

Romans #117

“Legitimate Groaning”

*Romans 8:18-22*

*Colossians 3:12-4:1*

**In personal love or admiration, the object of your love often controls your life providing unhappiness, unless you’ve attained spiritual maturity.**

In wanting to please the object of your personal love, you find yourself being a different person,

not functioning normally.

*In personal animosity, the object of your irritation often has control of your life and happiness, unless you have advanced to spiritual adulthood.*

Under the plan of God, God designed that

His happiness will always reside in you, so that you do not depend on people or things for your happiness.

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*You become a slave to the object of your antagonism or love and at the same time, you have no control over your life, cancelling all the characteristics of spiritual self- esteem and spiritual maturity.*

**The greatest enemy to any organization is arrogance in its personnel.**

A second enemy is incapability and a third is laziness;

while other enemies include distraction from wrong priorities and ignorance.

*The principle is that God will promote the person who passes system testing.*

To pass thought testing at any stage of the Christian life, the believer must have:

processed biblical truth to meet thought testing at any given stage, the filling of the

Spirit at the time of the thought testing to make the correct application of that processed truth and this means the ability not to be distracted by false issues or to be misled by wrong priorities, a continual distraction in the Christian life that accumulates a tremendous amount of self-created misery under the law of free-will responsibility.

We can never prove to ourselves what the “will of God” for our life is without renovation of thought.

1. Rationalization is a false-system for problem solving in thinking with self-justification, a false solution that blames everyone else for our failures and our sufferings.

2. *The direct attack is the anger solution to the problems and frustrations of life; solving problems by temper tantrums and being in the otal state of arrogance by refusing to take the responsibility for our own bad decisions.*

3) Defense mechanism is a system of mental attitude designed to divorce the believer from reality and protect the mind against pressures which are too great for him to handle.

4) Denial is the human viewpoint thinking of ignoring the problem in hopes that it will go away.

5) Sublimation is the human viewpoint of finding a new outlet, a hobby, a new system of entertainment, a new direction for frustration.

Every believer must pass the prosperity test before he can achieve spiritual maturity. Prosperity cannot bring happiness apart from the believer’s function and momentum inside the plan of God.

*Prosperity is the subtlest distraction to life in the plan of God.*

Our capacity must always precede our prosperity.

Emotion does not originate thought; emotion can only appreciate thought.

God acts on the basis of the facts and He imputes life to the soul and at the same time, the justice of God thinks, He imputes Adam’s original sin to our genetically-reproduced sin nature so we could be condemned

at birth and have a chance to be blessed in this life and for all eternity.

*Undeserved suffering leads to glory as well as blessing.*

God produces this action of revealing His glory in us, something which is absolutely certain: eternal rewards and blessings for every mature believer.