Let us bow our heads; If we need to use the Recovery Procedure as found in 1 John 1:9, let us do so at this time that we might be in fellowship. (pause) Father, we thank you for the privilege and opportunity to study your word and for the freedom that you have provided for us here. Furthermore, we express our appreciation to God the Holy Spirit who will enlighten us regarding the message this evening. We as priests pray this through the person of our Lord Christ Jesus, our High Priest, Amen.

The Stages of Reversionism:



Galatians 5:16, "But walk by means of the Holy Spirit, and you will never ever fulfill the lust of the flesh." The believer is either under the authority of God the Holy Spirit, or he is under the tyranny of the sin nature. Qui non proficit, deficit. (He who does not advance in the spiritual life through thought retrogresses in the spiritual life through sinful or wrongfully applied emotion.)

Reversionism: (Going backward in the Spiritual Life)

1. Reaction and Distraction

Reacting emotionally to any form of pressure will produce stress in the soul resulting in the believer being distracted from the spiritual life. If a Christian does not have metabolized doctrine in his soul, he will react emotionally to difficulties, problems, pressures, calamities, disasters and catastrophes. This leaves the believer in a state of stress. If a Christian does have metabolized understanding of the Problem-Solving Devices, but chooses to react emotionally to his problems, pressures, calamities etc. then he also will experience stress in his soul. Only, when the Christian with doctrine chooses to apply divine power in the form of the Problem-Solving Devices to his problems, pressures etc. is he able to remain in fellowship with God the Holy Spirit and to continue to possess tranquility of soul.

People controlled by emotion and possessing false priorities easily succumb to fear when pressure occurs. If the Faith-rest drill or some other problem-solving device is not used when a person faces difficult problems or pressures, the believer will easily enter into a state of fear. In a state of fear and stress, he cannot solve his problems rationally. Only the stable Christian with doctrine in his soul can handle the pressures of life and glorify God.

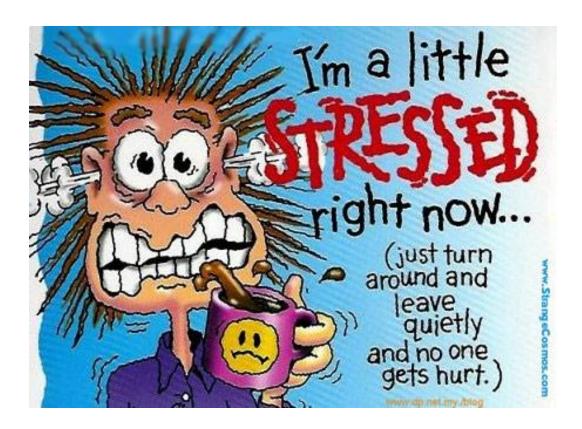
Stress: Principles related to stress:

- 1. Adversity is outside pressure of life; stress is inside pressure of the soul.
- 2. Stress is caused by oneself; adversity is caused by other people and outside circumstances.
- 3. Adversity is inevitable; stress is optional.

- 4. Stress destroys the spiritual life of the believer. Therefore, the believer must name the sin which caused the stress to God the Father as soon as possible.
- 5. There is a definite relationship between stress and cognition, namely the more stress the lower is one's cognition.
- 6. Stress makes a person forgetful and impairs the memory in regards to acquiring new knowledge. Therefore, stress impairs the ability to learn.
- 7. Stress affects a person's perception of reality. At the Red Sea the Jews with stress in their souls considered themselves already dead.
- 8. If a person remains in a stress situation too long, all his cognitive ability will be destroyed, and he will enter into a psychotic state.

Distraction from the spiritual life can also be caused by apathy, indifference and or wrong priorities etc. If one does establish correct priorities, he must organize his life around those priorities otherwise he will be distracted. For example, if you should decide that learning the Word of God is the number one most important factor in your life, then you will never miss the opportunity for the daily perception of God's truth.

Only when the believer has acquired understanding of the spiritual life, and has extrapolated the Problem-Solving Devices from this understanding is he able to solve his problems, difficulties, pressures etc. and in so doing prevent reaction. Reaction is prevented by applying divine thought to the situation or persons etc. rather than reacting emotionally to people and difficult situations.



2. Frantic Search for Happiness

In this state of stress, the believer is unhappy. The unhappy believer will try to compensate for his unhappiness by pursuing some form of pseudo happiness. This pseudo happiness promised by the sin nature via lusts whether it be something innocuous like traveling or something more sinister like sin cannot make the believer happy since the believer can only be happy in fellowship with God operating under the two power options namely metabolized doctrine in the stream of consciousness and the Filling of the Spirit by which God the Spirit provides his omnipotence to enable the believer to learn, apply and advance in the spiritual life under His authority.



3. Operation Boomerang

Under Operation Boomerang, the believer's unhappiness will intensify. If the believer out of fellowship with God gets what he thinks will make him happy, an illusion, he will become disillusioned because it cannot make him happy. As a matter of fact, nothing can make the believer happy when that believer is operation under the authority of his sin nature. On the other hand, if he does not get what he thinks will make him happy, he will become frustrated. In his frustration, he will continually tell himself that if only I could obtain such and such, I would have become happy. The believer is deluding himself.

Under the miserable state of Operation Boomerang, the intensity of misery should cause the believer to understand that something is wrong and that he needs to get back into fellowship with the Spirit and get back to learning God's plan. Only through the execution of God the Father's plan can the believer every obtain the great happiness that God intends for him to have.

4. Emotional Revolt of the Soul

Emotional revolt means that emotion replaces thought as the criterion by which one makes judgments and decisions. The believer becomes irrational, egocentric and unstable through emotion for emotion in itself is an empty physiological response; it contains no doctrinal content, no mental function, no norms and standards, and no common sense. The spiritual life cannot be executed through emotion, only through divine thought.

"And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual persons [believers filled with the Spirit], but as unto carnal [fleshly, belonging to the sin nature], as childish ones [because emotion was their criterion] in Christ. I gave you milk [basic doctrine] to drink, not solid food [advanced doctrines], for you were not yet able [to receive it], moreover even now, you are still not able [to receive solid food]. For you are still carnal, for while [there is] jealousy and strife among you, are you not carnal and keep walking in conformity with men [unbelievers]?"[Expects a 'yes' for an answer] (1 Corinthians 3:1-3)

Κάγώ, ἀδελφοί, οὐκ ἠδυνήθην λαλῆσαι ὑμῖν ὡς πνευματικοῖς ἀλλ' ὡς σαρκίνοις, ὡς νηπίοις ἐν Χριστῷ. 2 γάλα ὑμᾶς ἐπότισα, οὐ βρῶμα, οὔπω γὰρ ἐδύνασθε. ἀλλ' οὐδὲ ἔτι νῦν δύνασθε, 3 ἔτι γὰρ σαρκικοί ἐστε. ὅπου γὰρ ἐν ὑμῖν ζῆλος καὶ ἔρις, οὐχὶ σαρκικοί ἐστε καὶ κατὰ ἄνθρωπον περιπατεῖτε;

"O, you Corinthians, our mouths [means of communication by Paul, Apollos, and Timothy] have been opened face to face with you; our right lobes have been enlarged [we were prepared]. Therefore, you have not been hindered by us [Paul, Apollos, Timothy], but you have been hindered by your emotions." (2 Corinthians 6:11-12).

Τὸ στόμα ἡμῶν ἀνέφγεν πρὸς ὑμᾶς, Κορίνθιοι, ἡ καρδία ἡμῶν πεπλάτυνται 12 οὐ στενοχωρεῖσθε ἐν ἡμῖν, στενοχωρεῖσθε δὲ ἐν τοῖς σπλάγχνοις ὑμῶν

"For many keep on walking [living out of fellowship] whom many times I kept on telling you [warning you] and now even weeping I say [that they are] the enemies of the cross of Christ whose end is destruction [they will die the sin unto death] whose god is their emotions and whose glory [in resurrection body] is in their shame [they will experience shame at their evaluation]. They who keep on concentrating on earthly things [have no eternal values]." (Philippians 3:18, 19)

πολλοὶ γὰρ περιπατοῦσιν οὓς πολλάκις ἔλεγον ὑμῖν, νῦν δὲ καὶ κλαίων λέγω, τοὺς ἐχθροὺς τοῦ σταυροῦ τοῦ Χριστοῦ, 19 ὧν τὸ τέλος ἀπώλεια, ὧν ὁ θεὸς ἡ κοιλία καὶ ἡ δόξα ἐν τῆ αἰσχύνη αὐτῶν, οἱ τὰ ἐπίγεια φρονοῦντες.



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5. Locked-in Negative Volition

Once emotion becomes the criterion for one's life, that person can no longer relies on thought to solve problems and so loses interest in learning God's word. In effect, he locks himself into negative volition by always going to emotion when under some form of pressure rather than thought. He no longer can solve problems through thinking and so is unable to use the Problem-Solving Devices.

6. Black-out of the Soul

In demon influence, the soul of the unbeliever or reversionistic believer is infiltrated by false doctrine, called the "doctrine of demons" which comes through the vacuum of the mind.

1 Timothy 4:1 "But the Spirit [the Holy Spirit is the teacher of Bible doctrine] explicitly teaches that in latter periods of time [between the 1st and 2nd Advents] some [believers] will withdraw from doctrine, concentrating on deceitful personalities [demon evangelism through false teachers] and doctrines from demons."

Τὸ δὲ πνεῦμα ἡητῶς λέγει ὅτι ἐν ὑστέροις καιροῖς ἀποστήσονταί τινες τῆς πίστεως, προσέχοντες πνεύμασιν πλάνοις καὶ διδασκαλίαις δαιμονίων,

The Christian must possess doctrine in the soul to prevent a vacuum from forming. "Therefore, I communicate this, and because of the Lord, I insist that you no longer walk as the Gentiles [unbelievers] walk in the vacuum of their mind [faculty of thinking]." (Ephesians 4:17) When there is no divine truth in the soul, there is nothing to protect the believer and prevent him from believing the Satanic lies. One must understand that Satan infinitely smarter than any human being and so without some protection, the human will believe Satan's lies. So, a vacuum created by an absence of divine truth will suck in Satanic thinking.

Τοῦτο οὖν λέγω καὶ μαρτύρομαι ἐν κυρίῳ, μηκέτι ὑμᾶς περιπατεῖν καθὼς καὶ τὰ ἔθνη περιπατεῖ ἐν ματαιότητι τοῦ νοὸς αὐτῶν,

7. Scar Tissue of the Stream of Consciousness

"They are darkened in their way of thinking [via a vacuum established which pulls into their soul false ideas, concepts and doctrines]; they have been alienated from the life of God because of ignorance which is in them [in their souls], because of the scar tissue of their right lobes." (Ephesians 4:18).

έσκοτωμένοι τῆ διανοία ὄντες, ἀπηλλοτριωμένοι τῆς ζωῆς τοῦ θεοῦ, διὰ τὴν ἄγνοιαν τὴν οὖσαν ἐν αὐτοῖς, διὰ τὴν πώρωσιν τῆς καρδίας αὐτῶν,

The believer is alienated from the spiritual life that is 'from the life of God' for two reasons namely ignorance of God's plan and hardness of the mentality of the soul. Ignorance begins the process; scar tissue or hardness of the mentality finishes the job. Blackout of the soul merely explains the mechanics of how the believer accumulates false ideas, concepts and doctrine when there is ignorance of God's plan in his soul.

The soul was designed by God to function on truth. When truth is absent and violated, and replaced by Satanic lies, injury to the soul occurs which is called scar tissue.



8. Reverse Process Reversionism

This is the final stage of reversionism, a combination of the sixth and seventh stages. This results in the antithesis of being an invisible hero. Everything that is worthwhile and valuable in life is rejected; everything that is useless and nonsense is accepted. Prolonged residence out of fellowship causes a complete reversal of all mandates, all priorities, and all norms and standards related to the protocol plan of God. There is no integrity or honor remaining in the soul. The person now has evil motivation, thinking, decision making and actions.

2 Timothy 3:2-5 states, "For persons will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, slanderers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful ones and anti-establishment [totally irresponsible]. (3). Unloving [no capacity for love], implacable, malicious gossips,

without self-control, violent and brutal [unreasonable in thinking and action], not lovers of intrinsic good [no spiritual values and skills]. (4). Treacherous [disloyal], thoughtless types [insensitive], having become pumped up with arrogance [manifests itself in legalism, socialism, crusader arrogance, activism, and civil disobedience], lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God [false priorities]. (5) Holding to a superficial form [outward appearance] of the spiritual life, but they themselves have disregarded its power [the two power options]; avoid such ones as these."

ἔσονται γὰρ οἱ ἄνθρωποι φίλαυτοι, φιλάργυροι, ἀλαζόνες, ὑπερήφανοι, βλάσφημοι, γονεῦσιν ἀπειθεῖς, ἀχάριστοι, ἀνόσιοι, (3) ἄστοργοι, ἄσπονδοι, διάβολοι, ἀκρατεῖς, ἀνήμεροι, ἀφιλάγαθοι, (4) προδόται, προπετεῖς, τετυφωμένοι, φιλήδονοι μᾶλλον ἢ φιλόθεοι, (5) ἔχοντες μόρφωσιν εὐσεβείας τὴν δὲ δύναμιν αὐτῆς ἠρνημένοι καὶ τούτους ἀποτρέπου

Some examples of Reverse Process Reversionism are as follows:

- 1. A lover of internationalism rather than patriotic nationalism.
- 2. A lover of one's national enemy rather than loving his own country.
- 3. A husband pursuing girlfriends rather than loving one's wife.
- 4. A wife responding to paramours rather than her appreciating and respecting a faithful and loving husband.
- 5. Parents completely ignoring and neglecting the teaching and training of their own children, but placing them under the care of evil people rather than fulfilling their God-given responsibilities under the Laws of Divine Establishment.

- 6. The person who uses emotion as a criterion for decision-making rather than the gathering of facts for analysis and synthesis before making a decision.
- 7. A person who lives his life by deceit and pathological lying rather than integrity and honor.
- 8. The political authority who operates as a tyrant rather than as a servant of the people.
- 9. The person in authority who micromanages rather than operating under leadership principles.
- 10. The person who advocates socialism and communism rather free market function as presented under the Laws of Divine Establishment.
- 11. The tree-huggers who thinks that preserving all trees in their natural state is better than turning these trees into homes and other worthwhile products.
- 12. The person who wants to preserve all animals at the expense of feeding and clothing people.
- 13. The person who is anti-military and desires to make his country defenseless before his country's national enemies.
- 14. The person who loves rioters and on the other hand hates police rather than using a greater violence to stop rioters and to promote a well-trained and honorable police force.
- 15. The judge who makes decisions based upon some leftwing ideology rather than on unbiased laws formed from an understanding of the Laws of Divine Establishment.

- 16. The juror who cast his vote to be easy on or to free a person convicted of a crime such as murder, rape, kidnapping, and drug racketeering rather than to remove these criminal permanently from society via capital punishment and in so doing honor the victim or victims.
- 17. The government confiscating the weapons of law-abiding citizens rather than protecting their property and encouraging the citizenry to use his weapons in the protection of family and property.
- 18. These are just a few examples of the function of Reverse Process Reversionism.



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The Christian in Reverse Process Reversionism will die the Sin unto Death.

1 John 5:16: If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to [physical] death [the believer is not dying the sin unto death], he may ask [pray for him] and he [the Father] will give life [restore his physical well-being] to him, to the ones committing sins not leading to [physical] death [Job 42:7-9]. There is a sin [missing the mark, failure] unto [leading to] death [physical death, the believer being executed by the Lord], and I do not say that you should pray concerning this one [concerning the death of King Saul as per 1 Chronicles 10:13, 14].

Έάν τις ἴδη τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ ἁμαρτάνοντα ἁμαρτίαν μὴ πρὸς θάνατον, αἰτήσει, καὶ δώσει αὐτῷ ζωήν, τοῖς ἁμαρτάνουσιν μὴ πρὸς θάνατον. ἔστιν ἁμαρτία πρὸς θάνατον οὐ περὶ ἐκείνης λέγω ἵνα ἐρωτήσῃ.

If you know doctrine well enough to discern whether a fellow Christian is "growing in grace and knowledge" (2 Peter 3:18), and you discover that he is very sick and dying, you may pray for his recovery. However, if a Christian is dying from 'the sin unto death', you may not pray for him.

How do you know if a Christian is dying the 'sin unto death?' In some cases, you will not know. However, if a Christian knows nothing about the spiritual life because he has failed throughout his life to learn the Word of God and is dying, or if a Christian full of fear comes to you screaming "Help, help, I am dying – pray for me please!" Then after a few questions, you discover that he knows nothing of the spiritual life, he is obviously dying 'the sin unto death'.

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