

**Romans 16:17** Now I urge you brethren, be alert for those who are causing dissensions and apostasies [false, reversionistic teaching] contrary to Bible doctrine which you have learned, and turn away from them.

**v. 18** For such believers do not obey our Lord Jesus Christ, but they obey their own emotions, serving themselves; and by smooth and flattering speech, they deceive the souls of the reversionists.

- l. Emotions have no capacity for thought, reason, or discernment. Therefore, the soul becomes blind, unreasonable, unrestrained, arrogant, immoral, legalistic, antinomian, and anti-doctrine.
- m. Emotional revolt of the soul means loss of a personal sense of destiny, failure to execute the protocol plan of God, failure to understand and utilize the problem-solving devices of the protocol plan as well as the unique characteristics of the Church Age, and failure to understand and use your portfolio of invisible assets.
- n. Therefore, emotional revolt makes it impossible to become an invisible hero and thereby glorify God.

## 5. **Permanent Negative Volition Toward Doctrine or Permanent Cosmic Involvement**

- a. As a result of the reactor factors, the frantic search for happiness, operation boomerang, and an emotional revolt of the soul, the believer suffers loss of biblical priorities, biblical norms, and biblical standards resulting in bad decisions from a position of weakness. This means the believer loses control of his life and a personal sense of destiny if he ever had it. The believer can no longer be distinguished from an unbeliever.
- b. Stage five is the malfunction of post-salvation epistemological [ knowledge ] rehabilitation. It is the beginning of Christian degeneracy.
- c. Negative volition does not metabolize doctrine, so that operation Z malfunctions. This advancing negative volition is gradual.
- d. Negative volition toward doctrine means that the believer can never understand God's will, plan, and purpose for his life. Therefore, he cannot grow spiritually. As a result, all his works are dead works and human good which are totally unacceptable to God. He is operating in the energy of the flesh rather than in the power the Holy Spirit.

- e. The believer in stage five has lost complete control of his life. He has replaced any doctrine he ever had with false doctrine and human viewpoint. In his thinking, he cannot be distinguished from an unbeliever.
- f. The road to degeneracy is now guaranteed and even motivated by this permanent negative volition.
- g. The only destiny we have as Church Age believers is related to the protocol plan of God, which must be understood:
  - (1) Every believer has a destiny. But the experience of having a personal sense of destiny comes only to those believers who grow in grace and function under Operation Z.
  - (2) The believer's destiny is always associated with the execution of the protocol plan of God in becoming an invisible hero.
  - (3) With negative volition toward doctrine, the believer has no fulfillment of his destiny.
  - (4) You cannot build your destiny, which is the protocol plan, on talent, human ability, or experiences.
  - (5) You have no destiny apart from God who has given to you the protocol plan for the manufacture of invisible heroes and the execution of God's will for your life.
  - (6) Understanding our destiny and what follows salvation depends on our understanding of the mystery doctrines of the Church Age.
  - (7) Through physical birth, we have a purpose in life. But through regeneration, we have a destiny in life.
  - (8) God gave us eternal life in regeneration. This means we have a twofold destiny. We have a destiny in time which is the execution of the protocol plan, by which we become invisible heroes. We have a destiny in eternity related to our resurrection bodies.
  - (9) Negative volition toward doctrine cancels the fulfillment of our destiny in time.
- h. The final three stages of reversionism are the result of permanent negative volition toward doctrine and subsequent ignorance of the protocol plan of God for the Church Age.

- i. Characteristics of negative volition toward doctrine:
- (1) Indifference or apathy toward Bible teaching from a pastor-teacher.
  - (2) Wrong priorities means you're too busy to consistently hear doctrine taught. There are so many distractions today to pull you from Bible class. Wrong priorities doesn't mean the things we like and do are wrong, but that they're wrong when we put them before Bible doctrine.
  - (3) Antagonism or personality conflict with a pastor who is actually teaching doctrine. Due to having your eyes on the pastor and resenting him in some way, you don't hear what he's saying and so miss the content of the message. The Holy Spirit is the solution here, for He gives you the power and ability to hear what is said rather than how it is said, or by whom it is said.
  - (4) Failure to learn and to utilize the problem-solving devices of the protocol plan of God. For example, spiritual phenomena cannot be understood by the believer who fails to use rebound.
  - (5) Lack of concentration and ignorance of good manners. Poor manners are a manifestation of thoughtlessness of other people. You cannot listen and talk in Bible class at the same time. Talking also distracts other people and breaks their concentration.
  - (6) Inability to cope with prosperity or adversity. When people become prosperous, they often are distracted from doctrine. Or when people cannot cope with adversity.
  - (7) Failure to understand your very own portfolio of invisible assets they often seek psychological solutions.

## 6. Blackout of the Soul

Ephesians 4:17 gives the technical Greek word for the blackout of the soul: **ματαιότης (mataiotēs)**: Negative volition creates a vacuum that sucks in false doctrine into the soul.

**Ephesians 4:17** Therefore, I communicate this, and because of the Lord, I insist that you no longer walk as Gentiles [ i.e., unbelievers ] walk in the vacuum of their mind.

- (A) Through this vacuum comes the doctrine of demons, including religionism, liberalism, crusader arrogance, and anti-establishment thinking (1 Timothy 4:1).
- (a) The false doctrine passing through the vacuum of the soul is called demon influence, or being influenced by evil. This is not the same as demon possession; in many ways, it is worse.
  - (b) The believer cannot be demon possessed because he is indwelt by God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
  - (c) But demon influence comes through false teaching.
  - (d) The believer's body is the temple of the Holy Spirit whether he's out of or in fellowship.
  - (e) Although the believer cannot be demon possessed, he is vulnerable to demon influence which comes from permanent negative volition: stage six of reversionism.
    - (1) Infiltration of the doctrine of demons' results in the blackout of the soul. This comes from failure to be filled with the Spirit, and lack of consistent exposure to Bible doctrine.
    - (2) The blackout of the soul is tantamount to God-relationship fragmentation. God-relationship fragmentation is failure to execute the protocol plan of God through neglect of post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation, and failure to learn and use the portfolio of invisible assets and the problem-solving devices.
- B. The apostle John describes blackout of the soul in:
- (1) **John 12:35c** Jesus said to them, "... he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes."
  - (2) **1 John 1:6** If we contend that we have fellowship with Him and we keep on walking in darkness, we are lying and we do not practice the truth.
  - (3) **1 John 2:11** When anyone hates his fellow believer, he is in darkness and he walks in darkness, and he does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.
  - (4) The blackout of the soul indicates ignorance of Bible doctrine, cosmic involvement, and the replacement of Bible doctrine with false doctrine.