

Zoe!
Part 10: Maintaining It!
Slide Notations

I am so grateful for feedback on the messages I deliver!

Last Sunday afternoon... By the time I got home later afternoon, message waiting for me... asking... *“What do you do when the words return?”* Reference to the asides: “Christians don’t swear or use euphemisms... Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks... God/us/tuned in! What’s coming out is telling the story of running near empty...”

Answer has everything to do w/integrity!

Integrity If our definition of integrity is “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever...” **Hebrews 13.8** And we clarify that by saying that integrity is *the state of being consistent, unimpaired; sound. The condition of wholeness that never changes. Then what is going on if things are changing from bad to better and back to bad again?*

Hole in the bucket, or, filling up with brackish material!

Integrity requires constant maintenance and renewing!

Integrity is a lifestyle as well as a trait!

The issue on the table this morning is wholeness for life-up- to-death time... and “knowing” we have it by the words we speak!

This morning... Not actually an installment of the Zoe life of God... as He has it for us! But has everything to do with entering and staying in the Zoe zone! Already see there are issues that are striving to keep us from living in Zoe! Not just going to wake up one morning and be living the Zoe, done! Though they are small things we must do, we must do some things for our part!

We do... *We humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God so that He can lift us up!* He has a way for us to live... And a way for us to enter into His life! ***We must look outward onto others; loving and serving them to know Zoe!*** Not here to please ourselves but to live to please others as Christ did for us! ***We move quickly, intentionally for the goal of the prize of Zoe in Christ!*** Live to please others as Christ did for us! ***We must shut down all offers outside of God’s offers for abundant life!*** No one else has the words of eternal life! ***We must be willing to maintain certain quality of life/input – for fullness!***

Monday Morning... Met with a guy *displaying fullness of* “I TRUST YOU JESUS!” Jimmy’s body is giving way to cancer... One look into his clear eyes and you know he’s not giving way to anything... Would like to live, but no desperation... Willing to postpone personal gain to be spent for others... family/friends! But calm, fearless, loving...

Partaking of the divine nature that we see in Jesus! “Into your hands I commend my spirit!” Luke 23.46

Luke 23.46 Not only proves the separation of spirit and soul life from the body... Proves a complete rest in God’s hands... Another word for total trust... Which gave Him soundness into death! No anxiety, no agitation, fear... Expression of His living faith... **Leads others to new day of fullness and boldness in faith! v50-52**

But what do we do if we find we are running low on faith, fullness and trust... betrayed by our words?

We... *Examine ourselves!* “If we judge ourselves we will not be judged! **1C11.31** Does “our bucket have a hole or are we filling up with brackish input...” Hole: By reason of use, dented, worn thru, punctured... levels get low!

Brackish: compromised input: music, language, movies, conversations, day dreaming... junk in the bucket showing!

We... Use full strength prescriptions! Cut off what is unhealthy! **Mt5.29 E4.22,31 Col3.8 1Cor13.11 2T2.22** Build back up: "faith comes by hearing/ reading/writing/meditating..." **R10.17** "Build yourselves up on your most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit!" **Ju20** "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you, cleanse, purify..."
Jam4.8

We...Examine ourselves again! "Examine yourself, whether you are walking in faith, prove yourself!" **2C13.5** Am I maturing? Am I back on track? Can others tell that I am growing? Can I hear the words coming out of my mouth?

Personal Moment... Last year, found myself in a "running low" season... Tipped off by euphemism on the road... Knew I was in danger... Heart was warning: "hole in the bucket!" Not compromised material/shut down! Used up, not filling up... Started the daily devotional, added kick! Word builds up!

Personal Challenge... If you were diagnosed w/sickness, would you work for your health? How many of us swearing? Angry? Lusty? How about in your head? Blinking *dissipation* lights! Diagnosis: hole/compromised? 30 Days! TURN IT OFF AND TANK UP! Confess your faults, pray and be healed **Jam5.16**, pray in the Holy Spirit, read/listen to word, draw near to God...

Then listen to yourself, your heart, and judge to see if you haven't entered further into fullness... Trying hard to cut a facet into your nature... the smooth reflective surface of complete and total surrender... So that to the end, in life or in death, you have the life of God, as He has it, alive on the inside of you! Or...