

I. ONE THING—The One Thing that I'd like to take away from today's class and believe God to accomplish in my life is:

II. MEDITATION

A. Review your class notes from Tuesday.

- Take some time to think about the main ideas of the lesson. If you want to add details to your notes, you'll find the audio message on our website under the Resources tab. (www.DivineDesignDiscipleship.com).
- Which of the scriptures referenced were particularly meaningful to you? Write out those verses below and spend some time studying them this week.

B. Rewrite your One Thing into a prayer, expressing your heart's desire for God to make this truth become your experience.

III. PRINCIPLES

Our Abba Father is doing a re-parenting work in us and He is calling us to cooperate and partner with Him. Meditate on these truths to better equip you for that process:

A. Marked

- Eph 1:13 NIV—You also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit
- Jesus was marked as God’s own Son when the Father gave Him a fresh anointing of the HS at His baptism: Lk 3:21-22--When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.”
- When the Father gives us the Holy Spirit of promise, He is saying the same thing to us He said to Jesus: You are my beloved child. I am well pleased with you!
- We are no longer slaves to fear of failure or of being a loser. We are now winners:
 - 2 Cor 2:14 NAS—But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.
 - Is 61:1, 7 NIV--He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives...Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours.
 - Col 2:14-15 NLT--He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.
 - 1 Cor 15:57 MSG--But now in a single victorious stroke of Life, all three—sin, guilt, death—are gone, the gift of our Master, Jesus Christ. Thank God!
 - Rom 8:37 AMP--Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors *and* gain an overwhelming victory through Him who loved us [so much that He died for us].

Insights:

B. Made New

- God needed to re-parent Saul and made Him Paul. He authored many of the Scriptures about the Father’s grace: Gal 4:7 NLT-- Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are His child, everything He has belongs to you.
- The Orphan Spirit underlies the Spirit of Slavery:
Orphan → Slave → Adopted by the Father → Spirit of Sonship
- Jesus did all the work, the Father saves by His gracious love, and we are made new:
 - Rom 1:4, 7-- All who are beloved of God...called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Col 1:22 NASB-- He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach
 - 2 Cor 5:21-- He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- Gal 2:20 NLT-- My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
- Rom 6:6 NLT-- We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.
- Col 2:9-10 AMP-- For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature]. And you are in Him, made full *and* having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power].
- 2 Cor 5:17-- Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Insights:

C. Maturing

- Romans 8 that teaches us that there are 2 different words used for God's children:
 - Tecknon = Baby or Little Child: Rom 8:16— The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
 - Tecknon is getting needs met, few expectations, lots of receiving, fully accepted
 - Huios = Adult Child, full access to all legal assets and authority: Rom 8:14— For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.
- The maturing process requires continuous active participation on our part.
- God fathered the children of Israel in the desert years. See examples from Numbers 1 of how they grew from slaves into mature children:
 - Resourcefulness
 - The Father ordered a census to identify people resources in Num 1:1-2.
 - Slaves do not have free access to resources nor freedom to use creatively.
 - Sons learn to recognize & use resources to better connect to God's purposes for their lives: Gal 6:4-6 MSG-- Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.
 - Grasping Equality and Uniqueness
 - In Numbers 1:4 the Father chose 1 man from each tribe (equal) and 1 leader from among all others in tribe (unique).
 - The slave mindset believes that being unique/special = entitlement.
 - Slaves lack understanding that privileges and responsibilities are given based on the choices, stewardship, and God-given gifting of individuals.
 - Sons recognize that the Father doesn't show favoritism. Each child has equal access to the Father even when their abilities differ: 1 Cor 12:4ff MSG-- God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful
 - Understanding Delayed Gratification
 - God appointed Levites as caretakers of Tabernacle, exempt from war (v. 47).
 - The Father was honoring their previous obedience months past (Ex 32:26).

- Slaves often have rules without relational intimacy with the master. Force is required for them to press harder or higher.
- Sons understand the intangible benefits of making good choices over time: Gal 6:7-9 NLT-- You will always harvest what you plant. Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.
- Progressive Obedience
 - Israel was called to conscript an army from men of varied skills in Num 1:2-3.
 - The Father teaches us obedience by asking us to do small tasks immediately.
 - The slave mindset fears failure, punishment, and tends to over/under achieve.
 - Sons learn to follow directions, make course corrections, and master jobs with increasing difficulty over time. They are safe to fail and learn from mistakes: Jn 8:10-11-- He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."
- Jesus, our Everlasting Father forgives, doesn't look at past sin, but urges us onward to grow from our failures into mature sons and daughters.

Insights:

IV. PERSONALIZATION

- A. Cooperate with the Father's re-parenting process:
 - Soak in Scriptures that speak the Father's words of affirmation to you. Allow them to free you from works, condemnation, slavery, & the orphan spirit.
 - Study the handout "Tools & Techniques: Liberation." It biblically challenges the mindset of works & the world: Worth = Works and Acceptance = Actions.
 - Let the Father mature you as He did the Saul and the Israelites. Follow the Holy Spirit as He leads you into greater obedience and maturity.
- B. Receive your true identity and legitimacy from your Abba Father:
 - Ask Him to show you how He sees you: *Abba, who am I to you?*
 - Continue to meditate on and explore all the truth of who you are in Christ.
- C. Cultivate blessed spiritual eyes and ears. Use the handout "Tools & Techniques: Listening to God" for biblical guidelines as you seek to hear God's voice.
- D. Spend time in God's presence through prayer and song. Practice moving along this continuum using the names of God: TKG → PRAISE → WORSHIP
- E. Get to know God better by meditating on His names. Try these strategies:
 - Incorporate God's Names in your daily time with Him using the Nuggets" booklet.
 - Ask the Lord "Who do You want to be for me?" in my day, issue, or season.
- F. Keep a written record of how God ministers to you this week. Come back ready to share what you've experienced.