

Sanctification: Transformed Into The Image of Christ
Lesson 27

I. Laying the ground work for living the spiritual life

- a. Appropriating what God says about personal sanctification
- b. Valuing the spiritual life
- c. Absolute conviction that my warfare is against my own sin nature (depravity)
- d. Commitment to yield my will to His Spirit
- e. Being sensitive to what the Holy Spirit is doing in me
- f. Conscious living moment by moment

II. The Objective Experience

- a. Describe the situation
- b. What mental models are being exposed? (Looking below the surface record the thoughts you have.) For example:
 - My security is in my hands;
 - Worldly wealth will give me comfort and security;
 - My happiness depends upon my having a retirement;
 - My sense of self worth is dependent upon my having this

III. Identifying Sin

- a. Recognizing the first signs of trouble Gal 5:16-19
- b. Examine the rationalizing old sin nature 1Cor 2:12-15
- c. Examination of motives “Down deep, really, why do I want this?” Rom 7:18
- d. Uncovering the roots of the problem & why it is a problem

What I am saying to myself about this?	The aspect of God’s character I am assaulting
I want more worldly prosperity	God as my provider
I am envious of those with certain worldly goods	God as the all sufficient one
I want the security of a retirement	Trustworthiness
I do not believe that having worldly wealth will saddle me with unnecessary cares	Truth

IV. Mortifying Sin & Putting On Christ

- a. What does God’s Word say about these motives (what needs to be mortified?)
- b. What I should be valuing and pursuing

Mortifying: Bible words or passages that capture the essence of this problem	Putting On Christ: Bible words, thoughts or passages that strengthen spiritual beliefs & responses
Envy Ps 73:2; Titus 3:3	Putting on Christ is the greatest desire of my spiritual man Rom 13:14; Matt 6:33
Contentment 1Tim 6:6-11; Phil 4:11-12	As a priest my inheritance in this life is Christ Num 18:20
Cares of this life deceitfulness of riches Mark 4:18-19	My true affections and true values lie in the spiritual life Col 3:1-5

V. Correcting The Error and Cleaning Up The Mess

- a. Confess my sin(s) to God
- b. Quit my efforts to do this thing, thoroughly purge my life of things that tie me to this sin.
- c. Be aware of other plots (substitutes for the same sin) of my old sin nature which will now surface.