

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. Distinguishing Characteristics

- Orphan and Slave traits include:
 - Mindset of old identity vs. being made new in Christ
 - Worth established by works vs. relationship of grace
 - Intent on getting from vs. getting to know the Father
 - Focus on what's lacking vs. inheritance in the family of God
- Secure sons and daughters enjoy:
 - Freedom from fear
 - Bloodline of Jesus
 - Bold approach to the Father
 - Being at home in the household of God
 - Assurance of the Father's love, acceptance, favor, and goodness
 - Access to their inheritance/trust fund
- Mature children of God are growing in these principles as members of God's family:
 - Resourcefulness
 - Grasping Equality and Uniqueness
 - Understanding Delayed Gratification
 - Progressive Obedience
- People reproduce after their own kind. If a parent or leader has a spirit of slavery or an orphan spirit, it will infect the next generation: Prov 30:21-22 NLT--There are three things that make the earth tremble—no, four it cannot endure: a slave who becomes a king, an overbearing fool who prospers, a bitter woman who finally gets a husband, a servant girl who supplants her mistress.

Insights:

B. More Maturing Material

1. Integrity of Character

- In Leviticus 10:1ff two of Aaron's sons violated their priestly duties by bringing strange fire onto the altar. Aaron and the two brothers were asked to choose God's holiness over family ties.
- As mature sons, they did not deny, cover up, or excuse the wrongdoing.
- Slaves don't want to admit weakness or sin in ourselves or in our associates.
- God isn't looking for perfect performance. He desires Purity of Heart: Mt 5:8—Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.
- The Father desires commitment to growth in purity: 2 Cor 6:16–7:1 AMP-- I will dwell in *and* with *and* among them and will walk in *and* with *and* among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. So, come out from among [unbelievers], and separate (sever) yourselves from them, says the Lord, and touch not [any] unclean thing; then I will receive you kindly *and* treat you with favor... beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates *and* defiles body and spirit, and bring [our] consecration to completeness in the [reverential] fear of God.

Insights:

2. Understanding Consequences

- The Father charged the Levites as keepers of the Tabernacle and set boundaries for the other tribes.
- In Numbers 1:51 He clearly communicates the consequences if someone other than a Levite came too near: death.
- Maturing as children of God involves growing from a desire to avoid negative consequences to a desire to know Him: Prov 9:10—The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.
- He's faithful to bless obedience & to discipline disobedience: Heb 12:6 TV—For the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He corrects each one He takes as His own.
- The highest motive for obedience is love: Jn 14:21-- He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.

Insights:

3. Appropriate Priorities

- Numbers 2 gives God's instructions for the arrangement of the camp by tribe. There was a set order of the 12 tribes when marching out of camp.
- God's top priority was spiritual. He placed the Tabernacle and the Levites in the center of the camp (v. 17).
- The Father wanted to teach the children of Israel to recognize what is vital.
- Slaves weren't trained to know the difference between the vital and the urgent. They lived from task to task or crisis to crisis.
- Maturing sons look to the Father's value set for discernment: Phil 1:10 AMP-- So that you may surely learn to sense what is vital, *and* approve *and* prize what is excellent *and* of real value [recognizing the highest and the best, and distinguishing the moral differences], and that you may be untainted *and* pure and unerring *and* blameless [so that with hearts sincere and certain and unsullied, you may approach] the day of Christ [not stumbling *nor* causing others to stumble].

Insights:

4. Knowing Place in His-Story

- The Father emphasized family heritage by placement of the people according to tribes, clans, and families in Numbers 2.
- Slaves may be unable to see the value of family due to brokenness and shame. The orphan may not know anyone they are related to biologically.
- The slave or orphan mindset will tend to diminish the importance of family and put distance between themselves and their history or their relatives.
- Healing happens in community. Grounding in family roots leads to emotional security and maturity.
- Several principles that minister to wounds around the family of origin include:
 - God's redemptive sovereignty: Ex 15:11-13 NLT—Who is like you among the gods, O Lord—glorious in holiness, awesome in splendor, performing great wonders? You raised your right hand, and the earth swallowed our enemies. With your unfailing love you lead the people you have redeemed. In your might, you guide them to your sacred home.

- Generational Blessings: Deut 7:9 NIV-- Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.
- The opportunity to leave a lasting legacy: Jn 15:16 TV-- You did not choose Me. I chose you, and I orchestrated all of this so that you would be sent out and bear great and perpetual fruit. As you do this, anything you ask the Father in My name will be done.

Insights:

C. Family Likeness

- The Father is making us more and more in the family likeness as He matures us: Eph 4:13 AMP—That [we might arrive] at really mature manhood (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection), the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ *and* the completeness found in Him.
- The Father's purpose for all His children is glory: Is 43:7-- Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him
- We each have specific purposes for which He has made and is molding us: Eph 2:10-- For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
- Sometimes the pressure feels great: Is 64:8-- But now, O Lord, You *are* our Father; we *are* the clay, and You our potter; and all we *are* the work of Your hand.
- The Father will pour out His Spirit to the empty and "hollow" places in us: Jn 7:38 KJV-- He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Insights:

IV. PERSONALIZATION

A. Cooperate with the Father's re-parenting process:

- Continue to soak in Scriptures that speak the Father's words of affirmation to you. Allow them to free you from slavery and the orphan spirit.
- Use the handout "Tools & Techniques: Liberation" to minister to your worth.
- Let the Father mature you. Ask Him for the Holy Spirit in your hollow places.

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 using the names of God.

E. Get to know God better by meditating on His names 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.