



The Heart of God

I am continually blessed as the Lord opens my understanding of His word. When I read the scripture, I have a tendency to extend its meaning to all areas that the text can be naturally applied. In that way I keep from placing artificial or Andre' limitations on the written word of God. Today as I read a passage that is very familiar to me, I was blessed to encounter the Lord once again opening my understanding.

Having come to the Lord being vengeful and vindictive, it was necessary for me to memorize Ephesians 4:32.

*"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." **Ephesians 4:32***

As I draw upon a wider range of the surrounding text Ephesians 4:11-32. I can now see the application of this scripture as a ministry of healing God's children as it relates to any emotions. Many are more comfortable talking about or addressing anger. Unfortunately, most do not recognize anger as a secondary or even a tertiary emotion. We therefore continue to experience the root or underlying emotion as it has not been either recognized, accepted, experienced or resolved.

I looked this day at the emotions of depression, sadness and the hurt and the pain caused thereby. These as negative emotions can and do many times lay beneath anger. We must begin to look from a spiritual perspective at these emotions. We can easily recognize them as tools in the hands of Satan. He uses them to get us to grow cold and hard hearted as we cut off our feelings. This is how Satan robs the children of God of love, joy, and the peace of God. To assist us in our understanding add any negative emotion that you may experience to the list at verse 31 (or just plug in depression and sadness). Any of the negative emotions improperly resolved will diminish our ability to love others.

Having plugged in that emotion we must go back to the written word and recall that all things work together for good....Romans 8:28. If we are clear with that as Satan uses these negative emotions as tools, if we as children of God place those same emotions in the care of God, in his hands, God the creator of all things will use Satan's tool against Satan. How we might ask?

Upon experiencing these deep and sometimes painful emotions, it would be beneficial to view it as God urging us to see our own inability to function on our own steam or with too great a dependence on others. God may be using Satan's tools

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against Satan by drawing us ever closer to our God.

As we are attacked by negative emotions and become so mired and drawn in pain that we want to grow cold and hard to avoid the pain, please remember God's word:

"And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness..."
2 Corinthians 12:9

Check the scripture

1. *Ephesians 4:32*
2. *2 Corinthians 12:9*
3. *Philippians 4:7*

In your weakness/pain cry out to God, you can look directly into the cause of your painful emotion turning back to Ephesians 4:32 realizing that pain which you have inflicted upon God by your sin and the Love He has extended to you in spite thereof. Now you can turn that negative emotion into a deeper love for God. It is now that you will know that the word of God to be true as:

*"... The peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your minds through Christ Jesus." **Philippians 4:7***

Please do not allow negative emotions to be used as a tool by Satan causing you to shut down emotionally as your heart grows cold. Instead allow your heart to be filled with love and warmth as you draw closer to God to experience the fullness of His Spirit compounded by His Grace and Love.

If no one has told you yet today...let me be the first to say I love you all and you can't do anything about it.

Andre' L. McGuire

Ministry Needs

Praise God:

I believe as God said, He will supply our need according to His riches in glory. That you might be made aware of those present needs please find listed below the needs of ALM's Ministry International, Inc. as we know them.

It is my intention to fulfill the ministry God has placed in my heart. I am prayerful that God would touch those whom He has anointed to be a blessing or participant in this ministry. I have nearly completed the business plan inclusive of a blueprint of the facility wherein the halfway house would be located. If God has so ordained it would be a blessing to receive your assistance in the development of this ministry. Please contact us in the event God has led you to assist and/or forward this to any which you believe may through prayer be interested in assisting in the following areas:

- Prayer
- Secure 501 C3
- Assist in completion of business plan
 - a. Cost Analysis
 - b. Secure Financing and/or Grant Writer
 - c. Staff Development
- Web Site Development (concept provided)
- Typeset manuscripts and/or secure publisher or agent for manuscripts
- Secure copyright of manuscript(s)
- Prayer

I do thank you for having taken the time to review this information. I pray that God will open your heart to being a blessing to his kingdom by assisting in the development of this ministry.

Donations

The word of **God** admonishes us to owe no man anything except love. Therefore, we have made it possible for our visiting friends to assist us in maintaining our facility and our web presence by sowing seed into this ministry. All finances received are tax deductible and will be used for general ministry support if it is not specifically designated.

We thank you in advance for your cheerful gift in support of ALM's Ministries, International, Inc.