

BRIDLING THE WHOLE BODY

In our lesson text, James says the key to bridling the whole body is reaching and maintaining spiritual maturity in the word of God

(Jas.3:2) For we all stumble in many *ways*. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

This lesson will study four aspects of learning how to Bridle the Whole Body regarding personal sins.

1. James is showing that the same application of spiritual maturity in bridling the sins of tongue also works for ALL personal sins.

Sins of the tongue, Mental Attitude sins, and Overt sins (2 Pet.3:18).

In (James 3:2), he shows how important reaching and maintaining spiritual growth maturity is to deal with ALL personal sins.

(Jas.3:2) “For we all stumble in many ways. **If** (1cc/ if this is true) anyone does not stumble in what he says, **(then** it is also true) he is a perfect (mature/ teleios) man, **able to bridle the whole body** as well.”

2. Every church age believer is equipped at salvation with the Grace Operating Assets of the Lord (G.O.A.L).

(2 Cor.5:17) “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold new things have come.”

Seven Grace Operating Assets of the Lord:

- Complete canon of Scriptures (1 John 5:13; Rev.22:17-21)
- Indwelling ministry of Holy Spirit (1 Cor.3:1-3; 6:19-20)
- Membership in body of Christ forever (Rom.12)
- Spiritual gifted ministry within church (1Cor.12)
- Access to the throne of God’s grace (Heb.4:14-16)
- Local church pastor-teacher for spiritual growth maturity (Eph.4:11-16)
- Victory in the angelic conflict (1 John 5:4-5; 2:26-27; 4:4).

3. It is not until you reach spiritual maturity that you understand fully that confession of personal sin deals only with carnality (walking in flesh/ gratification of the lusts of your OSN? Gal.5:16-17).

Confession of personal sin restores the church age believer to spirituality of the Indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16-17; 1 Cor6:19-20).

The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit is a salvation grace gift (1 Cor.3:16; 2 Cor.6:16; John 7:37-39).

4. **Confession of personal sins does not deal with the deceitfulness of the heart. But it does prepare you to deal with it spiritually.**

(Jer.17:9-10) “**The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it? I the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind,** even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds.”

(Matt.12:33b) “For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.” (Matt.12:33-37)

Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (worldly thinking in heart) is what must be addressed by the consistent intake of Categorical Bible Doctrine (Truth). (John 8:32; Eph.4:20-25)

Key to spiritual growth maturity:

(Jer.15:16) “Your words were found, and I ate them, and **Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart;** for I have been called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.”

(Ps.119:11) “**Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.**”

HOME STUDY

Categorical Bible Doctrine residing and functioning in your heart changes the way your human hearts thinks.

It changes it from Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (worldly thinking in heart) to New Man Divine Viewpoint / Godly thinking. It is a sign of advancing to spiritual maturity (Eph.4:20-25; Col.3:5-11).

After inhaling to exhaling Categorical Bible Doctrine into New Man Divine Viewpoint / Godly thinking (2 Tim.3:16-17), that Truth must be applied by the faith cycle appropriate to the situation. This is when you must understand the importance of primary and secondary negative volition.

Hearing (Rom.10:17)

PRIMARY NV

Completing (Jas.2:22)

Believing (Heb.4:2)

SECONDARY NV

Defeat in the Angelic Conflict

Matt.16:21-22
Luke 22:31-32

Victory in the Angelic Conflict

Matt.4:1-11

(James 1:26) “If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man’s religion is worthless.”