

Join Us As We Seek God's Wisdom For Our Lives

Let's Take A Different Look At Life



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We now live in a world that seems to change as suddenly as the wind blows. Our personal lives, government and even our churches, those things we have come to depend on seems to change at a moment's notice. We want to take the time in this Bible study series to examine life and why things seem to change, but also acknowledge the God who in spite of it all He is still in control. So come on and join me as we "Take A Different Look."

## Part I

### Reassessment

#### Looking At Things A Little Differently

Lamentations 3:40-Let us search out and examine our ways, And turn back to the Lord;

John Wooden-Without proper self-evaluation, failure is inevitable.

Reassessment-The consideration or assessment of something again in light of a new set of factors.

#### How Should We Approach Reassessment?

You Have To Search Yourself  
Ask Someone You Trust  
You Have To Seek God

Galatians 5:16,17-I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.  
17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

3 Common Defeatist Mindsets  
Some People Are Delusional  
Some People Are Reactive  
Some People Are Hypertensive

#### Reassessment Is Important

#### Where Is Your Time And Effort Being Spent?

Recognize The Indicators Of Progression And Regression

If You Want To Reach Your Goals You Must Stay In Your God Given Assignment

Philippians 3:14-I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Re-Enjoy Your Best Moments

You Have To Retain Life Lessons

#### Reassessment Is About What Did I Learn?

3 Methods To Learn Wisdom  
According To Confucius  
By Reflection  
By Imitation  
By Experience

1 John 2:27-But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

### How Should I Assess My Life?

#### Reexamine Your Why

Luke 22:27-For who *is* greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? *Is* it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

Colossians 3:23-And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

Philippians 3:13,14-Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,<sup>14</sup> I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 6:31- “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

Matthew 6:33-But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

### You Got To Reassess Your Commitments

#### Don't Continue Hanging On To Commitments Outside Of Your New Normal

Colossians 1:10-that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

#### Notice The Signs It's Time To Change Direction

#### You're Forcing And Nothing Is Happening

Isaiah 48:17-Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: “*I am* the LORD your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go.

Isaiah 58:11-The LORD will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

James 1:5,6-If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

### Things Are Falling Apart Around You

## Part II

### Realignment

2 Corinthians 13:5-Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

Realignment-The action of restoring something to a different or formal position or state, to become intimately connected and actively engaged with God.

### 3 Fundamental Laws Of Attraction

Thought, Emotion, Action

When you're out of alignment with God, it hampers your ability to effectively do the work that God has called you to do.

#### Practical Signs You Are Out Of Alignment With God

When You Wake Up Every Day Feeling Like Something Is Off

You Feel Disconnected From Yourself, From God And From Other People

Your External Reality Does Not Match What You Desire

You're Ignoring The Real Desires That God placed In Your life To build You Up And Fill You Up

#### How Does The Enemy Seek To Keep You Out Of Alignment?

Spiritual Warfare

He Causes A War Between The Spirit And The Flesh

James 4:13-16-Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; <sup>14</sup>whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. <sup>15</sup>Instead you *ought* to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.” <sup>16</sup>But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

Luke 9:23,24-Then He said to *them* all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. <sup>24</sup>For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

Luke 22:31-34-And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift *you* as wheat. <sup>32</sup>But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to *Me*, strengthen your brethren.” <sup>33</sup>But he said to Him, “Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.” <sup>34</sup>Then He said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me.”

#### How Do I Achieve Spiritual Realignment?

Spiritual Meditation

1 John 5:14,15-Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Hebrews 4:16-Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### Talk To God

Romans 8:26-Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

### Pause To Give God Glory For Everything You Overcame

Philippians 1:3-11-I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, <sup>5</sup> for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ; <sup>7</sup> just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:6-being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

### 3 Examinations For Proper Alignment

Learn How To Examine The Signs

Examine How You Got Out Of Alignment

Examine Your Technique Versus Timing

Sometimes God Will Make You Be Still So You Can Heal

## Part III

### Reorientation

James 1:22-24-But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.<sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;<sup>24</sup> for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

3 Areas Of Reorientation  
Orientation Of Yourself  
Orientation Of Yourself To Others  
Orientation Of Time

### Keys To Reorientation

#### You Got To Know When To Let Go And When To Hold On

Hebrews 12:1-Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

#### What Is Your Metric For Growth?

#### Be Persistent

Luke 18:1-8-Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,<sup>2</sup> saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.<sup>3</sup> Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’<sup>4</sup> And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man,<sup>5</sup> yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’ ”<sup>6</sup> Then the Lord said, “Hear what the unjust judge said.<sup>7</sup> And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?<sup>8</sup> I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”

#### Find Congenial Spiritual Relationships

Exodus 6:26-30-These *are the same* Aaron and Moses to whom the LORD said, “Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies.”<sup>27</sup> These *are* the ones who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt. These *are the same* Moses and Aaron.<sup>28</sup> And it came to pass, on the day the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt,<sup>29</sup> that the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “I *am* the LORD. Speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you.”<sup>30</sup> But Moses said before the LORD, “Behold, I *am* of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh heed me?”

## How Do We Live As A New Creation In Christ?

### You Have To Face Your New Reality

#### Examples Of The New Realities

##### Transition Involves A Clean Break With Sinful Patterns

James 1:2-4-My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,<sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.<sup>4</sup> But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Romans 8:29-For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

#### I Recognize I've Been Adopted Into The Family Of God

Romans 8:15-For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

Philippians 3:20-For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

2 Corinthians 5:17-Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

#### This Is The Season To Claim Your New Identity

John 1:12,13-But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Galatians 5:16-26-I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Ephesians 5:1-Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

Mark 1:35-Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

Matthew 6:9-In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Hebrews 10:19,20-Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

Romans 8:26-Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Philippians 2:13-for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

## Part IV

### Reallocation

Psalm 119:59,60-I thought about my ways, And turned my feet to Your testimonies. <sup>60</sup> I made haste, and did not delay To keep Your commandments.

Reallocation-Changing The Way Something Is Given Or Shared.

Why Is Reallocation Important In Your Life?

It Is A Driver For The Increase Of Productivity

It Improves Time Management

Being A Good Steward Over What God Gave You

It Eliminates Risks

6 Ways To Live To Glorify God

You Must Be Faithful

Lamentations 3:23-*They are* new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

You Must Be Disciplined

You Must Be Consistent

You Must Acknowledge God

You Must Be A Giver

Hebrews 13:5-*Let your* conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

1 Timothy 6:17-19-Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> *Let them* do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, <sup>19</sup> storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

You Must Pay Your Debts

You Must Understand The Responsibility And Accountability That Comes With A Blessing

1 Thessalonians 5:18-in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Colossians 3:23,24-And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, <sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

You Have To Trust God

1 Timothy 6:17-Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

Hebrews 13:5-*Let your conduct be* without covetousness; *be content* with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Philippians 4:11-13-Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: <sup>12</sup> I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Matthew 5:16-Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Titus 2:7-in all things showing yourself *to be* a pattern of good works; in doctrine *showing* integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,

1 Peter 4:10-As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Deuteronomy 6:6,7-And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

1 Peter 4:10-As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Proverbs 3:9-Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase;

Genesis 29:35-And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Now I will praise the Lord.” Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she stopped bearing.

Luke 12:20-But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’