

One Step to Freedom Chapter 4: Lesson 6 Obedience to God's; Word part 2

Earthly/worldly wisdom verses Godly wisdom:

**The contrast in their origin and nature:*

**Earthly wisdom;*

James 3:13-15(NKJV) ^{13a} **Who is wise and understanding among you?** ^b **Let him show by good conduct *that his works are done* in the meekness of wisdom.** ^{14a} **But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking ^b in your hearts, ^c do not boast and lie against the truth.** ^{15a} **This wisdom does not descend from above, ^b but is earthly, sensual, demonic.** *Reference; 1John 2:16,*

1.) In vs.13a; Who is being addressed?

2.) In vs.13b; What are the instructions given to The wise?

*3.) In vs.14a; What are the first 2 traits of earthly wisdom?
reference; James 3:16, Romans 2:8*

4.) Does participating in addiction fit the trait of self-seeking?

5.) In vs.14b; Where does it state these traits come from?

*6.) In vs 14c; What truth is being spoken of? *reference James 3:13*

7.) In vs.15a; Where does it say earthly wisdom does not come from?

8.) in vs.15b; How else is earthly wisdom described?

**Earthly wisdom;*

Colossians 2:8(NKJV) ^{8a} Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, ^b according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world/earth, ^c and not according to Christ.

1.) *In vs.8a; What is the wisdom of men (philosophy) paired with?*

2.) *In vs.8b; What is the wisdom of men (philosophy) according to?*

3.) *In vs.8c; What is the wisdom of men (philosophy) not according to?*

Reference; Jeremiah 8:9

4.) *Looking back to vs.8a; What is the warning given in regards to earthly/ worldly wisdom?*

**Early/worldly wisdom;*

1 Corinthians 3:18-20(NKJV) ^{18a} Let no one deceive himself, If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, ^b let him become a fool that he may become wise. ^{19a} For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. ^b For it is written, “He catches the wise in their *own* craftiness”; ²⁰ and again, “The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.”

1.) *In vs.18a; What does it say the one who considers him/herself wise in this age is doing to themselves?*

2.) *In vs.18b; What is the instruction given to the one who considers him/herself wise in this age?*

3.) *In vs.19a; What does God consider the wisdom of this world?*

4.) *In vs.19b; What does it say God does with those who have worldly wisdom?*

5.) *In vs.20; How does God describe the thoughts of the worldly wise?*

6.) *Does participating in any type of addiction put us in the same category as Men/women of earthly worldly wisdom?*

**Men/women of earthly worldly wisdom crucified The Lord of glory:*

1 Corinthians 2:8(NKJV) ⁸ which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified The Lord of glory.

**Warnings to Men/women of earthly worldly wisdom:*

Proverbs 3:7 (NKJV) ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

Proverbs 26:12(NKJV) ¹² Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? *There is more hope for a fool than for him.*

Isaiah 5:21(NKJV) ²¹ Woe to *those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!*

**Earthly/worldly wisdom:*

-It is SENSUAL- Appealing to the senses, the emotions, the passions; according to what FEELS right:

**Strong's concordance; sensual; G5446- the sensuous nature with its subjection to appetite and passion more so directed at the lower or base or bestial/animal nature.*

** Examples of God speaking through the prophets to the base, bestial; animal nature of Israel's idolatry and adultery with other gods and pagan worship and rituals;*

Jeremiah 5:8(NKJV) ⁸ They were like well-fed lusty stallions; Every one neighed after his neighbor's wife.

1.) When we are participating in addiction do we find ourselves neighing and lusting after the subject of our addiction whatever it may be?

Jeremiah 2:24(NKJV) ²⁴ A wild donkey used to the wilderness, *That sniffs at the wind in her desire; In her time of mating, who can turn her away? All those who seek her will not weary themselves; In her month they will find her.*

1.) When participating in addiction can we see ourselves behaving as this wild donkey sniffing for a mate to satisfy her sexual desire to mate?

Ezekiel 23:19-21(NKJV) ¹⁹“Yet she multiplied her harlotry In calling to remembrance the days of her youth, When she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt.²⁰ For she lusted for her lovers, Whose flesh is like the flesh of donkeys, And whose issue is like the issue of horses.²¹ Thus you called to remembrance the lewdness of your youth, When the Egyptians pressed your bosom Because of your youthful breasts.

1.) *In vs.21; What was the conduct and behavior “called to remembrance” labeled?
Reference; 2 Timothy 2:22

2.) *Can we call to remembrance when we behaved in these ways participating in addiction?*

**Examples of the flesh operating according to the earthly, worldly senses, emotions and passions; according to what FEELS right:*

Ephesians 2:2-3 (NKJV) ^{2a}in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, ^bthe spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ^{3a}among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, ^band were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

1.) *In vs.2; What is walking according to the course of this world also considered walking in accordance to or with?*

2.) *Who is the prince of the power of the air?*

3.) *What does the power of the air refer to?*

4.) *In vs.2b; Who is the spirit of the prince of the power of the air working in?*

5.) *In vs.3a; What are the outworkings of the conduct of those who walked according to the course of this world and the prince of the power of the air*

6.) *In vs.3b; What name is given to those who conduct themselves in the lusts of their flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind?*

7.) *Can we be described as sons/daughters of disobedience and children of wrath when we are participating in any form of addiction?*

James 4:1-3(NKJV) ^{1a}Where do wars and fights *come* from among/between you? ^bDo they not *come* from your *desires for pleasure* ^cthat war in your members?
²You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

1.) *In vs.1b; Where does it state wars and fights come from among us?*

2.) *In vs.1c; Where does it say our desires for pleasure war in?*

3.) *What is our members referring to?*

**References;*

- *Our individual/personal bodily members; Colossians 3:5, Romans 6:13*

- *Collectively as members of the body of Christ; 1Corinthians 12:12, Romans 12:4-5, 1 Corinthians 12:27*

4.) *In vs.2; What are the outward actions of the inward conflict?*

5.) *What are the reasons given why we don't have these things we desire?*

**God's warning and instruction regarding sensual wisdom:*

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5(KJV) ³For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:⁴That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;⁵**Not in the lust of concupiscence even as the Gentiles which know not God:**

**Concupiscence;"Ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah"epithymía a Greek word meaning strong desire longing, lusting, specifically referring to a craving for what is forbidden or worldly.*

1.) *Is addiction a form of fornication?*

2.) *When we are participating in any form of addiction are we possessing our vessels in sanctification and honour?*

3.) *When we are participating in any form of addiction are we operating in the lust of concupiscence?*

**God`s warning and instruction regarding sensual wisdom:continued....*

Titus 2:11-14(NKJV) ¹¹ **For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,** ¹² **teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts,** we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ **looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,** ¹⁴ **who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.**

- 1.) *In vs.11;How did the grace of God that brings salvation appear to all mankind?*
- 2.) *In vs.12;What does the grace of God that appeared to mankind teach us?*
- 3.) *In vs.13;In living according to the grace of God that brings salvation ,What are we to keep in mind and sight?*
- 4.) *In vs14;What else are we prompted to keep in mind living according to the grace of God that brings salvation?*
- 5.) *When we participate in any form of addiction are we performing a lawless deed? are we purifying ourselves? Are we performing a good work?*

1 Peter 4:1-2(NKJV) ^{1a} **Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh,** ^b**arm yourselves also with the same mind,** ^c**for He/he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,** ² **that He/he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.** *Ref;Galatians5:24, Romans 13:14*

- 1.) *In vs.1a; How did Jesus Christ suffer in the flesh for us ceasing/stopping sin and the effect of sin.*
- 2.) *In vs.1b;What is the thought process in Jesus Christ mindset we are to arm ourselves with and to understand concerning sin?*
- 3.)*In vs1c; How do we arm ourselves and execute the same mind/attitude of Jesus ?*
- 4.) *In vs2; What is the evidence/ fruit of truly ceasing from sin.*
- 5.) *When we try to stop addiction is there an element of mental and physical suffering?*

**God`s warning and instruction regarding sensual wisdom:continued....*

1 Peter 1:14(NKJV) ¹⁴ **as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; Reference; James 4:17, Acts 17:30, 2Corinthians 2:11,prov 24:12,**

2 Timothy 2:22(NKJV) ²² **Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.**

**Reference; Ecclesiastes 11:9,1 Corinthians 13:11, 1 Corinthians 14:20*

1 Peter 2:11(NKJV) ^{11a} **Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, ^b abstain from fleshly lusts ^c which war against the soul, ¹² having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.**

1.) *In vs.11a; What is the meaning of sojourners and pilgrims?*

2.) *In vs11b; What is the instruction to the sojourner and pilgrim?*

3.) *In vs11c; What is said about fleshly lusts?*

4.) *In vs 12; What are the reasons given for this instruction*

5.) *What is the day of visitation?*

**Practical application:*

Romans 6:12(NKJV) ¹² **Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.**

Galatians 5:16(NKJV) ¹⁶ **I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.**

**Choice and warning, cause and effect;*

Galatians 6:7-8(AMP) ⁷ **Do not be deceived, God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that is what he will reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his flesh [his sinful capacity, his worldliness, his disgraceful fleshly lustful impulses] will reap from the flesh ruin *and* destruction, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.**

**Earthly/worldly wisdom is Demonic in nature having its origin in the influences of Satan!*

1 John 5:19(NKJV) We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

1 John 2:16(NKJV) ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.

**Satan`s demonic wisdom lusted after Gods throne: Power Position Privilege Prestige*

Isaiah 14:12-14(NKJV) ¹² “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning ! *How* you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’

**Earthly/demonic wisdom prompted the disciples to argue over who would be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven:*

Mark 9:33-35 (NKJV) ³³ Then Jesus came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, “What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?”³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest. ³⁵ And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them them, “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all”.

**The nature of satan`s demonic wisdom:*

-satan is a Murderer and liar:

John 8:44(NKJV) ⁴⁴ You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

- satan is a Deceiver and accuser of the brethren:

Revelation 12:9-10 (NKJV) ⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

**The nature of satan`s demonic wisdom:continued....*

- satan is a Devourer;

Revelation 12:4 (NKJV) ⁴ His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, **to devour her Child as soon as it was born.**

1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV) ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, **seeking whom he may devour.**

- satan is a Thief

Matthew 13:19 (NKJV) ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand *it*, then **the wicked *one* comes and snatches away what was sown.** in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

John 10:10 (NKJV) **"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full".**

- satan is a Fraud;

- **2 Corinthians 11:14 (KJV)** ¹⁴ And no marvel; for Satan himself is **transformed* into an angel of light. ¹⁵ Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.
- **Transformed (Greek: metaschēmatizō): Means to change in fashion or appearance to transfigure or disguise oneself, not to genuinely become something different.*

-satan is a Schemer;

Ephesians 6:11(NKJV) ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the ****wiles*** of the devil.

**"wiles" (Greek: methodia) means cunning, deceptive tricks, schemes, or strategies, especially those used by Satan to tempt and lead believers astray.*

1.) *What are some examples of the wiles of the devil that come to mind?*