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1. Introduction to Session #7 – Part 2

Spiritual transformation follows only as each essential dimension of the human being is transformed into Christlikeness; therefore, we need to find out — *What are the parts of the person that lead to transformation? And how do you work on those parts?*

We turn our will over to God. Our regenerate will is interacting with constant overtures of \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ in many forms.

- Such transformation is not the result of mere human effort. It cannot be accomplished by putting pressure on the will.
- Will power alone will fail you. If you get into that dead end, you will be defeated.
- Grace is not opposed to \_\_\_\_\_.
- No earning is allowed, but all kinds of effort is required – diligent effort – *seeking* to know, *seeking* to do the will of God.

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2. Three Options in Spiritual Transformation

Option #1: Try harder

Thinking that spiritual growth is achieved by trying harder is a great mistake.

Option #2: Give up

This is often called brokenness. Brokenness is presented as the way you live in Christ instead of as a stage you pass through. You live in brokenness and you celebrate grace because that says brokenness is okay.

Brokenness is necessary at a certain point, but that's only to teach us that we, in ourselves, \_\_\_\_\_ do this.

Option #3: The Path of Indirection

**Indirection:** Instead of trying to make something happen, you deal with the factors that will produce it. Instead of trying to be Christ-like, you turn to the things that \_\_\_\_\_ you to be \_\_\_\_\_.

Intelligent effort is the key.

Intelligent effort means that it is effort informed by \_\_\_\_\_ of how human beings are built and how they work.

Who does that knowledge come from? \_\_\_\_\_!

3. The Commandment that Covers Everything

a. Jesus tells us the essential parts of the human being

In Mark 12:28-34, Jesus is being put through an examination by a lawyer. One of the scribes heard Jesus and, recognizing that he had answered them well, asked him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" That is, "*What is the commandment that covers everything?*"

Jesus answered, "The foremost is *Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord.*"

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That's vision: "The Lord our God is one Lord." That's the first of the Ten Commandments. "I am the Lord Your God that delivered you," and I acted, and you saw my action. *I am the Lord your God.*

Jesus tells us the correct response to that fact – to *I am the Lord your God*:

*You will love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength, and the second is, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

- The answer to the second and third of the Great Questions (*Who is really well off?* and *Who is a really good person?*) is packed into those words.
- You want to ask: What *is* our response to that? Is it one that says, "Okay; I'll do that!" What is it to love the Lord with all your heart? What *is* your heart?
  - You might answer that in terms of your \_\_\_\_\_, but that is a mistake caused by the close association of the heart with emotion.
  - The heart is actually the \_\_\_\_\_ or the executive center of the self, but the will doesn't work independent of your emotions.

*Today many people do not know the difference between their feelings and their will and that is a fatal mistake. It will always lead to the person trying to do what their emotions dictate.*

b. Jesus understood the Great Commandment as the great blessing that comes to human beings from God.

- The Law is a beautiful, good gift of God.
  - Psalm 1: *Blessed is the man that doesn't walk in the counsel of the ungodly, stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of the scornful, but **his delight is in the law of God.***

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- If you understand the Law in the way it came to be understood, as an external kind of command that stands over your life and points out where you're wrong, then you can see how one wouldn't particularly find that a delightful thing. *But the Law is an expression of the ways of God*, and that's how you come to know the \_\_\_\_\_ that is in the Law.

"But his delight is in the law of God, and in that he meditates day and night," *not because he has to, but because he loves it.*

The Law is an expression of the ways of God and that is an appropriate kind of thing to delight in.

- Jesus is giving you the secret of the \_\_\_\_\_ life. This is the pathway; this is the secret of the blessed life. *He is telling you where to orient the various essential parts of the human being in such a way that they walk into the fullness of life in the kingdom of God.*
- In the old covenant, this command is found in Leviticus 19:
  - Leviticus 19:18 *You shall not take vengeance nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people.* This is what you're not to do.

What are you to do? *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

The reason given is "*I am the Lord.*"

That's why you do that. If you don't have a reason, you're going to be able to do very little in this direction. So, it's important to do the first part of the commandment first: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and then you can actually love your neighbor as yourself - because you will have the wherewithal to do that coming from your \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

- Leviticus 19:33-34 *The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you. And you shall love him as yourself.*

Why? *You were aliens in the land of Egypt. You know what it's like!*

*I am the Lord your God.*

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- Jesus understands that you cannot love God without loving your neighbor, and you can't love your neighbor without loving God.

*How do you do that?*



The path of indirection - deal with the factors (parts) that produce it

- Mark 12:29-31 is Jesus's analysis of the essential parts of a human being. You deal with the parts.
- You come to know what is in your heart, and you learn to love the Lord with all your heart.
  - That means that your will is perfectly surrendered to doing the things that are good for God in the eyes of God.

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In Renovare Institute Series Video #7 – Part 3 Dallas describes the person as a whole, explains each part of the person, and teaches about the interplay of each part and how it influences our decision to accept or reject the knowledge of God.