

- c. Failure to learn and use the problem-solving devices of the protocol plan of God for the Church.
- d. Failure to understand, metabolize, and apply the unique characteristics of the Church Age.
- e. Failure to execute the protocol plan of God through consistent post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation.
- f. Failure to learn and to use your portfolio of invisible assets.

**F. The fragmented life is taught in Ephesians 4.**

- 1. The fragmented life is deceived by false doctrine and is a life of self-deception.

**Ephesians 4:14** “We are no longer to be childish [ **fragmented** ] destabilized in heavy seas, driven out of control [ **fragmented life** ] by every wind of false doctrine, by the trickery of people [ **who teach false doctrine** ], by cunning deception for the purpose of scheming deceit. (EXT)

- 2. The fragmented life is often characterized by sexual arrogance.

**Ephesians 4:19** Who because they have become calloused [ **fragmentation from scar tissue of the soul** ] have given themselves over to licentiousness [ **fragmentation related to the trend toward lasciviousness** ], resulting in the practice of every kind of immorality with insatiable lust [ **fragmentation from sexual arrogance** ]. (EXT)

**Ephesians 4:26** Although you may have become angry [ **pulling the pin of the grenade** ], in spite of that, stop sinning [ **recover from the fragmented life** ]. The sun must never set on your anger. (EXT)

- 3. In other words, do not ever let sundown find you in a fragmented state. If you are fragmented before the sun goes down, rebound and keep moving.
- 4. Christian criminality is also a part of the fragmented life:

**Ephesians 4:28** He who stole up to now [ **fragmentation from criminal arrogance** ], from now on, stop stealing, but rather begin to work hard, working with your hands, doing what is right, that you may have money to share with those who are in need. (EXT)

- 5. Recovery from the fragmented life is mandated in:



**Ephesians 4:30** Therefore, stop grieving the Holy Spirit, the God, by whom you have been sealed for the day of redemption. (EXT)

- a. Sealing is a reference to the signature guarantee of the Spirit's ministry in efficacious grace.
  - b. It is a reference to the signature guarantee of eternal life given to anyone at the moment they believe in Jesus Christ.
  - c. Sealing is a reference to the signature guarantee of eternal security to anyone who believes in Christ. Neither God nor man can cancel the salvation received by personal faith in Jesus Christ.
  - d. Sealing is a signature guarantee of your portfolio of invisible assets, prepared for you by God the Father in eternity past.
6. Ephesians 4:31 is the divine mandate to utilize the problem-solving devices. Bitterness is one of the worst forms of arrogance and greatest enemy in the fragmented life:

**Ephesians 4:31** Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. (NASB)

### G. Personal or Self-Fragmentation.

1. Self-fragmentation is the implosion brought on by succumbing to temptation from the sin nature.
2. Every believer is a walking grenade with the potential for self-fragmentation. Every time the believer uses his volition to pull the pin of the grenade, he fragments his own life. This is a wrong decision from a position of weakness.
3. There are two categories of decisions we make as believers.
  - a. Good decisions from a position of strength come from the metabolization of Bible doctrine.
  - b. Bad decisions from a position of weakness come from pulling the pin of the grenade.
4. The pin of the grenade or the position of weakness are all the sins of gate #1 of the arrogance complex; e.g., envy, jealousy, bitterness, hatred, vindictiveness, implacability, self-pity, hypersensitivity, motivational and functional revenge, inordinate ambition and competition, malice, slander, gossip, maligning, and judging.
5. Every believer in Jesus Christ must take the responsibility for his own decisions.



6. As a believer, you have already made the greatest decision in this life, which is to personally believe in Jesus Christ. The very moment you believed in Jesus Christ, you received forty things from God which guarantee your eternal salvation.
  - a. Our Lord Jesus Christ was judged for the sins of the world on the cross. The greatest problems of life, sin, and spiritual death were resolved at the cross when our Lord became our substitute and received the imputation and judgment for all our sins.
  - b. There is no sin in human history for which our Lord was not judged. Consequently, there is no person too low, too degenerate, or too evil to have eternal salvation through faith alone in Christ alone.
  - c. Faith in Jesus Christ plus nothing secures salvation.
7. Personal or self-fragmentation is perpetuated unless the believer learns and utilizes the ten problem-solving devices.
8. The first problem-solving device is the rebound technique. To acknowledge, cite, or admit our sins to God is a good decision from a position of strength.
  - a. The rebound technique is summarized in:

**1 John 1:9** If we acknowledge [ admit, cite, name ] our sins, He [ God the Father ] is faithful and just [ righteous ] with the result that He forgives us our sins [ post-salvation sins of cognizance ], and cleanses [ purifies ] us from all wrongdoing [ post-salvation sins of ignorance ].” (EXT)

- b. Post-salvation sins of ignorance accumulate through perpetuation of the fragmented life. Perpetuation of the fragmented life means failure to understand and to utilize the rebound technique.
- c. Only the rebound technique can check fragmentation and hinder its insidious growth in our lives.
- d. Perpetuation of self-fragmentation explodes into polarized fragmentation, the fragmentation of subjective arrogance, human relationship fragmentation, emotional fragmentation, and God-relationship fragmentation.
- e. The mechanics of rebound are also found in the Old Testament:

**Psalm 32:5** I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"; and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah ( סֵלָה ) ( *sélah* ) .<sup>†</sup> (NASB)

9. The problem of pre-salvation sinning is solved by faith in Christ.
10. Four patterns of post-salvation sinning emerge.
  - a. Occasional sinning: the mature believer uses rebound and other problem-solving devices to check fragmentation.
  - b. Sporadic sinning: scattered and isolated instances of sinning in the adolescent believer.
  - c. Frequent sinning: the status of perpetuated fragmentation in the immature believer.
  - d. Continuous sinning: a believer in reversionism.
11. When the born-again believer commits sins related to legalism and moral degeneracy, he is judged erroneously by his Christian peers as being spiritual. When the born-again believer commits sins related to antinomianism and immoral degeneracy, he is often wrongly judged by his Christian peers as not really being saved at all.
12. The reality of eternal salvation is determined by faith in Christ, not by the category of one's sins. The reality of spirituality or the filling of the Spirit is determined by the utilization of rebound when the Holy Spirit is grieved or quenched through sin.
13. Momentum in the protocol plan of God is determined by two factors.
  - a. By residence and function inside the divine dynasphere.
  - b. By the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**John 14:26** "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. (NASB)

**John 16:12** "I [ **Jesus** ] have many more doctrines to say to you, but you do not have the ability or power to mentally sustain them at this time. (NASB)

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<sup>†</sup> Of one feature of Hebrew music we may be tolerably sure it was rendered in unison. It was destitute of harmony or counterpoint. For its effect it would depend on contrast in quality or tone on participation of a larger or smaller number of singers, so clearly indicated in many of the Psalms and on the coloring of the orchestra. That the latter occasionally played short passages alone has been inferred from the term *sélah*, a word that occurs 71 times in Psalms. It means louder playing, forte, or, more probably, an instrumental interlude. (James Millar, "Music," in *The International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia*, James Orr, gen. ed. (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co, 1956), III: 2096.

**John 16:13** “But on the occasion when the Holy Spirit comes, He will guide and instruct you into all truth [ ἀλήθεια (*alétheia*) ]. For He will not teach from the source of Himself, but whatever He keeps hearing, He will keep on communicating and report back to you what is to come [ **Church-Age doctrine** ]. (NASB)

**v. 14** “He [ **the Holy Spirit** ] will glorify Me [ **Jesus** ], because He will receive from Me [ **the mind of Christ** ] and will report that back to you.” (EXT)

**1 Corinthians 2:9** Just as it is written [ in **Isaiah 64:4** ], “Things which the eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him.

**v. 10** But to us, God has revealed them unto us to our advantage through the instrumentality of the Holy Spirit for the Spirit investigates all things, yes, the deep things of God.

**v. 11** For what man understands the things of man except by the human spirit which is in him? Even so the things of God no man has known, except the Holy Spirit.

**v. 12** Now we have not received the spirit of the world’s frame of reference, but the human spirit from the source of God, that we might know the things that are freely given to us by God by means of grace [ **GAP** ],

**v. 13** which things of divine wisdom also we speak, not in categories taught by human wisdom, but that taught by the Holy Spirit explaining spiritual phenomena to spirit-filled believers.

**v. 14** The soulish man [ **an unbeliever with only a soul but no teaching ministry of the Spirit** ] does not accept the things of the Spirit for they are foolishness to him and he is not able to obtain knowledge of the gospel because they are discerned from the source of the Holy Spirit.

**v. 15** But he that is spiritual discerns the doctrines of God, yet he himself is not legitimately criticized by anyone.

**v. 16** For who has known the thinking of the Lord and who may instruct God? For we have the thinking of Christ from the source of Scripture. (EXT)

