

THE CURE FOR SPIRITUAL DISEASES

The Scriptural cure for all these spiritual diseases is a healthy dose of daily obedience to the Word of God:



WHOLEHEARTED

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart..."

We must love the Lord our God with all of our heart, with all of our soul, with all of our mind and with all of our strength. We need to be wholehearted Christians, not half-hearted, or heartless.

BIBLE-BASED

"...and lean not on your own understanding."

We must never trust in just what we think we know. We are not to follow our heart, we are to follow the conviction of the Holy Spirit as our conscience is captive to the Word of God.

PRAYERFUL STUDY OF GOD'S WORD

"In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths."

We need to put first things first. The Bible before breakfast, Scripture before supper. Humble prayer and seeking God's guidance through diligent study of His Word before making any important decisions.

WISDOM FROM PROVERBS

"Do not be wise in your own eyes..."

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. God alone is all-knowing, everywhere-present and all-powerful.

We need to study the Word of God daily.

There are 31 Chapters of Proverbs, one chapter for every day of the month. It is wise to begin our days with readings from the Book of Proverbs. Wisdom for the decisions of each day.

FEAR GOD ALONE

"Fear the Lord and depart from evil."

We must not fear man. We must fear God. When we fear the Lord then we are freed from the fear of man. Either we will fear God and not man. Or we will fear the opinions of man and fail to truly fear God. It is either or. We must choose. Either we will seek to please God, or we will seek to please man. Either we will fear man, or we will fear God. If we fear God, then we will discover it is the beginning of wisdom and this will enable us to choose wisely and depart from evil.

SPIRITUAL HEALTH

"It will be health to your flesh and strength to your bones."

Holiness is to our spirit what health is to our bodies. The body, mind and spirit are intricately linked. Our spiritual health will have an effect on our physical, mental and emotional health.



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TIME FOR A SPIRITUAL CHECK-UP

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and lean not on your own understanding;
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and He shall direct your paths.***

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Lord and depart from evil. It will be health
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Proverbs 3:5-9

We are body, mind and spirit. Our thoughts affect our emotions, our understanding affects our decisions. It is all interconnected. Many people today are living far below their potential and failing to fulfil their purpose, or accomplish their destiny, because of spiritual diseases.

SLEEPING SICKNESS

A widespread epidemic prevalent throughout large sections of the Church. It results in members being inactive, passive, neutral, lethargic and apathetic. Consequently numerous blessings are lost, countless opportunities are missed and enormous dangers arise unnoticed.



*“How long will you slumber, O sluggard?
When will you rise from your sleep? A little sleep,
a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep –
so shall your poverty come on you like a prowler,
and your need like an armed man.”* Proverbs 6:9-11

LOCKJAW

This condition paralyses the jaws of believers when the opportunity to witness arises. Sometimes silence is golden. Other times it is just plain yellow.

*“...always be ready to give a defence to everyone who
asks you a reason for the hope that is in you...”*
1 Peter 3:15

AMNESIA

This tragic ailment usually occurs in worldly company when some Christians just forget who they are and what they are doing here. Consequently they act like they are part of the world, laughing at the world’s jokes, listening to the world’s music, repeating the mantras of the world and behaving as if they belong to the world.

*“Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that
friendship with the world is enmity with God?
Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world,
makes himself an enemy of God.”* James 4:4

DEAFNESS

Some people are so spiritually deaf that they do not even know if God talks! They are deaf to God’s Commandments and to the Bible’s warnings. They do not hear the still small voice of their conscience. They do not recognise the clear Words of God as recorded in the Bible. When God speaks, they look blankly and declare: *“I never heard a thing!”*

*“Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden
your hearts as in the rebellion.”* Hebrews 3:15

BLINDNESS

This affliction affects an unexpectedly large amount of church-goers who are blind to the dangers around and the traps of the devil right in front of them. In fact they have a great difficulty seeing the difference between the lies, traps and deceptions of the devil and the will, Word and warnings of God.

*“But even if our Gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those
who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age
has blinded, who do not believe lest the light of the
Gospel of the Glory of Christ, who is the image of
God should shine on them.”* 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

LAMENESS

Then there are those lame disciples who experience some inexplicable paralysis of the legs when there is any activity to be undertaken in God’s Kingdom. Where Jesus leads, they do not follow. *“Whoever desires to come after Me, let
him deny himself and take up his cross and follow
Me.”* Mark 8:34

SPINELESSNESS

There is an incredible lack of moral backbone among all too many. Instead of being Evangelicals they act like evanjellyfish, filleted of spine. These spiritual jellyfish do not stand for the principles of Scripture. Consequently they fall for anything.

*“Finally My brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the
power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God,
that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the
devil... therefore take up the whole armour of God,
that you may be able to withstand in the evil day and
having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having
girded your waist with Truth...”* Ephesians 6:10-14

SCURVY

Due to a lack of spiritual meat (as found in the Bible) and spiritual fruit and vegetables (Faith and obedience); and an over dependence upon spiritual ice-cream (blessings) and sweets / candy (benefits), these spoilt, undernourished, self-indulgent believers develop a scurvy that rots away their spiritual life.

*“And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual
people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you
with milk and not with solid food; for until now you
were not able to receive it and even now you are still
not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are
envy, strife and divisions among you, are you not carnal
and behaving like mere men?”* 1 Corinthians 3:1-3

