

SUNDAY NOTES 7-24-11
WORKING ON OUR INSECURITIES

* Philippians 3:14, “I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” Is this a negative confession that Paul is stating because in Colossians 2:10 it states, “. . . you are complete in him”? No! In Philippians 3:14, Paul is sharing that in growing up spiritually, it is like running a race with our eyes on the goal of living on the outside, that which we are in the inside. It’s a daily goal of living more like Christ, even though, we’ll never reach absolute perfection while in these earthly bodies.

* Christians can sometimes idolize “faith icons”, believing that there are those who never get moved by their flesh. Oretha Hagin shared about her husband about ten years before he moved to heaven. She stated I honor and respect that my husband is a prophet but you need to realize that I live with him and I see a side of him that you don’t. She was saying that even Brother Hagin had moments when he was moved by his flesh.

* What does it mean when one is moved by his flesh? The flesh is bringing out insecurities that we must recognize and be willing to work on them. We must realize, that if we are going to minimize our insecurities, it is our responsibility to make the change not God’s. Through the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ God has done all that He needs to do for us to live successful lives; spirit, soul and body.

* Mark 11:25, “And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.” My flesh can have a real tough time with this. For example, I will have stated that I have forgiven an individual but if I happen to see them or talk to them my flesh is very uncomfortable. My flesh may want to talk about the very thing that I forgave them of. What is that pointing out to me? David, you must do something about that insecurity!

* How? By pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus which means renewing my mind to the Word of God and praying in the Holy Ghost. Romans 12:2, “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” Jude 1:20, “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,”

* Studying the Word of God is more than just being acquainted with it. It is daily meditation on it until it actually becomes a part of our lives and we act more like Jesus. Proverbs, 4:20-22, “My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. {health: Hebrew- medicine}

* As long as we are on this earth, we will have to work on our insecurities because we can not escape the flesh. The flesh always is concerned about itself above others. Everyday we must recognize that there areas in our lives that we need to improve upon. Can we really get better? Yes, because as we are meditating on the Word of God and praying in the Holy Ghost, we will be producing more fruit. John 15:5, “. . . He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: . . .” Keep pressing on toward the mark. Improving and living more like Jesus is a true reality, if will pursue the goal and not quit!