

TLJ06 Producing Thought Trees

Last week I shared my testimony of how it took several months of me confessing three verses of scripture four hours a day to tear down a stronghold of wrong doctrine in me and replace it with the truth. I am embarrassed to admit how strong that wrong thinking was in me. It seemed like I was using the Word like a battering ram against the stone wall of a fortress in order to break through the walls of false doctrine. God compares His Word to a hammer!

Jeremiah 23:29 KJV Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

As I continued to be taught by the Holy Spirit, He eventually told me there is a way to greatly reduce the amount of time it takes to tear down strongholds and replace them with truth. He called it incorporating "Godly hope." It is the way God worked with Abraham, showing a vision to keep in His imagination, and combined with only saying what God says about you. First, God gave Abraham a vision of the end result. It was an image Abraham could see daily to keep "Godly hope" alive in his mind.

The Vision

Genesis 15:4-6 KJV And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. [5] And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them; and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. [6] And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

The Confession

Genesis 17:4-5 KJV As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. [5] Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Combining the vision of the promise with the confession of only saying what God says about you ... is what the Holy Spirit called living in "Godly hope."

Romans 4:18 KJV Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

"Against hope" means ... there was no natural hope for a 99-year-old man and a 90-year-old woman to conceive and birth a child. "Believed in hope" means ... living in "Godly hope" provided by the vision and the confession. You can only live in one or the other ... no hope ... or godly hope. To try and live in both at the same time is to be double-minded.

Here is some of the specific teaching the Holy Spirit gave me on the subject of "Godly hope."

*"Four hours spent developing **godly hope** is more productive than four years of mindless confession where there is no hope. I remind you again of the Father's plan for Abram. Which came first? Hope or faith? First came the image of hope as He led Abram out to see the stars. By that method the Father painted hope on the canvas of Abram's heart. Abram now had a vision! First comes the vision. First comes the hope. Hope must be imparted first, son. A lively hope that is more real than the natural circumstances."*

At a later date, the Holy Spirit said to me,

"Remember the Word I spoke to you saying, 'Four hours spent developing godly hope is more productive than four years of mindless confession where there is no hope.' That ratio is correct. Those numbers are accurate. I gave them not by chance unto you, says the Spirit of Grace. That IS the measure by which the rate of transformation shall be increased as you learn to incorporate hope with all your speaking. I am able to do a quick work in those whose hope stands as an image in full measure for faith to give substance to. Learn to incorporate hope, Godly Hope, with all your speaking."

Without going through all of the calculations in this lesson, let me just tell you the end result. If you can become laser focused for about five minutes a day on seeing the vision as being already accomplished, while at the same time always keeping your confession in line with the Word of God, there is no stronghold that cannot be torn down and replaced with truth in 21 days. It took me about five months using the

sledgehammer method of confession only. I think we would all agree, 21 days instead of five months would be much better.

I found out later by studying scientific books on Neuroplasticity that science has now discovered that you can remove one neural pathway and replace it with a new neural pathway in your physical brain by "intense focus" for about seven minutes a day for 21 days. That is science coming very close to the same calculation I received through prayer. It is close enough for all practical purposes. (Scientist vs Engineer Illustration). Here is a recent teaching I received from the Holy Spirit,

"Understand that My Word is supernatural. Your spiritual mind has the capacity to see with the eyes of your understanding things that you have not seen yet with your natural eyes."

"This is part of the seeing and saying that describes how Jesus, Himself, functioned. He would see and hear with His spiritual mind first. Then he would say, and lay hands upon, and do the things He did to minister to the people. What you see with your spirit becomes what you shall see with your natural eyes. And what others will see."

"Know that My Word is spirit. My Word is life. It has the capacity, still, to create all things whatsoever I have spoken. Preach My Word. I will provide the testimony. But see it ahead of time with the eyes of your understanding. See Me doing what I always do through My Son, Who now abides within you, says the Lord."

Every Word of God still has the capacity to create. But it does not create until it is spoken. Your Bible, lying on your coffee table or standing in your bookcase, has great potential power. **But that power is not released until it is believed and spoken.** Here is an amazing truth the Lord said to me many years ago.

"The Holy Spirit will not act on the unspoken Word ... not even for God the Father Himself! The Holy Spirit would still be brooding over the face of the waters today had He not heard, 'Let there be light.'"

How is the Word spoken on earth today? Christ has no lips on earth but ours. He speaks on earth when we speak on earth. His Word creates on earth when we speak His Word on earth. Speaking the Word, repeatedly, literally "creates" ... neural

pathways in your brain that did not exist before. Remember Jesus said, *"The kingdom of God is within you."* The Word creates "in you" first ... then the Word is manifested in the world for all to see.

Science is catching up with the Bible. In many modern publications, you find statements like this; As we think, we change the physical nature of our brain. As we consciously direct our thinking, we can wire out toxic patterns of thinking and replace them with healthy thoughts. That process is fully described in the Bible,

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 KJV (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) [5] Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

YOUR THOUGHTS CHANGE THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURE OF YOUR BRAIN!

I found out that science has now discovered the same truth the Holy Spirit spoke to me when He told me what believing really is.

"Believing is re-coding the mind. It is a biological, physical disconnecting of old neuropaths and a reconnecting of new neuropaths."

Every time you think, you're making choices—and those choices trigger genetic activity in your brain. This process leads to the production of proteins, which in turn shape your thoughts. Far from being abstract, thoughts are tangible, physical entities that take up space in your mental landscape. They look like trees.



No wonder Jesus often spoke of trees when He taught about how the abundance of the heart and the words of our mouth are connected.

Luke 6:43-45 KJV For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. [44] For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. [45] A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Choosing what you think about literally causes "trees" of thought patterns to be established in your physical brain. These thought "trees" can literally be seen by scientific methods. These protein "trees" are created by what you choose to think on, meditate on, day and night. You have the power to choose what you consistently think on. Otherwise, this would not be in your Bible.

Philippians 4:8 KJV Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

THINK ON THESE THINGS! That's a command. That means you have the power of choice. It is up to you what you think on, meditate on. It is up to you what kind of "thought trees" you are producing in your physical brain. Many people think they cannot stop worrying. Yes you can. God gave you the power to choose what you think about day and night.

Eventually those "thought trees" will bear fruit ... good or bad, and you will eat the fruit that is produced by them. If we consistently fill our thoughts with the Word of God, and we meditate on those thoughts day and night, and we speak in line with those thoughts, we will become like a "tree" that produces good fruit in every season.

Psalms 1:1-3 KJV Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. [2] But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. [3] And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.