

C. Synaptic Inhibition

He may enjoy brief episodes of good behavior mustered from sheer will power, but he simply can't sustain it over the course of a lifetime.

However, as we have noted several times in this study, when the reversionistic believer admits he is wrong, confesses his sins to God, and recovers the filling of the Holy Spirit, the power of the spirit will enable him to choose the wheel-track of righteousness. Even though the old wheel-track is dominant, the recovering reversionist is enabled to make the right choice.

It is important to note that this same set of options considered without the filling of the Holy Spirit will always result in the believer choosing the path of least resistance. Thus, we may conclude that the recovering reversionist can transform the way he thinks by the renovation of his thought but that renovation is not possible outside the divine power system and under the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.

This brings us back to this diagram:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{FHS} + \text{HIQ} = \text{SIQ} + \text{GAP} = \text{RvRcPr} \\
 \text{(1PO)} \\
 \text{FHS} + \text{GAP} + \text{PSDs} = \text{CWL} \\
 \text{(1SS)} \quad \text{(2SS)} \quad \text{(3SS)}
 \end{array}$$

The first power option remains an option if the reversionist refuses to admit he is wrong, *metanoeo*, and confess his sins, *homologeō*, to God.

The second power option remains an option if there covering reversionist refuses to submit to the corrective inculcation of righteous wheel-tracks systematically presented at Bible class—*didaktos*, and *manthano*.

However, positive volition to God's Word, God's plan, and God's system will eventually convert power options into spiritual skills. This is how volition, working in tandem with the filling of the Holy Spirit, can transform a reversionist's soul by renovating his thought. This occurs because the Holy Spirit empowers the weak believer to make the right choices until his wheel-tracks of wickedness are replaced as the paths of least resistance by new wheel-tracks of righteousness.

In the raising of children, it is obvious that if righteous thoughts are installed into their memory traces at the earliest age possible, then doing the right thing becomes their path of least resistance.

Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.

When it comes to the unbeliever, the situation becomes bleak. Although the pain and suffering becomes far more than they can bear, arrogance is so strong they rarely turn to Christ as Savior and remain lost in their sins.

Ephesians 2:12 - Remember that you at that time were separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without Christ in the world.

A recent movie, True Lies, has a humorous but telling analysis by one of its characters. FBI agent, Harry Tasker, observes his daughter stealing money from his partner's coat pocket. Tasker laments that he and his wife, Helen, had not taught her to act that way. To this, his partner, Albert Gibson, responds:

“You are not her parents anymore, you and Helen. Her parents are Axl Rose and Madonna. The five minutes a day you spend with her can't compete with that kind of bombardment. You're outgunned, Daddy-o.”

“It's not that you're bad parents. I mean, kids today are ten years ahead of where we were at their age.”

And the memory traces they are facilitating are turning into internal monsters which only positive volition to doctrine can ever hope to inhibit.

1 Corinthians 15:33 - Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.”

1 Corinthians 15:34 - Become sober-minded as you ought and stop sinning; for some have no knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.

For both children and parents, fear is not an option! The only option is the divine option; the only solution is the divine solution.

2 Timothy 2:22 - Flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

To all concerned in reversion recovery or those who are riding its roller coaster of recovery, keep Paul's mental attitude in mind:

2 Timothy 4:7 - ... fight the good fight, ... finish the course, ... keep the faith.