



CHURCH @ HOME SEPT, 2017

PURSUE, OVERTAKE & RECOVER ALL (III):

THE FUTILITY OF THE MIND VERSUS THE REFRESHING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Eph 4:17 "So this I say and solemnly testify in [the name of] the Lord [as in His presence], that you must no longer live as the heathen (the Gentiles) do in their perverseness [in the folly, vanity, and emptiness of their souls and the futility] of their minds." (AMPC)

READ: Matt 6:28-33. Phill 4:4-7, 11 Tim 1:7, 1st Cor 2:11-16 MSG

- It is important that we get back to basics in our relationship with God through the Holy spirit.
- We need to dethrone the god of mental reasoning and intellect that has taken over our lifestyle and ability to function.
- Believers think everything has to make sense before they act upon it but you and I would not be saved today if salvation had to make sense.

**A. PURSUE, OVERTAKE AND RECOVER ALL HAPPENS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND NOT BY THE MIND.
(Zech 4:6)**

- You will lag behind and not overtake if you pursue with the mind.
- You have to consult with the Holy Spirit anytime you are making any major decision.
- Putting on the ephod represents putting on the mind of the Spirit. When you put on the mind of the Spirit, you allow the mind of Christ to dominate your thinking and influence your decisions.
- You don't win the battles of life by reasoning or by power or might but by the SPIRIT.
- There is a spirit of dryness that is pervading the life of many believers, their families and the church. That is the root of defeat, loses, corruption and the struggles many believers face.
- Most people are losing their joy. Most believers are tired and weary and burned out even before the battle shows up. Jesus said, "stop being perpetually uneasy (anxious and worried) about your life". (Math. 6:28-33 AMP) Paul also said "Be anxious for nothing" (Ph 4:6&7)

B. THE MIND IS THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES. THE ONLY WAY GOD HAS ACCESS TO OUR LIVES IS THROUGH OUR MIND.

- When we are not connected to the Holy Spirit, we effectually, shut God out and so, fail at everything
- You cannot judge success by the same indices that the world uses to judge success. e.g. The world measure success by money and material things. True success is having the presence of God in you and with you.
- Put on the ephod.

C. MIND OF A CHRISTIAN: Rm 12:2, 2nd Tim 1:7, 1st Cor 2:11-16 MSG

- You are conformed to this world when your mind operates as the world does.

The measure of what you recover is based on the degree of the transformation of your mind.
The degree of what you produce is determined by the degree of the renewal of your mind.

Suggestions for Open Discussion

1. ***It is important to dethrone the god of mental reasoning and intellect: Discuss***
2. ***How do you receive a revelation of what the Lord has ordained for your future?***
3. ***What does it mean to be transformed by the renewing of your mind?***