

13. The psychologically indoctrinated benighted think they have found answers to illogically perceived problems while ignoring the real dangers that are clear as crystal.
14. As lawlessness breeds lawlessness and as bad decisions continue to limit future options, the situation is mollified by the continued restraint of the Holy Spirit.
15. The verse begins with the fact that “The mystery of lawlessness is already operational.”
16. The word “operational” is the present middle indicative of the verb **ἐνεργέω (energéō)**. This is a word for “work.” There is kinetic energy and potential energy. The former is active while the latter is latent. The “mystery of lawlessness” is described as kinetic, therefore “operational.”
17. The present tense is durative, which indicates the action of this energy began in the past and continues into the present.
18. The Luciferian system has intensified its attack on believers since the beginning of the Church Age in an ongoing attempt to frustrate the plan of God.
19. Present-day examples of the mystery of lawlessness are clear to believers with doctrine, but a mystery to those who have been dumbed down to the point that they believe themselves wise but have become fools.
20. The middle voice is indirect; the mystery of lawlessness produces the action by being operational in the Church Age.
21. The indicative mood is declarative indicating that the operational function of the mystery of lawlessness is a fact and is ongoing.

22. The restraining power of the Holy Spirit is found in the second half of the verse: “only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.”
23. The first word is **μόνος (mónos)**: “only.” Although lawlessness is operational in the Church Age, it is limited in its power.
24. Next is the key word in the passage, the present active participle of the verb **κατέχω (katéchō)**: “to restrain.”
25. The one that restrains is indicated by the masculine singular article, “He.” The only power that is powerful enough to restrain lawlessness is God and the Person assigned that duty is the Holy Spirit.
26. The Holy Spirit is operational in the souls of believers who are able to recall and apply divine principles. When applied, they provide divine power to influence and thus restrain events in the devil’s world.
27. This power is made operational by evangelism which enlarges the Royal Family and gives potential power to the pivot.
28. Those who are growing in grace have kinetic power to apply to the circumstances they face and the issues they confront.
29. Every member of the Royal Family possess the imputation of divine righteousness which constructs a grace pipeline through which guaranteed blessings are imputed and accrue.
30. The greater the knowledge of doctrine in the soul of a believer, the greater the blessings, some of which have to do with divine protection of the Body of Christ in the hostile environment of *cosmos diabolicus*.

31. The present active participle of **κατέχω (katéchō)** is durative; it denotes action begun in the past and continues to the present.
32. This durative action began in the past at the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 and will continue until the Rapture of the church, yet future.
33. This means that the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit is an ongoing part of the plan of God in the Church Age.
34. The active voice indicates that the Holy Spirit produces the action of restraining “lawlessness” through His various ministries executed through the souls of positive, Spirit-filled believers.
35. The restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit becomes kinetic power only when it is applied by the positive volition of advancing believers. Here’s the process:
 - (1) **Common Grace** by which the Holy Spirit explains the saving grace of God to the unbeliever.
 - (2) **Efficacious Grace**: The Holy Spirit takes the nonmeritorious faith response of the unbeliever and makes it effective for salvation and eternal life.
 - (3) **Filling of the Holy Spirit** is status quo spirituality in which the believer has his thoughts, decision-making, and behavior patterns guided by the Holy Spirit’s recall of resident doctrine.
 - (4) **Teaching ministry** takes the infinite knowledge of God recorded in Scripture and makes it understandable to the finite mind of the believer.

- (5) **Multitasking ministry** which coordinates information and analyzes it in light of doctrine already stored in the *kardía*. Once a new concept is established as *epígnōsis*, it is associated with other related doctrines to form a constellation thus enlarging the doctrine for its application to life and circumstances.

It is from this inventory that the Holy Spirit is able to recall pertinent doctrines for application. The larger the inventory, the greater the historical impact of the believer.

The Holy Spirit can only recall what the individual retains in his inventory of ideas.

- (6) **Restraining:** The Holy Spirit utilizes the doctrinal content of all believers to check the advance of Lucifer and his cosmic concepts during the Church Age.