

## C. The Eight Stages of Reversionism.

### 1. Reaction and Distraction.

- a. By the time the believer has gone through implosion followed by explosion, he has become negative toward the teaching of Bible doctrine resulting in fragmentation and into reversionism.
- b. There are two categories of negative volition in the first stage of reversionism: reaction and distraction.
- c. Negative volition from reaction is linked to polarized legalism, in which you react to the conflict between legalism and antinomianism.
- d. Other forms of fragmentation cause reaction to Bible doctrine.
  - (1) Subjective fragmentation includes unrealistic expectation which is arrogant preoccupation with self, and role model arrogance which is arrogant preoccupation with others.
  - (2) Human relationship fragmentation is illustrated by frustration in Christian fellowship and marriage.
- e. On the other hand, distraction from Bible doctrine can be caused by apathy, indifference, wrong priorities, and the arrogance complex of sins.
- f. Many people believed in Christ at an early age. But as they grew older and more sophisticated, they began to change their thinking due to peer pressure and education. Then they reacted to Christianity, Christian people, or a local church. They became distracted by something or someone. Distraction to the protocol plan of God is based upon reaction.
- g. This reaction and distraction leads to fragmentation. Every believer is a walking grenade, who pulls the pin of his grenade by the use of his own volition. Pulling the pin comes from committing a sin related to the arrogance complex in some form of reaction. Once you fragment your life, the first thing you do is react to everything that was once important to you spiritually.
- h. Arrogance is the number one distraction to Bible doctrine:



**Romans 12:2** Stop being conformed to this world [peer pressure], but be transformed by the renovation of your thought, that you may prove what the will of God is, namely, the good of intrinsic value achievement [advance to spiritual maturity], well-pleasing to God [ execution of the protocol plan ], the mature status quo [ manufacturing of the invisible hero ].

**v. 3** For I say through the grace which has been given to me to everyone who is among you, stop thinking of self in terms of arrogance beyond what you ought to think, but think in terms of sanity [absolute truth] for the purpose of being rational without illusion as God has assigned to each one of us a standard of thinking from doctrine.” (EXT)

- (1) Absolute truth is always related to reality. There are boundaries in which you must think.
- (2) To be rational without illusion is the fantastic result of the daily perception, metabolization, and application of Bible doctrine.
- (3) God has assigned to each one of us a standard of thinking from two categories of doctrine: the absolute principles of theology, and the applications that are given from those principles.
- (4) Obviously, we cannot progress in the Christian life without the standard of thinking from doctrine. If we are not progressing through perception, metabolization, and application of doctrine, we are retrogressing. No one stands still in the Christian way of life.
  - i. In this stage, it is possible and even probable that the believer can recover through the use of the rebound technique. At the same time, something may challenge him back to right priorities, and learning and using the problem-solving devices. It may take divine discipline to wake him up.
  - j. The presence of reactor factors in the life result in distraction from doctrine. Reactor factors are closely related to the believer’s initial and subsequent distraction from Bible doctrine. The reactor factors include many antithetical concepts which follow the trends of the believer’s old sin nature. Reactor factors include the following:

- (1) Wrong priorities, in which the believer places money, success, pleasure, loved ones, friends, social life, sex, material things, or normal things over God emphasis. When these things take priority over God emphasis, then the believer is in trouble. He develops a personal scale of values that excludes God, God relationship, love of God, and occupation with the person of Christ.
  - (2) Rejection of authority in general or rejection of the authority of the pastor-teacher results in rejection of the Church Age message regarding God's will, plan, and purpose for his life.
  - (3) Personality conflict often comes from hypersensitivity and other forms of fragmentation.
  - (4) A lack of objectivity when reprimanded, either by the Scripture or by someone in authority.
  - (5) Reaction to gossip, maligning, or unjust treatment of one kind or another.
  - (6) Blaming self-fragmentation on others rather than on yourself. None of us ever grow up until we take the responsibility for our own bad decisions.
  - (7) Lack of concentration on Bible doctrine due to drug addiction, a drinking problem, mental illness, criminality, or grieving or quenching the Holy Spirit.
  - (8) Bad decisions from a position of weakness.
  - (9) Subjective arrogance fragmentation is arrogant preoccupation with self and others to the exclusion of reality.
  - (10) Lack of motivation from a personal sense of destiny, personal love for God the Father, or occupation with the person of Christ.
- k. In summary, reactor factors include the modus operandi of fragmentation, as well as boredom, disillusion, loneliness, self-pity, frustration, hypersensitivity, lack of enforced and genuine humility, objectivity, and teachability.
- l. Arrogance means lack of humility, objectivity, or teachability.



- m. All of this results in cosmic involvement and subsequent demon influence of the soul. Of course, demons cannot indwell the body of the believer because the believer is indwelt by all three persons of the Trinity. Therefore, demon possession is limited to unbelievers only. But demons can influence the thinking of believers, which is accomplished through reversionism in the soul.

**Ephesians 6:12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. (NASB)

- n. Once negative volition sets in, there is a vacuum in the soul, which is the beginning of reversionism. The beginning of reversionism is always related to reaction and distraction because of negative volition toward Bible doctrine.
- o. The first stage of reversionism includes not only the arrogance of cosmic one, but the acceptance of false doctrine as a result of rejecting true doctrine.

**1 Timothy 4:1** But the same Holy Spirit explicitly communicates that in latter periods of time [between first and Second Advents of Christ], some believers will become apostate from doctrine, paying attention to deceitful spirits and concentrating on doctrines of demons.

**1 Timothy 6:3** If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not concur with sound doctrine, even doctrines pertaining to godliness,

**1 Timothy 6:4** he has received arrogance, understanding nothing. Furthermore, he has a morbid obsession about controversies and verbal conflicts from which originate jealousy, discord, evil speculations.

- p. Therefore, in stage one, distractions to Bible doctrine result in negative volition. Negative volition creates the vacuum in the soul that sucks in all the false doctrine.

## 2. The Frantic Search for Happiness.

- a. Once you have become negative toward doctrine and created the vacuum of the soul, you begin to suck in false concepts which result in the frantic search for happiness.



- b. Once a believer goes negative toward doctrine, he becomes frantic in his search for happiness. The frantic search for happiness is described in one phrase in 2 Tim 3:4, "... lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God."
- c. The frantic search for happiness has many directions: power, influence, approbation, success, status symbols, money, pleasure, social life, friends, health, sex, material things associated with happiness. There's nothing wrong with many of these things, but when they have number one priority in your life, Bible doctrine will inevitably be neglected and rejected.
- d. If you are not content or happy with what you have now, then you will never be content or happy with what you will have in the future. So, if the reversionist is not content with what he has at the moment when the vacuum of the soul is first opened by negative volition and distraction, he will never be content with anything more in the future in reversionism.

If you are unhappy with what you have at the moment of implosion, explosion, and reversionism, you will be the same if every wish and desire of your soul were given to you at the moment you entered into reversionism. This is why the frantic search for happiness is frenetic.

- e. Happiness or contentment is based on capacity for life from Bible doctrine in the soul, not from prosperity. In other words, once you believe in Jesus Christ, happiness is not what you have and unhappiness is not what you do not have.

Perfect happiness is based on capacity for life, which is based on mental attitude, which is based on the amount of facilitated doctrine in your soul.

- f. Prosperity, success, power, approbation, status symbols, money, sex, pleasure, social life, or material things are really not a source of happiness. They are enjoyed by people with capacity for happiness and life, but they are a distraction to believers without capacity from doctrine.
- g. The only true source of perfect happiness for the believer in Jesus Christ is facilitated doctrine in the soul. Perfect happiness is that problem-solving device where we share the happiness of God. You must develop the capacity to share the happiness of God. God only sends His happiness to the soul that has doctrine resident therein. The soul in reversionism is no home for God's happiness.



- h. The advance through each stage of spiritual adulthood increases capacity for life. Advance in the protocol plan of God always provides a balance between capacity for what you have and the enjoyment of what you have.
- i. Sharing the happiness of God must be distinguished from the misery encountered in the frantic search for happiness. Perfect happiness comes to the believer who executes the protocol plan, but there is no happiness to the believer involved in the frantic search for happiness.
- j. The frantic search for happiness finds the believer going in the direction of the trends of his old sin nature. Legalism unchecked results in moral degeneracy. Antinomianism unchecked results in immoral degeneracy.

**Hebrews 13:5** Let your lifestyle be free from the love for money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you [Deuteronomy 31:6]."

- k. You cannot be content with what you have unless you have maximum doctrine resident in your soul. This contentment begins with spiritual self-esteem, moves into spiritual autonomy, and reaches its peak in spiritual maturity.

To be content with what you have is the status of true happiness, which comes from capacity in the soul. Capacity in the soul comes from Bible doctrine.

- l. The vacuum in the soul is the opposite of this, and inevitably results in the frantic search for happiness.

**1 Timothy 6:6** But godliness is a means of great gain when accompanied by the contentment of perfect happiness.

**v. 7** For we brought nothing into this world, with the result that we can take nothing out of it.

**v. 8** And if we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

- m. Contentment is something you learn through perception, facilitation, and application of Bible doctrine.

**Philippians 4:11** Not that we speak on the basis of want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.



- n. The thing that improves with spiritual growth is your capacity for life, love, and happiness. The only thing that is different with the attainment of spiritual adulthood is that you have capacity to enjoy whatever you have.
- o. Advance in the protocol plan of God always provides the balance between your capacity for what you have and the enjoyment of what you have.
- p. The ultimate solution to the problems of life is occupation with Christ which provides the capacity for life.
  - (1) The mystery doctrine of the Church Age must be your number one priority.
  - (2) Concentrate on priority number one.
  - (3) Organize your life around priority number one.
  - (4) Organize your thinking around priority number one.
  - (5) Then you have capacity which increases, producing contentment, not with what you have, but with the doctrine in your soul.
- q. Wrong priorities cause the frantic search for happiness.
  - (1) If your number one priority is romance, friendship, business, success, or social life, you concentrate on that number one priority.
  - (2) You organize your life around that number one priority.
  - (3) You organize your thinking around that number one priority.
  - (4) You become involved in the frantic search for happiness.
- r. The vacuum of the soul which produces emptiness, futility, and nothingness creates a demand for happiness in your life to replace what is missing in your life, i.e., the mystery doctrine for the Church Age.
- s. The frantic search for happiness becomes the alternative to the daily perception of Bible doctrine and execution of the protocol plan.

Reversion and the frantic search for happiness replaces your desire for Bible doctrine. The presence of the vacuum in the soul replaces the hunger for doctrine with the lust for happiness. Once you lust for happiness, you'll never find it.
- t. The frantic search for happiness follows the trends of the sin nature in polarized fragmentation:
  - (1) The trend toward legalism results in moral degeneracy and no happiness.



- (2) The trend toward antinomianism results in immoral degeneracy and no happiness.
  - (3) The trend toward legalism includes crusader activism, self-righteous arrogance, personality arrogance, the arrogance of Christian service, irrational (emotional) arrogance, the arrogance of unhappiness (subjective preoccupation with self), iconoclastic arrogance (role model arrogance, the feet of clay syndrome), so-called “victorious living,” the arrogance of asceticism, using Christian service as a means of spirituality arrogance, personality arrogance, the arrogance of Christian service, irrational (emotional) arrogance, the arrogance of unhappiness (subjective preoccupation with self), iconoclastic arrogance (role model arrogance, the feet of clay syndrome), so-called “victorious living,” the arrogance of asceticism, using Christian service as a means of spirituality arrogance, personality arrogance, the arrogance of Christian service, irrational (emotional) arrogance, the arrogance of unhappiness (subjective preoccupation with self), iconoclastic arrogance (role model arrogance, the feet of clay syndrome), so-called “victorious living,” the arrogance of asceticism, using Christian service as a means of spirituality.
  - (4) The trend toward antinomianism is related to multifarious sexual sins, drug addiction, violence, criminality, total self-indulgence, or debauchery.
  - (5) Others seek their happiness in a false emphasis on experience, the so-called “victorious life commitment,” holy rollers speaking in tongues, and Christians who show up on an occasional Sunday to nod to God.
- u. The frantic search for happiness includes moving toward either moral or immoral degeneracy depending on the area of weakness of the old sin nature, trying to find stimulating circumstances or people, and trying to be entertained as much as possible. In this stage, true objects of love are discarded for pseudo-love objects.

### 3. Operation Boomerang.

- a. The boomerang, an Australian weapon used by the aborigines of Australia, is a missile-type weapon, shaped like an elbow. When thrown with accuracy, it can hit the target and kill the animal on the spot. But if they miss, the boomerang comes back to them so they can try again.



- b. Christians who miss the target and fail to execute the protocol plan of God experience the boomerang effect of the frantic search for happiness.
- c. In this stage, the frantic search for happiness boomerangs and returns to the believer in reversionism, intensifying the original reactor factors and his unhappiness, so that the believer loses control of his life.
- d. When the frantic search for happiness boomerangs, frustration becomes greater frustration, misery becomes greater misery, and unhappiness becomes intensified unhappiness.
- e. Every search for happiness makes happiness more elusive. Therefore, the believer is bored, disillusioned, frustrated, and miserable.
- f. Pleasure, social and sexual distractions, and drug addiction only intensifies his problem in life. The same intensification of problems occurs with the distractions of the morally degenerate believer. All these only remove the believer farther away from happiness.
- g. So, the pursuit of happiness results in bad decisions from a position of weakness, and intensifies the unhappiness of the believer. This results in intensified frustration.
- h. Operation boomerang means loss of control of your life and the intensification of fragmentation and reversionism.
- i. Operation boomerang destroys any use of the problem-solving devices of the protocol plan of God. Instead of +H as a problem-solving device, the believer has perfect happiness.
  - (1) Under -H, you cannot build your happiness on the details of life, e.g., money, success, pleasure, sexual life, social life, friends, family, loved ones, or materialistic things.
  - (2) Under -H, you cannot even build your happiness on changing the devil's world through crusader arrogance, social engineering, violence, civil disobedience, or devil's world through crusader arrogance, social engineering, violence, civil disobedience, or revolution.
  - (3) In the arrogance of unhappiness, the believer assumes that marriage is a state of happiness, and all too often makes a bad decision with regard to marriage. This boomerangs, making the marital state one of terrible unhappiness.
  - (4) Pseudo happiness depends on involvement with some form of success or stimulation which is related to a moment of time, pleasure, success, power, or approbation.



- (5) Pseudo happiness depends on involvement with some form of success or stimulation which is related to a moment of time, pleasure, success, power, or approbation.
- (6) But all this boomerangs, and the believer discovers that romance, friendship, sex, promotion, or prosperity does not mean happiness, but the intensification of an already miserable life.
- (7) Promotion cannot make you happy. For in operation boomerang, you will be promoted beyond your capacity. Then you are unhappy from knowing your limitations too late.
- (8) Marriage cannot make you happy. For in operation boomerang, you have no capacity for love. Then the relationship intensifies and sours, so that your problems become greater and greater in marriage.
- (9) Success, prosperity, sex, or pleasure cannot make you happy. For in operation boomerang, they intensify your misery. This is because the reversionistic believer has neither capacity for success nor any use of the problem-solving devices.

#### **4. Emotional Revolt of the Soul**

- a. The soul is composed of certain characteristics:
  - (1) Self-consciousness means you are aware of yourself.
  - (2) Mentality is composed of the left lobe, where you store academic and technical information, and the right lobe, where you store Bible doctrine.
  - (3) Emotion is designed by God to respond to what you have in your soul's pre-cordial frontal lobes as an appreciator.
  - (4) Volition has positive and negative poles.
- b. The mentality is the male part of the soul. Emotion is the female part of the soul. God's design is the mentality dominate the soul, including the emotion. But when the emotion dominates the soul and takes over, the person becomes irrational and cannot think.
- c. Emotion has no doctrinal content, no mentality, no rationality, and no virtue. Emotion is in its proper place only when it is under the control of the mentality of the soul, where doctrine resides.

(End JAS-14. See JAS4-15 for the continuation of study at p. 141.)

