

## ENEMIES OF INTIMACY

(continued)

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What is the problem with being a perfectionist? Well, first you take yourself out from under the grace of God and put yourself under the law. James 1:26 and 2:10 and Romans 7:5-7. Here Paul is using the example of being a respecter of persons, but it can be any sin of the flesh. I don't know about you but for many years I was great at extending grace to everyone else, but myself. God gently, mercifully took me gradually but surely into grace. The Holy Spirit taught me this subject for over 4 years –what patience our teacher has! Then after this time, He led me to a church body where grace is actually practiced and visually seen by anyone with eyes to see. What an amazing journey it has been. All glory to God the Holy Spirit.

Besides taking yourself out from under grace, perfectionism can cause your greatest gifting or asset to become your worst enemy. The devil stops at nothing to pervert what God has gifted us with. I recently heard Brother Benny Hinn say “if you think God is leading you to do something and you just love it-don't do it-it is the flesh”. That is a strong statement but there is truth in it. You see beloved, when you have a gift you naturally desire to use it to the full ability you may possess. However, the enemy knows this as well. He then plots how he can trip you up or mislead you into use of your gift, but not for the purpose God actually intended. If you don't pick up on this you think you heard from

### Your Best Asset Can Become Your Worst Enemy

God! After all, He gave you the gift and now it is being used. No wonder Jesus said “all things in moderation.” Another thing a perfectionist might do is work themselves beyond normal limits because after all, no one else will do the job just so. Also the

perfectionist may not attempt new and beneficial things as they may feel they would never “be good enough” at something to both attempting it. Do any of these things sound like you? Repent.

We must here talk a little about the word “Excellence.” This word means virtue, eminently good, first class, surpassing others. God is excellent and we, as Christians should do our best to do our best in all things relating to the Kingdom. Christians should not be late, should keep their word, should stick to what they believe in, in other words, have integrity. We should be excellent and surpass the world and change it since we have the King Himself in our hearts and He is our helper. Psalm 16:3

Dear Father God: I come to you in the Name of Your precious Son, Jesus. I see myself in this article. Help me dear Holy Spirit, I repent of my wrong attitudes, cleanse me by the blood of the Lamb and lead me out of my sinful ways. Help me to follow Jesus with a spirit of excellence and in the mercy and grace of My heavenly Father. Thank you Lord. Amen.

## DOVE'S EYES

**The eyes of the Dove  
Know they will perish  
If they are denied  
The ONE that they cherish  
The eyes of the Dove  
Are a gift from God  
The eyes of the Dove  
Are a sampling of His love.  
The eyes of the Dove  
Are eyes that are focused  
The eyes of the Dove  
Are eyes with a purpose  
The eyes of the Dove  
Are single minded  
The eyes of the Dove  
Are never blinded.  
The eyes of the Dove  
Hate what God hates  
The eyes of the Dove  
Have a sealed fate.  
The eyes of the Dove  
See only You, Lord God  
The eyes of the Dove  
May make you appear odd  
But the eyes of the Dove  
Make you pleasing to God!**

## PRAISE REPORTS

A few weeks ago at our church the Pastor asked for “faith pledges” towards a building fund. An amount of \$1000.00 came to my heart. He explained that there is no obligation unless the Lord brings it to you supernaturally. There was no way to keep the pledge in the natural. My husband agreed to the amount. Last week, totally out of the blue, we received a check in the mail for that exact amount. It was our supernatural God who kept this pledge. He looks at the heart. It is a great joy to give into the Kingdom that cannot be shaken! PD

I wanted to thank the Wednesday prayer group for their prayers of intercession. I believe the prayers came at a pivotal time in my son's life and also in the life of my sister. When I took my sister to church I noticed she did not seem herself. Due to the prompting of the Holy Spirit I was able to pay attention to what was happening with her. After speaking with her doctor, she was admitted to the hospital as her body is producing blood clots.

I believe this all came to light due to the prayers. Please stay in agreement for total healing. Many thanks to the RDM Wednesday prayer people. CF

This is just a brief note to tell you what a wonderful evening I had at your Glory Watch. It was so blessed to be lost in God during praise, worship, and prayer. I cannot convey appropriately to you what an encouragement and validation it was to hear from God through this ministry. It lifted me higher, and strengthened my resolve to reach the point of being “a friend” of God. Thank you so much. GP

Last month I received my income tax check and thought it was in a safe place. When I looked, I could not find it and the amount was close to \$2000.00. RDM joined me in prayer and I found the money. I am praising the Lord for His kindness and mercy. LG

We are praising God as a young man not only received Jesus but also was baptized in the Holy Spirit at one of the recent Song of Solomon Bible Studies. The presence of the Holy Spirit is so wonderful during these studies.

Thank you Jesus. RD

At the last Glory Watch something amazing occurred. I had overdone that day in terms of running around doing errands etc. Rev. Ray prayed over me when the glory hit his hands and I immediately felt all the pain I had been experiencing leave. I was totally refreshed and able to enjoy the evening. Thank you Jesus for your goodness. PD

I wanted to drop you a message to let you know how blessed I was through your ministry at the Glory Watch. It was so refreshing to be in the presence of God, especially during the worship. God bless you and keep you always. In His love, RS

## A MERRY HEART

A Jewish Rabbi and a Catholic Priest met at the town's annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic. Old friends, they began their usual banter.

“This baked ham is really delicious,” the priest teased the rabbi. “You really ought to try it. I know it's against your religion, but I can't understand why such a wonderful food should be forbidden! You don't know what you're missing. You just haven't lived until you've tried Mrs. Hall's prized Virginia Baked Ham. Tell me, Rabbi, when are you going to break down and try it?”

The rabbi looked at the priest with a big grin, and said, “At your wedding.”

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps.

“Where would you like to sit?” he asked politely.

“The front row, please,” she answered.

“You really don't want to do that,” the usher said. “The pastor is really boring.”

“Do you happen to know who I am?” the woman inquired.

“No,” he said.

“I'm the pastor's mother,” she replied indignantly.

“Do you know who I am?” he asked.

“No,” she said.

“Good,” he answered.

The young couple invited their elderly pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they were having.

“Goat,” the little boy replied.

“Goat?” replied the startled man of the cloth, “Are you sure about that?”

“Yep,” said the youngster. “I heard Dad say to Mom, ‘Today is just as good as any to have the old goat for dinner.’”

A young woman really thought she'd been patient, through a long period of dating with no talk of marriage.

One night her boyfriend took her out to a Chinese restaurant. As he looked over the menu, he asked her.

“So ... how do you want your rice? Plain or fried?”

Without missing a beat, she looked over her menu at him and replied. “Thrown.”

