

Training in Righteousness,
Unto Good Works Part 2

The Process of Training

Overview: 2 Tim 3:16-17 says, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” The expectation of the Scripture is that the result of salvation will be good works. The works of God that are pleasing to God must come out of a life built on a vibrant relationship with God and the Word of God; which is a life of righteousness. When we walk out these good works it results in us fulfilling our destiny, our purpose.

A. Cultivating the Ground of Your Heart.

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| 1. Every good tree brings forth good fruit (Matt 7:17), from good ground. | Mark 4:20 |
| 2. The Fruit of the Spirit springs from goodness, righteousness and truth. | Eph 5:9 |
| 3. The goal of instruction is love, from a pure heart, good conscience and faith. | 1 Tim 1:5 |
| 4. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Pro 9:10), and, is to hate evil. | Prov 8:13 |
| 5. Chosen to have intimacy with the Father resulting in holiness and blamelessness. | Eph 1:4-5 |
| 6. Love God with all your being (Mat 22:37); he who loves Jesus obeys Him. | John 14:21 |

B. The Word – the foundation of the process.

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| 1. All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable. | 2 Tim 3:16 |
| 2. Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. | Rom 12:2 |
| 3. Washed by the water of the Word. | Eph 5:25-27 |
| 4. Trained by the Word of righteousness to discern good and evil by exercising it. | Heb 5:12-14 |
| 5. Taught by the Spirit in the secret place. | 1 John 2:27 |
| 6. The Word is living, able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart. | Heb 4:12-13 |

C. Obedience – the basis of the process.

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| 1. Be a doer of the Word because the doer sees the manifestation of the Word. | Jam 1:21-25 |
| 2. Put on the new man created in righteousness. | Eph 4:24 |
| 3. Yield your members as instruments of righteousness, the righteousness in you. | Rom 6:12-22 |
| 4. Flee sin and pursue God. | 1 Tim 6:11; 2 Tim 2:22 |
| 5. Instant response to the prompting of the Spirit. | Gen 22:3 |

D. The Spirit – the power of the process.

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| 1. It is the power of the Spirit that empowers perfection. | Gal 3:1-3 |
| 2. Changed from glory to glory by the Spirit of the Lord. | 2 Cor 3:18 |
| 3. Walk in the Spirit to overcome the lusts of the flesh. | Gal 5:16, 24-25 |

E. The Conscience – the seat of the process.

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| 1. The blood of Jesus purges your conscience of dead works to serve God. | Heb 9:14 |
| 2. Your hearts have been sprinkled (by the blood) from an evil conscience. | Heb 10:22 |
| 3. Train yourself to have a conscience void of offense toward God and man. | Acts 24:16 |
| 4. Avoid a seared (1 Tim 4:2) and defiled conscience. | Titus 1:15 |
| 5. Maintain a good conscience. Acts 23:1; 1 Tim 1:5; 1 Tim 1:19; Heb 13:18; 1 Pet 3:16; 1 Pet 3:21 | 2 Tim 1:3 |
| 6. Seek a pure conscience. | 2 Pet 1:2-4 |
| a. Through the knowledge of God and Jesus Christ. | Titus 2:11-12 |
| b. Through grace. | Heb 10:16 |
| c. Through the Word written in your heart and mind. | |

7. What compromises the conscience?
 - a. Past regrets. Accept God's love and complete forgiveness.
 - b. Iniquity – wrong, evil thinking. Wash yourself with the Word by believing it and doing it.
 - c. Holding on to sin. Flee youthful lusts and pursue righteousness.
 - d. Violating (going against) your conscience. Respond immediately to the promptings.
8. Confess sins, RRB, pray the 3 Witness Anointing to cleanse every part of your being.

F. Chastisement – the tool of the process

1. Do not despise the chastisement (disciplinary instruction and training) of the Lord. Heb 12:5-11
 - a. He chastises as a father, to reject it is to say you are not His son and have no Father.
 - b. Endure (stay in the place of receiving) His chastisement and it will lead to life.
 - c. The outcome of chastisement is the peaceable fruit of righteousness – be trained by it.
 - d. Chastisement comes:
 - Through the Spirit. John 16:8-11
 - Through the Word you have read, studied and acted on. Heb 4:12-13
 - Through the Word written in your heart and mind by the new birth. Heb 8:10; 10:16
 - Through the conscience. Rom 2:15
 - Through others. 1 Cor 5:1-8; Matt 18:15-17; Gal 6:1; Eph 4:11-13
2. Respond to sorrow (rebuke, correction), no matter the source, with **repentance**. 2 Cor 7:5-13
 - a. What carefulness it wrought in you. Attention to what is correct according to the Word
 - b. What clearing of yourself. A desire to start doing what is right.
 - c. What indignation. Anger toward sin and the source of sin.
 - d. What fear. A reverent fear of God and His holiness.
 - e. What vehement desire. A desire for God and His ways above all else.
 - f. What zeal. Passion (taking action) to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness.
 - g. What revenge. A desire to destroy the kingdom of darkness and the ways of sin.
 - h. You (by your actions) have approved yourself clear in this matter.
3. Using the Word of righteousness to train oneself involves doing the Word. Heb 5:13-14
4. The Word is profitable for rebuke and correction. 2 Tim 3:16-17

G. Trials and Temptations – the crucible of the process

1. Trials and temptations produce patience; resulting in being perfect and complete. James 1:2-4
2. Trials refine you; resulting in praise, honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus. 1 Pet 1:6-7
3. In Christ, with the Holy Spirit you are super-conquerors over tribulation. Rom 8:35-37