Darkness and Light

When I was 18 years old, I was lying in a hospital bed, dying of a lung disease. I preferred to have the room dark, like a dungeon, but the doctor who did my lung surgery, Dr. Lawson, came in the room, ranting and raving and yelling and said, “This boy’s dying. I want light in this room!”

Then, he took the cord on the Venetian blind and pulled so hard that the blinds went all the way to the ceiling, and I thought they were going to fall off. He said, “I want light in this room and not darkness!” He knew something about death and depression that too few Christians realize.

You need to get out of the darkness and get into the light – physically and spiritually. There’s a direct link between depression, sickness, disease, and darkness and sin. The spirit of death can linger around your home, because you welcomed it and made it comfortable, and all the medication in the world will not run that spirit off.

The entrance of God’s Word brings light (Psalm 119:130). There is a law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus, and there’s a law of sin and death (Romans 8:2).

You want to operate in the law of life. It starts out with your tongue, having your mouth filled with God’s Word, you singing and praising God, having a strong prayer life, and a voice of victory, with you eliminating complaining, whining and griping.

Everybody can lay hands on you and cast this depression out of you, or off of you, and you may get some temporary relief, but if you don’t start talking with victory and joy, that spirit of oppression, depression, grief, sorrow, anger, sickness and disease, will overtake you.
You Have to Make the Devil Leave

I had a lady come into my Bible study that was the most depressed person I ever saw outside of an institution. She was using the depression to get attention. One night after the service, I told her that. She said she’d been using the Word and it wasn’t working. I said, “That’s a lie, the Word always works. You’re ruining your children’s lives. What child wants to live around depression?” I started to give her a list of things to do. I said, “You’re never going to know when I call. When you answer the phone, I want you to say, “Praise the Lord!” with enthusiasm every time you answer.”

Depression will spread faster than any plague if you don’t eliminate it. This woman had taken all kinds of medications and had been to all kinds of doctors, but she’d made up her mind she was going to live with the depression and make everybody else’s life miserable.

If you don’t deal with people like that, they’ll wreck your church! If you just show Satan a little bit of disappointment, he’ll accommodate you with a whole lot of it! Well, thank God, she started praising the Lord, and she started gaining victory and joy. It seemed as though she became a new lady. I often thought her husband was happy I dealt with the issue. He seemed never to have the nerve to deal with it.

The only power Satan has is deception. He cannot do anything to anyone unless they permit him to. Normally, most people do not purposely or intentionally yield to the devil. But they do so ignorantly. Ask your Christian friends some time to tell you what they know about the devil. Ask them what he can and cannot do, and then ask them if they ever talk to the devil. Most of your friends are clueless about Satan’s devices while he’s doing everything he can to destroy their lives.
Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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