A Mind-set from the Holy Spirit Produces Life & Peace, Rom 8:6; 3 Places in GAP Where Believers Can Go Negative; Options in Problem-Solving: Human or Divine

Romans 8:6 - Consequently, the mindset [behavior patters, character traits, and lifestyle] from the source of the sinful nature is terminal death but the mindset from the source of the Holy Spirit ...

- 20. Just as in the opening clause the verb is omitted, a way of placing stress on the result. The verb to be supplied is the present active indicative of εἰμί, eimi, translated "is."
- 21. There are two results, the first being "life," the noun ζωή, zōē, and the second being "peace," the noun εἰρήνη, eirēnē
- 22. Life refers to phase two of the plan of God which is the Christian walk. It is during this phase that the believer is to make his advance in the plan so that he comes into agreement and is comfortable with the principles and doctrines taught in the Bible.
- 23. It is through this process that spiritual growth develops the believer's capacity for life which is dependent upon capacity righteousness.
- 24. Capacity righteousness describes the mindset of the believer that is habitually focused on the things of the Holy Spirit. He is comfortable about submitting to the desires of the Holy Spirit.
- 25. Such a person is so focused that he is able to take the problem-solving devices out of the classroom of the local church and apply them to the real-life circumstances that occur in the Invisible War.
- 26. He becomes accustomed to and therefore is comfortable with the teachings of the Word of God. He is positive to its message and agrees with its directives. His response is habitual and he is willing to submit to the teachings of the Holy Spirit as he grows in grace.
- 27. However, once some believers are removed from the academic discipline of the classroom, and then confront real-life circumstances, they revert back to facilitated human-viewpoint reactions.
- 28. While in unbelief they habitually submitted to the problem-solving devices learned from submission to the desires of the flesh with which they became comfortable and were in agreement.
- 29. This is an example of the three places where negative volition can occur in the soul of a believer: (1) negative volition toward biblical teachings no interest in Bible study, (2) negative volition toward what is taught attendance at Bible class but rejection of what is taught; and (3) negative volition where application of what is taught becomes an issue. In the latter example the believer has positive volition at stages one and two but he is unable to apply what he has accepted academically.
- 30. To know doctrine but to revert back to human-viewpoint problemsolving devices under pressure means the believer has been neutralized by his own cosmic thought.
- 31. The common desire when facing a challenge is to seek an instant solution and this almost always involves doing something. This immediately gets the believer involved in the problem-solving process.

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- 32. The beauty of biblical problem-solving is that the believer turns the problem over to God through dependence on the ten divinely provided solutions.
- 33. It must be understood that the problems we face do not have the same solutions that human viewpoint might want. To intervene with the intent to achieve one's personal desires takes the divine solution off the table.
- 34. However, this does not imply that there is nothing at all to do. The believer that is comfortable and in agreement with the things of Holy Spirit understands that human solutions are no solutions but that God's solutions are the only solutions.
- 35. Thus the advanced believer will respond to momentum testings with appropriate problem-solving devices. These range from simple rebound to manage unconfessed sin to occupation with Christ in spiritual maturity.
- 36. Remember, the solution to many problems doesn't necessarily result in its removal but rather the ability to orient and adjust through doctrine to the reality of the circumstance and then have the power, the perspicacity, the patience, and the perseverance to endure.
- 37. Momentum tests include those from the sinful nature, people, thought, systems, and disasters. Each has human-viewpoint solutions that vary with the individual. Each has one or more biblical solutions that are specifically designed to resolve it.
- 38. The tragedy of the carnal, cosmic, reversionistic believer is that his mind-set, behavior patterns, character traits, and lifestyle generate problems in addition to those that are common in life and all he has to manage it is a disordered mind.