our "falling short" is where the devil and religion want to keep us. This keeps us defeated and limited—hemmed in by our human nature, rather than liberated through our divine nature. 2 Peter 1:4 says, "Through His promises, we share in the divine nature of God and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust."

#### **1. Understand the gift of righteousness.**

2 Corinthians 5:21 says, "He who knew NO sin, was made to be sin FOR US, that we would be MADE the righteousness of God." This is the greatest EXCHANGE in human history! Jesus took our sinfulness and imparted to us His Righteousness—which means we are RIGHT in God's eyes, not wrong. We are justified. I like the play on words here. Justified = 'just if I'd' never sinned.

#### **2. Awake to righteousness.**

1 Corinthians 15:34 says, "Awaken to what's right in your life; and you will not sin." You are a child of God. You are forgiven. You are a joint heir with Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:16) When God looks at you, He sees the blood He shed. He sees His Son. When God thinks of you, He thinks of a victorious, conquering, strong, powerful, wise, and holy son or daughter. He sees you as a mighty champion. The head and not the tail. (Deuteronomy 28:13)

Righteousness means: to stand in the presence of God as if sin had never been. To stand in His presence without a sense of guilt, shame, inferiority or condemnation.

#### **3. Eliminate sin-consciousness.**

When you are always conscious of what's wrong, you will DO wrong. When you are always conscious of BEING the righteousness of God—you will DO right. You'll act on the outside how you see yourself on the inside. (Whenever you think of your "wrongs", cast them upon Jesus. And remember, His "rights" are now yours!)

#### **4. Ask the Holy Spirit to do what He does best.**

1 Corinthians 2:12 says "...we have received the Spirit of God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God." **Key ministry of the Holy Spirit is to REVEAL what is already yours (NOT TO REVEAL TO YOU ALL THAT IS WRONG IN YOUR LIFE).**

#### **5. Dwell on what's right rather than what's wrong.**

**THINK IT & SPEAK IT:**

I decide to give up thinking about all that is wrong in my life—and I choose to think about what is right.

I am the righteousness of God, through the blood of Jesus. I stand in the presence of God without guilt, shame, inferiority or condemnation.

I awake to what's right and believe it will lead me to a victorious life.

I am a joint heir with Jesus. When God looks at me, He sees His blood. He thinks of me as a conquering, powerful and holy son or daughter. I will not think of myself as anything less or more than what God thinks of me!

In His Righteousness,

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