

Lesson 2

The Power of Imagination

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Note: All scriptures used in this lesson are quoted from the *King James Version*.

- I. The Lord talked about seeing our imaginations, and the imagination of the thoughts of our hearts was evil.

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Genesis 6:5, KJV

- A. The word “mind” is the Hebrew word *yester*, and it literally means “conception.” So, the mind is where you conceive things, just like a woman conceives a child.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Isaiah 26:3, KJV

- B. This exact same word that was translated “mind” was translated “imagination” in other places in the Bible.

And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

Genesis 11:5–6, KJV

- C. You use your imagination every minute of every day. Your imagination is the part of you that conceives. You cannot do something that you can't conceive on the inside, and conception takes place in your imagination.

- D. The dictionary defines imagination as your ability to see something that isn't present or real at that moment.
- II. You have to see yourself healed. This is a major problem in many people not receiving their healings because those that have been sick for a long time see themselves sick; they think sick, and they plan sick.

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Proverbs 23:7, KJV

- A. Often, we just pray for a person and then they wait to see if the pain is gone. If whatever they're praying over is gone, hallelujah, but if it's not, they just go and never seen themselves healed.
- B. We would be better off to instill healing in a person's heart, then let them conceive healing and give birth to it.
- C. The way most people get healed is that they run to somebody else who has spent time and has conceived healing, and in a sense, they have a surrogate birth through somebody else.
- D. God has some people in the body of Christ with special gifts, and you can run to them and receive healing through them. However, you can't count on that person always being around when you need them.
- III. The best way is for you to conceive healing and for you to see yourself healed.
- A. The Word of God is a seed, and if you will plant it in your heart, it will eventually begin to conceive and sprout, and you will see yourself healed on the inside. Once you get healed on the inside, and you see it on the inside—it's just a matter of time until the physical realm lines up.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1 Peter 1:23, KJV

- B. See what the Word of God says, what it promises, and then use your imagination to see that come to pass in your life.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

John 14:12, KJV

- C. There are a lot of people who are seeking to be healed, and yet, they've never conceived it in their imagination.

- IV. Our weapons are so powerful that they can cast down imaginations.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5, KJV

- A. There's only one scripture reference that uses imagination in a positive way. You cannot remember anything without using your imagination.

O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee.

1 Chronicles 29:18, KJV

- B. Hope is about the future. It's the ability to see something that you can't see. A positive imagination is what the Bible calls hope.

For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Romans 8:24-25, KJV

- C. When you pray, you wait for the answer in the future. It might be a short period of time or a long period of time, but it's in the future. You have to believe you've got it now, and you do that with your imagination.

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mark 11:24, KJV

- V. Faith is the ability to see something with your heart. It starts as hope, which is your imagination seeing something that isn't yet real. Once your imagination goes to work and you start seeing what you want to come to pass, your faith will bring it into manifestation.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1, KJV

- A. If you haven't seen it in your heart, and if you don't have a hope of being healed, then you won't have faith for being healed.

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

1 John 5:4, KJV

- B. Some of you are praying for healing, but you don't have any hope. You may ask somebody else to pray for you, but if you go away still in your wheelchair or in pain, if nothing changes, you think, *Well, that's kind of what I expected.* So, you didn't have hope; therefore, faith didn't produce.
- C. We have underestimated the power of hope, so we've tried to skip it and go straight into faith.
- D. Your imagination works in the unseen realm. Once you see it, then you don't hope for it anymore.
- VI. Meditating on the Word is imagining. You have to take scripture, meditate on it, and think about it. Just mull it over and over until it forms an image on the inside.
- A. From your meditation, your imagination will be quickened, and that's how the Word will become alive to you.
- B. The word "seed" is *spora* in the Greek. *Spora* is a derivative of the word *sperma*, which is where we get our English word "sperm" from. The Word of God is a sperm, and if you take it and meditate on it until it forms an image on the inside of you, you will conceive healing. It may take a period of time, but you'll eventually give birth to your healing.

C. Your imagination will conceive healing, and once that happens, it's just a matter of time until the birth comes. But you can't have the birth without the conception.

VII. Nothing will be restrained to you when you can imagine it with your heart.

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