The Formation of the Problem Solving Devices

We need to study the ten problem-solving devices in detail in order to get a look at the life beyond gnosis. The first three, Rebound, the Filling of the Spirit, and Faith-Rest, are applied regularly in spiritual childhood. The fourth and fifth, Grace Orientation and Doctrinal Orientation are developed in spiritual adolescence. The last five, Personal Love for God the Father, Impersonal Love for all mankind, Sharing the Happiness of God, A Personal Sense of Destiny, and Occupation with Christ, are for spiritual adulthood.

These problem-solving devices are based on our own metabolization and application of Bible doctrine. They go beyond just gnosis or knowledge so that we will be filled with all the fullness of God (as per Eph 3:19) when we apply them. These problem-solving devices are "infinitely more than all we could ever ask or think," as per Eph 3:20. These problem-solving devices glorify God in this dispensation of the Church, as per Eph 3:21.

The problem-solving devices always depend on learning Bible doctrine; they are not simply isolated mechanics, but depend upon a full knowledge of certain categories of doctrine. We as believers were never designed to walk on crutches. We were designed to perceive, understand, and apply Bible doctrine, and to learn the problem-solving devices in the privacy of our priesthood. We were never designed to complain and get emotional about our sins and failures.

You get no real benefit in sharing your problems with others (it is legitimate at times to share what you are going through with friends, but they can not solve your problems). Your benefit comes from learning and using the problem-solving devices, with the result that you are able experience great happiness and blessing in prosperity or adversity. Blessing is not confined to prosperity, but to the greatest moments of adversity as well. The secret to spiritual growth is facing every situation in life from the standpoint of God's problem-solving devices, utilizing them, and growing in grace.

These problem-solving devices are not designed to take up the slack for problems in physical or mental health that require a doctor's care. Problem-solving devices will alleviate the mental anguish. If your number one priority is not Bible doctrine, there is no way you can effectively use the problem-solving devices. The problem-solving devices are "encapsulated" in Bible doctrine. Those who do not get the relevant doctrine, the necessary instructions that go with these problem-solving devices, never use them effectively and are never consistent. They fall back on false hopes and false solutions that destroy their spiritual life and reduce them to the point where they function as any unbeliever would in a crisis.

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The filling of the Holy Spirit plus human I.Q. equals "spiritual I.Q." There are two systems of I.Q.; human I.Q. throughout the human race has great inequality, while spiritual I.Q. has perfect equality among all believers. The inequalities of human I.Q. are reflected in I.Q. testing and in the variation of thinking skills. There are six thinking skills-comprehension, memory, problem solving, decision making, creativity, and awareness. God the Holy Spirit converts our finite thinking skills into infinite spiritual skills for perception of God's revelation. This is accomplished through the spiritual gift of pastor-teacher.

Comprehension is capacity of the mind to perceive and understand the ability to grasp ideas. The filling of the Spirit is the divine power to understand doctrine. The Holy Spirit teaches the human spirit. When doctrine is taught, God the Holy Spirit converts the thinking skills into perception and cognition of Bible doctrine. Memory is the mental capacity for retaining or reviving impressions, therefore, the recall of what has been previously comprehended. Problem solving is a human thinking skill. Lack of common sense and sin nature involvement in the human problems of life destroy permanent solutions, and sometimes even temporary solutions to problems.

Decision making is no better than the facts available on which to base the decision. Good decisions are based on correct information. For the believer, these good decisions are based on Bible doctrine. For the unbeliever, good decisions are based on establishment principles. Human viewpoint and the sin nature respond to lust, which is created by decisions to sin and motivated by the lust of the sin nature. Believers make three categories of decisions:

- A good decision from a position of weakness (to use rebound),
- A bad decision from a position of weakness (to sin),
- A good decision from a position of strength (to learn doctrine).

Creativity is the state or quality of being creative; it is having the ability or power for originality of thought or expression. Creativity includes accurate recovery of Bible doctrine through exegesis, categories, and illustrative expression. Awareness means having knowledge or cognizance of things that make one alert and knowledgeable, such as awareness of danger, trends, repercussions, and the feelings of others. Awareness is thoughtfulness, the application of Bible doctrine to experience, and the wisdom to accurately apply Bible doctrine to experience. Being in union with Christ, no believer has any more of a chance to reach maturity than any other believer. We have equal privilege and equal opportunity to execute the predesigned plan of God. We have no handicaps except those we create through our own negative volition.

The only person who can solve our problems is the Lord Jesus Christ, and He has provided the problem-solving devices for us, the only God-given means of application of doctrine to experience. There is no accurate application of doctrine to experience unless you have them in place in your soul. All other application is false doctrine.

The filling of the Holy Spirit converts awareness into spirituality. It enhances the thinking skills in application. Technically, problem-solving devices are formed by the extrapolation of pertinent metabolized doctrine in the soul. Spiritual skills must precede production skills for divine good in Christian service. Christian service is meaningless unless you have spiritual skills (the filling of the Spirit, metabolized doctrine in the stream of consciousness, and the problem-solving devices). Without these things, we will never be effective in our spiritual life. Production skills
without spiritual skills result in the performance of human good, dead works, and evil. Evil destroys freedom, privacy, property, and the life of others. Christian activism contradicts the objectives of the predesigned plan of God. In eternity past, God the Father provided for us our very own Spiritual life, and we are the only ones who can use it. No one else can live our spiritual life. No one can rebound or learn doctrine for us. Christian service must be an extension of our spiritual skills and is related to our spiritual gift.

- Christian service is related to our Royal Priesthood and our Royal Ambassadorship.
- Christian service is related to our invisible impact (personal, national, international, angelic, and heritage).
- Christian service is related to the laws of divine establishment (law enforcement, military service, judges).

Spiritual skills plus production skills equal the performance of divine good while production skills minus spiritual skills equal human good, dead works, and evil. The effectiveness of Christian service is dependent on the function of the three spiritual skills. It must be accomplished with the filling of the Holy Spirit, metabolized doctrine, and the function of the problem-solving devices.

The weak link of a believer's spiritual life will be either ignorance or failure to develop the problem-solving devices in the soul. Without problem-solving devices operational in our soul, we create "log jams" and "grid-lock" in our spiritual life. Doctrine in our soul with no application of that doctrine becomes very detrimental to our spiritual life. This means failure to follow through in our spiritual life. The problem-solving devices must first be built in the soul and then become operational.