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“I will be your Father and you will be My sons and daughters,” says the Lord. II Cor. 6:18

SPIRITUAL REBELLION

This teaching speaks to the way we reject our lives and ourselves, thus rebelling against the God who has given us life. Most of us are all in some degree of spiritual rebellion. Most are angry at God in some way, and in need of being reconciled to Him. The following teaching will identify the attitudes which indicate the problem, and discuss the ramifications of this sin in our lives. Special attention is given to the problem of dyslexia, a disorder having some of its roots in the confusion caused by spiritual rebellion.

"Where purpose is unknown, abuse will certainly follow." Myles Monroe

What was God's purpose for creation? Why are we here? We believe the foundation for our creation is unconditional love expressed in intimate relationship between God and man. If we do not know our purpose for living, we will always be searching, substituting a counterfeit, and searching again. We will continually lack peace and satisfaction in life. Our love hunger will never be satisfied with a counterfeit affection or substitute. Where purpose is unknown...

For example, let's say your car needs gas. You use your gift of discernment and drive to a gas station. You get the air hose and fill your gas tank with air and drive off. What is the result going to be? Are you going to blame the gas company for giving you bad air? No. You are going back to the station, remove the gas cap and fill the gas tank with water and drive off. What's the result? Bad water? Who is to blame? Air and water were not designed to be fuel for the gasoline motor. Placing a demand on air and water for your gasoline needs is not only foolishness, but it will damage your car. Where purpose is unknown...

Proverbs 19:3 Amp. "The foolishness of man subverts his way (ruins his affairs), then his heart is resentful and frets against the Lord."

We were created by God to function properly on unconditional love and intimate relationships (our fuel). To the degree we do not receive and give unconditional love, and to the degree we do not have intimate relationships, it will be to that degree that we are dysfunctional. Since the fall of man in the Garden we have been attempting to function properly on counterfeit fuels, and the results have been for us the same as the car mentioned above. This is true for the church as well as the world. The glaring evidence is all around us, inside and outside the church.

- When I met Jesus, He changed my life, but my love needs were not fully met.
- When I met the Holy Spirit, He changed my life, but my love needs were not fully met.
- But when I met my Heavenly Father, He changed my life by meeting my love needs.

Is there anything wrong with what Jesus accomplished in me? Certainly not. Is there anything wrong with what the Holy Spirit accomplished in me? Certainly not. Could it be that the Father did not assign them the task of meeting our love needs completely? Is that why Jesus did not come to earth to represent Himself? Is that why Jesus always pointed man to His Father? Did He know that man's life could not be complete without experiencing a personal, intimate love relationship with His Father? We believe so.

The one thing most of us have in common is love hunger. You may or may not identify your need as love hunger, but trust me, it is the root of our problems in life. Why is this such an issue for us? It is because as mentioned earlier, we believe we were designed to function properly on unconditional love and intimate relationships. However, if our love needs are not met, it is an indication that our parents' love needs were not met, which is a further indication that their parents' love needs were not met and so on.

Not only were our parents not able to fully meet our love needs, but they also often times did not direct us to the true source of love because they didn't know where it was. So where is the true source of love?

We were created by Love, for love! Our Heavenly Father is the only source of love available that will satisfy our need.

This may surprise some, but our love deficit can begin in the womb anytime after conception. We will discuss this a little more later on. For now, let's just say that unwanted pregnancy for any reason wounds the child with rejection and the love hunger begins.

Striving to get our love hunger satisfied without success can eventually produce hopelessness and as Proverbs 13:12 says,

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire is fulfilled, it is a tree of life."

Our love hunger can produce rebellion which is what we are here to discuss. We call it Spiritual Rebellion. We are dividing our study into three segments. Our purpose is simplification and we want the opportunity to pray with you over each segment.

Before we begin, if you are thinking to yourself you have made a mistake in being here, and that this study doesn't really apply to you, then let me gently say that life isn't about just you.

Life is first and foremost about you and your Heavenly Father, and most of us don't really know Him. Life is also about you and the other people you already know and the people you will know in the future. Father sets up circumstances for us to receive revelation from Him, then He sets up circumstances for us to give away that which we have received. We cannot give away

and be a blessing unless we have first received. Please don't close yourself off from what Father might want to bless you with today.

- Personal Testimony – The story of Roger's self-hatred.

As far back as I can remember, I had a problem with self-hatred. I met Jesus and I met the Holy Spirit, I was healed and delivered in many areas, yet I was still an angry person filled with low self-esteem and self-hatred. I constantly cried out to the Lord for answers. In January 2002, the Vice President of our ministry came for a three day visit. At dinner one evening, she said, "Roger, I believe the Lord has shown me something that He wants to deal with in your life." She began by asking me several questions such as: If you were in Heaven before you were born and Jesus said to you, "Son, I need someone to go to earth for me and accomplish a task. He unfolded my entire life before me. Then He asked, "Will you go?"

My answer was strong and absolute, "NO!"

Would you choose different parents that you were given?

Again, the answer was, "YES!"

Would you choose your looks as He gave them to you?

"NO!"

Cathy said, "Your answers indicate a rebellion toward life and thus a rebellion toward God. In other words, Roger, you are in spiritual rebellion to God, and to the degree you don't like your parents, your family, your looks, your circumstances, your place in society, etc. you are saying that Father God made a mistake and you don't like it."

I said, "Cathy, you have described me perfectly."

She asked, "Can we pray?" I replied, "Of course."

Cathy then led me in prayers of repentance for my rebellion to life and my rebellion to God.

I repented for my death wish and instead chose life and blessing not death and cursing. I didn't feel anything as we prayed and shortly thereafter we all went to bed. I didn't realize that the next morning I would wake up to a brand new life! When I got up I knew something was very different, but at first I couldn't figure out what it was. I think I realized that the self-hatred was gone when I stepped into the kitchen and saw Gerri. She looked totally different. I saw her beauty and not her faults for the first time since

early in our marriage. I saw myself differently and as time went on I realized that I saw everyone else differently. What a glorious transformation!

As the days have gone by, I have continually grown to love myself more and more and that love has enabled me to love everyone and everything around me like never before, gently and with Father's love. My angry edge is disappearing!

Proverbs 19:3 Amp: "The foolishness of man subverts his way (ruins his affairs), then his heart is resentful and frets against the Lord."

• To the degree we do not like God's creation, to that degree we are in spiritual rebellion. To the degree that we would change the circumstances of our lives, we are in spiritual rebellion.

For example, are we satisfied with or would we change:

- our family, our parents, our siblings?
- our gender?
- our physical appearance?
- our social status?
- the time in which we live?

Let's set up a hypothetical situation for those we might minister to. Let's suppose we exist in the heavens before we are born, and one day Jesus asks for volunteers to go to earth. He shows you your life, your parents, your circumstances and your pain. A "yes" answer would get you what you have now. A "no" answer would indicate your rebellion toward your life, your resentment and your pain. How would you respond? Would you choose

- this century?
- your place and date of birth?
- your own father? mother?
- your own body, face, mind, personality?

How do you see yourself? Are you

- attractive, beautiful, handsome?
- desirable, "chooseable," lovable?

Do you

- like yourself?
- feel sorry for your mate?

Would you, if the Lord gave you a choice, go straight to Heaven or go all the way through life?

Negative answers to these questions help you identify

- lack of freedom to be oneself
- deep wounds and guilt
- rebellion and anger against God

The answers to these questions can tell us where we challenge, dislike or dishonor what our Heavenly Father has created. This is spiritual rebellion. It is an indication that we are angry at Father and dissatisfied with His provision and/or His choices for our lives. This also indicates the degree to which we are rejecting our life and ourselves. Most of us are in spiritual rebellion to some degree and to that degree we are not choosing or embracing life. Also to that degree, life does not go well for us. We believe that at the point of conception, God gives us our personal spirit. We also believe that we innately know of God's existence from that point on. We must be taught anti-God concepts. Therefore, when life (from conception on) does not go well we can begin to blame God and become angry at Him for the consequences.

Testimony - Angry at God

- A lady came to us for prayer ministry and she revealed that at the age of 5 years old, her mother died from physical illness. As we pressed into this issue, we asked the Lord to bring healing in the loss of her mother. What surfaced was that the little girl was angry at God. She was unaware as an adult that the anger was there. Her healing came as she forgave God for her mother's death and she forgave her mother for dying.

Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew and approved of you."

Psalms 139:14 "I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

1 Samuel 15:23 "Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft. Stubbornness is as idolatry."

Spiritual rebellion is the result of our four basic God given needs being unmet to some degree.

They are:

- Unconditional, expressed love
- Affection and Affirmation
- Safety and Security
- Purpose for living

To the degree that these four basic needs are not met by our family of origin, to that degree we are rejected, wounded and/or have a love deficit. This wounding can begin in the womb by an unwanted pregnancy for whatever reason by one or both parents.

Testimony - Womb Experience

- A lady came to us for prayer ministry and during our session we asked the Lord to take her back to the beginning of her rejection. After a few moments she began to ball up in a fetal position. When asked where she was, she replied, "It's warm and dark in here. It feels so good." A few more moments passed and she began to cry, then sob. We asked her what was happening. She replied, "My daddy just came into the room and told my mother that 'we don't need another brat'."

We knew this was the beginning of her rejection. This issue of rejection in the womb is not uncommon. Her healing began when she was able to forgive her father for his wounding words to his unborn child.

- With today's technology, the sex of the child is usually determined prior to birth. If the parents of the child want a boy and the child is a girl, this can lead to rejection from the womb and the child will have difficulty embracing life and can lead the child to take on the characteristics of the opposite sex to try to please the parents.
- The lack of expressed love from both parents during pregnancy can result in rejection in the child.
- Even if the parents desire children, but the timing of the pregnancy is not good, rejection in the child can occur.
- If there are financial difficulties during the pregnancy, rejection in the child can occur.
- If there is illness in the family during the pregnancy, rejection in the child can occur.
- If there is loss during the pregnancy, rejection in the child can occur.
- If there is trauma in the family, especially between the parents during the pregnancy, rejection in the child begins in the womb.
 - Severe trauma during pregnancy can cause the child to resist life and in some cases develop a death wish which is rebellion to life.
 - Death wishes in the child can lead to physical illness. The body is responding to the death wish.
- One area of note here is incurable muscle diseases.
- A premature birth separating parent and child can develop rejection and abandonment issues.

- A parent leaving the family after conception can develop rejection and abandonment issues. The reason for the absence does not matter, whether voluntary or involuntary. Death, divorce, war, or other reasons, the results in the child are the same.

- Resource - The Secret Life of the Unborn Child by Dr. Thomas Verny, M.D.

- From the book introduction:

"For a renowned conductor, it's the music his mother played - *only during her pregnancy!* For an autistic girl, unable to speak her native French, it's the English that her mother spoke - *three months before she was born!* For others, it's the sound of a voice, the murmur of a beating heart, the glare of lights in a hospital delivery room; memories that may be comforting or terrifying. Long before they are born, your children are sensing, feeling, and even acting. What happens to them before and as they are born may profoundly shape the people they will become. These startling findings have even more dramatic implications. They give us a chance to help determine the course our children's lives will take - starting months before they're born."

Writers note: Although we do not concur or agree with some of the material in this book, we have chosen not to throw the baby out with the bath water! Much of the author's research and findings are valuable to our teaching. Take what you can and discard the rest without judgment.

- Children left with a sitter or in daycare, left alone, or sent away to school will all suffer rejection and abandonment issues.

- Testimony - Rejection and Abandonment

A young man came to us for prayer ministry and during a session we asked the Lord to take him back to the beginning of his rejection. After a few moments, his face became flushed and tears began running. We asked him to describe what was happening. He was a little boy whose mother had just dropped him off at daycare. He was screaming, "Mommy, please don't leave me. Please don't leave me," as he watched through the window as she drove away. His healing began as he forgave his mother for the rejection and abandonment.

- Children given up for adoption will have rejection and abandonment issues.

Most children with rejection and abandonment issues develop behavior problems while desperately striving or performing to get their love needs met. Typical symptoms of those problems can be

- rebellion
- anger
- aggressiveness
- low self esteem
- self hatred
- withdrawn
- isolated
- independent

These children struggle with relationships because they have difficulty with intimacy. They usually will have difficulty believing Father God loves them or will be there for them. They usually have a deep seated fear of abandonment and rejection and have strong defense mechanisms in place. A death wish is common here. Physical illness can also be very common here. Love needs not met make one sick. Proverbs 13:12.

Abused children usually develop similar problems as adopted children. It matters not whether the abuse is physical, emotional or sexual, when our four basic needs are not met according to God's plan, then there is abuse and wounding. There are no perfect parents, so everyone of us need healing to some degree. The depth of our love deficit determines how we see ourselves, how we see others, and how we see God and whether or not we embrace life.

SAMPLE HEALING PRAYER:

Father, I acknowledge that I have not chosen this life. I never would have chosen my circumstances, my family, my personality, or my body. I have not understood nor appreciated how You have formed me, and I surely never would have chosen to come into the pain of this life. I confess I am angry, having consciously believed You could have done better for me. I have judged my family and authorities as lacking in ability, wisdom, and sensitivity, and I have judged You for creating me as deficient. I repent and ask Your forgiveness.

Father, I have come to see how others have wounded or abused me, and I choose to forgive
list persons for their actions . My sinful responses have created trouble for

myself and others. I can see the damage that my rebellion has caused, and I ask You to forgive me for _____ list specific ways of fleeing back from life.

- Examples of fleeing back or withdrawing from life:
- being independent
- building walls of separation and protection around me
- running and hiding from intimacy with You and others
- living in self centeredness
- fear
- anger
- hopeless striving

I know I have wounded You by not receiving Your gift of family and life. Even though I don't feel like a gift, nor do I feel gratitude for life, I choose by faith to accept myself and the life You have given me as a blessing to You and to others. Father, I choose life. Help me to continue choosing You, choosing to be here.

Father, I ask You to open my eyes to see Your gift of life. Release me into that abundant life You promise, that joy that comes from knowing I am "wonderfully made," a blessing to You, and to my family and friends. Help me know the abundant joy that comes from moving toward the destiny You have planned for me. Lead me into the joy of my birthright, the blessing of my inheritance in You.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

SPIRITUAL REBELLION - THE ORPHAN SPIRIT

THE SAME SUBJECT

FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

To our surprise we have found that a majority of Christians walk to some degree in spiritual rebellion.

Some time in our life time, usually in our childhood, we rebelled against parental authority. This usually occurs because of the lack of:

- expressed love
- affection and affirmation
- safety and security
- purpose for living

We rebelled, became an independent spirit, or in other terms began to walk in an orphan spirit. What does an orphan inherit? We are not talking about a demonic spirit here, although that is a possibility. We are speaking more of an attitude of heart. At this point in our lives, we determine to do life ourselves and become resistant, if not outright rebellious to authority figures that were to come into our lives such as teachers, bosses, pastors and so on. This is darkness. This is sin first of all because it dishonors our parents.

Ephesians 6:1-2 Amp. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord (as His representatives) for this is just and right. Honor (esteem and value as precious) your father and your mother. This is the first commandment with a promise."

Proverbs 20:20 Amp. "Whoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in complete darkness. "

Matthew 15:4 Amp. "For God commanded, honor your father and your mother, and, he who curses or reviles or speaks evil of or abuses or treats improperly his father or mother, let him surely come to his end by death."

Deuteronomy 5:16 Amp. "Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, that your days may be prolonged and that it may go well with you in the land which the Lord your God gives you."

I Samuel 15:23 Amp. "Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft. Stubbornness is as idolatry."

Sin always has a consequence. If you choose the behavior, you choose the consequence.

- Testimony - Consequence of Unforgiveness

A friend of ours was diagnosed with stomach cancer. During our prayer time one morning the Lord told us to go and pray for her. We called and asked her husband if we could come and pray. He said yes so we went thinking that we would pray and she would be healed. As we began to pray, the Lord said, "Don't pray for her healing, this is a root of bitterness." We removed our hands from her and told her what the Lord said. We asked if she knew of any unforgiveness or bitterness in her life. She immediately responded, "Yes" and identified who it was with. We asked if she was willing to enter the process of forgiveness. She responded, "No, I will not forgive them." We cautioned her of the possible consequence of her unforgiveness, but she would not budge. A few months later, she died of her cancer.

Ephesians 6:5-8 tells us how we are to treat authority figures in our life.

Ephesians 6:5-8 Amp. "Servants (slaves), be obedient to those who are your physical masters, having respect for them and eager concern to please them, in singleness of motive and with all your heart as (service) to Christ (Himself) - not in the way of eye service (as if they were watching you) and only to please men, but as servants (slaves) of Christ, doing the will of God heartily and with your whole soul: rendering service readily with goodwill as to the Lord and not to men. Knowing that for whatever good anyone does, he will receive his reward from the Lord, whether he is slave or free.

A definition of submission to authority is "to get under and push up." Whatever is important to your authority must be important to you. This is honor.

Something else happens here that may not be so obvious. We stop maturing emotionally. We continue to grow physically and we can grow educationally, but emotionally we remain children. We have difficulty maintaining close relationships because sooner or later our childishness surfaces and feelings are hurt and division occurs. We repeatedly need new friends.

Emotional children are self centered, using people (relationships), sacrificing others in an attempt to get our own needs met, always struggling to feel good about ourselves.

Spiritual rebellion usually involves performance orientation, striving and a sense of slavery in our Christian walk. We become slaves to our circumstances, seldom finding peace and rest. Frustration, anger and burnout are inevitable. Our efforts are in the wrong direction, for the

wrong reasons. We can be wonderful doers in the church, dependable and hard working but miss Father altogether. The spiritually rebellious are those whose love needs were not met for whatever reason. We will automatically strive to get our love needs met usually through counterfeit affections. They become the substitute for our four basic love needs.

Four Basis Needs:		Counterfeit Affection
• Unconditional, expressed love	>	Passion
• Affection and affirmation	>	Position
• Safety and security	>	Possessions
• Purpose for living	>	Power

We can turn to sex, money, work, ministry or even marriage, but all is darkness. They will not satisfy the need! Yes, we can get married thinking our spouse will certainly meet our love needs and we will be satisfied. Wrong. Our spouse can never completely meet our love needs. Only Father can do that. When we place that expectation on our spouse and they fail to live up to it, what happens in the relationship? We have set them up for failure and ourselves for disappointment. When the wedding ring goes on and the covenant is made, all unresolved issues from our earthly father's house begin to surface.

We live as spiritual orphans rather than sons/daughters of God. Spiritual orphans usually struggle with Matthew 11:28-30 and I Corinthians 13:4-8.

Matthew 11:28-30 Amp. "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. (I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls). Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls. For My yoke is wholesome (useful, good - not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant), and My burden is light and easy to be borne.

I Corinthians 13:4-8 Amp. "Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited (arrogant or inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it (it pays no attention to a suffered wrong). It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless

under all circumstances, and it endures everything (without weakening). Love never fails (never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end)."

But sons/daughters begin to be transformed by the unconditional, experiential love of the Father and they begin to live the above scriptures. Those of us who walk or have walked in spiritual rebellion usually live with other symptoms that contribute to our difficulties in life such as:

- fear and anxiety
- doubt and unbelief
- low self esteem and self hatred
- by survey 80% of us look in the mirror and do not like what we see.

We are vulnerable to:

- discouragement
- burn out
- depression
- insecurity
- anger
- frustration
- emotional and physical illness

and our love hunger remains unsatisfied.

The spiritually rebellious (orphan spirit) usually have a poor opinion of home. I recently asked a lady to use two or three adjectives to describe what home meant to her. She said some positive things such as it's a safe place, a peaceful place, a warm place. I then said to her, "now let the 8 year old little girl in there (in her) answer the same question, would you?" Her immediate response was very different than the first. What came out was fear, anger, and shame and she went on with corresponding emotion. Which description of home do you think operates and/or manipulates her at home now on a daily basis? The unhealed 8 year old little girl still dominates her life at home, even though she is married and has children of her own. Do you think there is difficulty in her marriage relationship? Absolutely. Gerri and I know from first hand experience.

We all desire a happy home. We discover along the way of life that a happy home can be very diverse in its meaning. Gerri thought we would marry and I would love her and care for her and provide for her and we would be safe and happy. Little did she know (and neither did I) that her

tall, dark, and handsome husband to be (her description, not mine!) had an opinion of home that went something like this:

Home = a place of fear, shame, yelling, demeaning looks, constant criticism, hatred, a place without love, affection, safety or purpose. Was she in for a surprise. Before the wedding everything was pretty much OK, but after we established our first home, the problems began to surface. The unhealed little boy was still looking for a home and all the love that is supposed to go with it. I believed my home only offered pain, so I had to go "out there somewhere" and keep looking until I found it. It was always "out there somewhere" not at home with my wife. Her dreams were crushed, she was crushed and our relationship went quickly down hill. I became a very angry man and she became an angry, but fearful wife.

If we rejected our parents' home and went looking else where to get our love needs met then truthfully, what does 'home' mean to us? I am not speaking of what home means to the adult, but to the wounded child whose love needs were not met there. This is extremely important because as an adult if you marry and establish your own home, all the unresolved issues from your parents' home will surface. This can be, and usually is, very destructive to the marriage and children. The person with a poor experience at home as a child will even as an adult with their own home continue to look elsewhere to get their love needs met, thus perpetuating the defilement of home to the next generation.

Another aspect of defilement can come in the form of spiritual adultery (although physical adultery is a distinct possibility). By spiritual adultery we mean that the spouse that continues to look outside the home for satisfaction of their love deficit will usually have a problem with bonding to members of the opposite sex other than their spouse. This emotional bonding may not lead to a physical act of adultery, but can lead to spiritual adultery which consists of sexual encounters in the mind or thought life. Jesus spoke about this in Matthew 5:28.

Matthew 5:28 Amp. "But I say to you that everyone who so much as looks at a woman with evil desire for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

This sin not only brings defilement to the marriage relationship, but usually brings torment to the guilty party. That torment may consist of

- guilt
- shame
- fear
- anger

- frustration

and more in increasing measure until something gives or breaks, usually the marriage.

Typically those of us who remain spiritual orphans have only head knowledge of Father's love. We do not realize He is waiting for us to come to Him and have a personal encounter with His unconditional love for us. This experiential encounter with our Heavenly Father's love will satisfy our love hunger and put to rest our striving, our performance, our slavery and release us as sons and daughters of God to walk in peace. Now we are fulfilled and satisfied, embracing life and no longer controlled by our circumstances, but overwhelmed by our intimate love relationship with Father; thrilled to receive His love and just waiting to give it away to others.

SAMPLE HEALING PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I come to You in Jesus' Name and I acknowledge my sin of rebellion toward You and my earthly father's house and all other authority figures _____ name them _____ that I have encountered in my life. My sin has brought dishonor and defilement to You, to myself, my parents, my family and to other authority figures in my life and I repent and ask Your forgiveness. I forgive You, Father and I ask You to forgive Me for judging You and being critical of the circumstances in my life. Mom and Dad, I forgive you for not meeting my love need and for not leading me to experience the unconditional love of my Heavenly Father. I realize that you were not perfect, no parents are. I ask you to forgive me for rebelling against your God-given parental authority in my life. Father I ask you to bless my parents with Your love and restore our relationship the way You intended it to be.

Father, I ask You to forgive me for my independent, orphan spirit which has caused separation between us. I choose today to give up being my own authority. I lay down my pride, my aggressive striving and performance orientation which lead me to try and get my needs met outside of Your love. I repent for turning to counterfeit affections to get those love needs met. I lay down my independent spirit and I choose today to become dependent entirely upon You and Your direction for my life. I choose to become lovingly submissive to those You have placed in authority in my life...my parents, my pastor, my boss, my teacher. I desire to get under them and push them up into Your Presence. Father today I choose life. I choose humility. I choose to be open and transparent in all relationships, hiding nothing and bringing everything into Your light.

Father, I ask You now to satisfy my love hunger by allowing me intimately into Your Presence to experience Your loving embrace. I surrender my childhood and I desire to become your loving son/daughter. I receive this experiential gift of Your love by faith. In Jesus Name, Amen.

DYSLEXIA

The purpose for this teaching is to make clear that to some degree

- many of us are angry at God (Proverbs 19:3)
- we are in need of reconciliation to Him (II Corinthians 5:18-20)

Dyslexia - a result of spiritual rebellion

Please note: We are not licensed medical doctors and we do not approach this subject from a medical perspective. Our point of view and expression rests solely on our relationship with God and man and our spiritual interaction and ministry experience.

As previously discussed, the depth of our spiritual rebellion varies person to person and is unique to our own experience. For instance, two children raised in the same home by the same parents under the same circumstances can relate similar memories of life at home but express different consequences to their experiences. For example, one child can be dyslexic, but the other child in the home show no symptoms or different symptoms. I believe most of us are at least familiar with the term dyslexia. We have generally related dyslexia to those people (usually children) who see and write their letters backwards. There is much more to be discovered about the subject. For instance, dyslexia can disrupt a person's ability to relate to time, space and volume. It can create difficulty in estimating how long it will take to accomplish any given task. What time do I have to leave to get to work or my appointment on time? In short, time management can be a very difficult part of life for the dyslexic and those around them. With regard to space, dyslexics can have difficulty estimating volume. For example, how much spaghetti do I fix for dinner tonight? How much furniture do I put in this room? At the time they may feel comfortable with their decision, but their track record reveals that they constantly over or under estimate the need. Dyslexia can adversely affect co-ordination and the ability to tell left from right. It can also cause problems with a person's ability to know left from right and become directionally challenged as in determining north, east, south and west. That can contribute to the frustration or even fear of being lost and not knowing which direction to go. It can cause difficulty in a person's ability to track or stay on course to complete a project. They can be easily distracted, flitting from one thing to another, and not completing what they started out to do. Dyslexics can also struggle with speech and thought inversions. The root of dyslexia can be severe wounding in the womb or early childhood severe enough to cause the child to emotionally flee or run from life not wanting to be born or not wanting to

continue with living. This rebellion to life is usually accompanied by a death wish. Fear, anger and rejection are usually dominate emotions experienced by the dyslexic. When we reject life, we hurt and dishonor our Heavenly Father because we refuse to trust Him and are refusing His gift of life to us. Our rebellion toward life can leave us prone to accidents, sickness and disease. Another major problem here is that our body can respond to the death wish by beginning to shut down. Immune system dysfunction can begin and then sickness and disease result.

- Testimony - Freedom from Dyslexia and ADD.

Recently we shared a tape on this teaching with a ministry school mate. This grandmother was looking for answers for her granddaughter's dyslexia and learning difficulties. She took the tape home with her, and she and her husband listened to the tape. The circumstances soon came about where they could pray for the granddaughter. They did not discuss the tape with the 9 year old, they simply laid hands on her and prayed for her spirit to be turned around and face the Lord and for her to embrace life. As they did, the girl asked, "Grandpa, where did you get all that power?" He responded, "That is the Lord's power." She said, "Every time you touch my head, you make my mind spin around!" Within two days, the girl's mother had a call from her school teacher and her dance instructor. They both wanted to know what had happened to Breanna because there had been such a dramatic change in her. Soon after when the next report card came, she had earned all A's and B's and had been chosen Student of the Month. This was a dynamic turn around from the little girl who was having great difficulty learning in school and difficulty with coordination in her dance class. Grandma and Grandpa have also taken this teaching to their home group and are seeing dramatic life changes in adults who are embracing this teaching.

Psalm 139:14 Amp. "I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Jeremiah 1:5 Amp. "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew and approved of you."

Romans 8:29 Amp. "For those He foreknew (of whom He was aware and loved beforehand), He also destined from the beginning (foreordaining them) to be molded into the image of His Son."

1 Samuel 15:23 Amp. "Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft. Stubbornness is as idolatry."

How can we help the dyslexic?

- Offer the person comfort and healing for causes of the wounded spirit.
- Help lead the person through confession and repentance for fleeing back from life
- Help the person forgive those past and present who have wounded him/her, intentionally or unintentionally.
- In prayer, invite the Lord to reach into the person and turn their spirit around to face forward or embrace life.
- Pray for reestablishment of perfect coordination, left and right in the person.
- Pray for reintegration of body and spirit in perfect harmony.

Continuing help for the needs of the dyslexic during healing:

- Offer support to empower the person to choose life as a daily discipline.
- Help the person with healing relationships strained during the years of learning disability with family, teachers and friends.
- Support the person as he/she acquires new skills not developed before healing such as writing, reading and thinking.
- Help the person break old structures, habits of feeling and thinking, such as "I'm a dummy," and help them build new disciplines.
- Help the person resurrect and affirm self esteem.

SAMPLE HEALING PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I come to You in Jesus' Name and I confess that I have rebelled against my life, that I have run from life, that I have not embraced my life and I have chosen death over life. I repent and I ask Your forgiveness. Today, I choose life not death, blessing not cursing. Father, release me from the death wish over my life and I ask You to impart to me the gift of life You have intended for me.

Father, I forgive You for the difficulty and wounding of my life experiences and I forgive my parents for unintentionally wounding me by not meeting my basic love needs. I also forgive others be specific for their wounding in my life. I now choose to speak blessing over all of them in Jesus' Name.

And now Father, I ask You to come and reach into my life and turn my spirit toward You to face life. Reestablish perfect coordination, left and right and empower my sense of direction relating

to north, east, south and west. Reintegrate and bring harmony between my body, my soul and my spirit. Restructure my abilities with time, space and volume. Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. Help me, Father to fulfill my God-given destiny. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

If you are a parent or grandparent praying for one of your children/grandchildren, ask Father for wisdom as to how much, if anything, you should share with the child before your pray. Review the testimony on the previous page about Breanna.

If after reading this teaching you feel you may have contributed to the dyslexic problem in your child, please do not fall into the trap of guilt and/or condemnation or sense of shame and failure. That is not from your Heavenly Father. Just the opposite is true. If this teaching has become revelation to you and you see yourself and/or your family here, just remember this is a gift of love from your Heavenly Father and His purpose is your healing and freedom to walk in new life. Simply repent for your sin that has been revealed and receive Father's forgiveness. Then pray for your child/grandchild as previously described.

Obviously, not everyone will have the same immediate results that Breanna had. Do not be disappointed if you don't see immediate, dramatic change. Keep praying. Be persistent. Faith works. Love works. Prayer works. God is love and He is faithful.

We must also mention here the possibility that dyslexia like most other problems can be a generational curse. The presence of a generational curse indicates that someone in a previous generation has sinned and opened the door for satan to come in and afflict future generations in a specific way. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal truth here. If He confirms that this is the case, you will need His revelation about the following:

- Which side of the family the curse comes from
- Which generation back did it appear
- Who sinned
- What was the sin

With this revelation and with a prayer partner you can:

- Forgive the ancestor who sinned and opened the door to this curse
- Renounce and reject the sin
- Confess your participation in the sin and repent

- Receive forgiveness from the Father and ask the prayer partner to pronounce the forgiveness over you
- Ask your Heavenly Father to close the demonic portal in the generation where the sin occurred
- Speak release to each generation forward to your present generation
- Proclaim freedom for all future generations from this curse in Jesus' name
- Bless and thank your Heavenly Father for this gift of love and life to you and your family
- Rejoice!

We pray that this information has been a blessing to you and we pray that Father will use it to bring healing and transformation to you, your family, your friends and the people in your world. To Him be all the glory!