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I was praying about what the Lord wanted to do in our meeting in Gatlinburg, TN in March. The Spirit of God said to me, *"My people are struggling in their faith because they are minoring in the meditation of My Word. They need to major on this to get their mind in agreement with My will for their lives."* Immediately, He gave me further revelation about why we need to meditate.

To meditate means *to murmur, to ponder, mutter, speak, study, talk, or utter*. It is when you focus on and think about something deeply. It is something that the church has considered to be less important than other things. The Lord told us in the above verse that meditation is the key to prosperity and good success. That means it is very important. When is the last time you stopped and deeply meditated on the Word of God or anything else for that matter? Most people have not; so start today.



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The Principle Of Instinct

Instinct defined is *an innate, typically fixed pattern of behavior in response to certain stimuli: a natural or intuitive way of acting or thinking*. This God-given instinct is in birds, animals, and creation. It was originally in Adam and Eve before they disobeyed God. You may wonder what instinct has to do with meditation or renewing your mind with God's Word? I thought the very same thing when the Lord gave me revelation about this. I will share with you what the Lord Jesus Christ revealed to me.

Migration By Instinct

There is a bird called a *Bar-tailed Godwit*. It flies from Alaska to New Zealand during migration. It holds the record for the longest non-stop flight of any bird in the world. It only weighs just a little over one pound, full-grown.

The *Bar-tailed Godwit* flies for nine days during its migration, without eating, sleeping, or drinking. A young 5-month-old *Bar-tailed Godwit* set a non-stop distance record for migratory birds. It flew at least 8,435 miles, nonstop, from Alaska to the Australian State of Tasmania. It had been tagged and tracked by bird experts since it hatched.

How can it be possible that a bird could accomplish such an impossible feat? *Because it did not know that it could not.* By instinct, it knew it could do it, and how to get there with no map or chart to guide it. It did not have one ounce of fear about taking off for such an impossible journey. God had created it with the instinct and ability to do it.

Another bird called an *Arctic tern* does impossible feats by instinct. It travels from its Arctic breeding grounds to Antarctica where it enjoys the Antarctic summer, covering around 25,000 miles. *Arctic terns* do not complete the whole journey in one go and are known to stop over at staging areas and locations where food resources are abundant. They might stick around for as long as a month before continuing on their way.

Scientists state their yearly migration can range from 44,000 miles to 59,000 miles. *Arctic terns* can sleep and eat, all while gliding. In fact, *Arctic terns* are one of the few birds, besides hummingbirds, that can hover in midair. *An Arctic tern, in its lifespan, typically flies a distance equivalent to three round trips to the moon.* They live for decades and one of them studied by scientists was found to be 34 years old.

How can it be possible for this bird to accomplish such an impossible journey? *Because it did not know that it could not.* By instinct, it knew it could do it, and it knew how.

The *Gray whale*, a mammal, migrates from northwest Alaska to the Baja Peninsula and back again. *Gray whales* migrate over 12,000 miles, making this one of the longest migrations of any animal. Traveling day and night and moving at an average speed of 5 mph, the entire migration takes about 2-3 months. An adult *gray whale* can grow up to 49 feet. How can such a large animal travel day and night on this trip? How does it know how to get where it is going? *Because it did not know that it could not, and the direction to go was placed in them by instinct from our Father God.*

There are many other examples like this, *in all things our Father created*, that I do not have the space to cover. He created all things with divine order and placed the instinct in all things on how to live forever. He never wanted anything to die or cease to exist.

Adam And Eve

If all things were created with instinct from our Father to be successful and live forever, what happened to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden?

It may shock you to learn that Adam and Eve were created with the instinct to love God and desire to be with Him. They did not have to go to school, college, or a University to learn this. Our Father placed it in them, as instinct, when He created them. They knew things by instinct.

FAITH PROJECT EXPANSION

Our *Faith Project Expansion* is moving forward. Things are being cleaned, repaired, and renovated on the property and building. Tree and landscape companies have been contracted to trim large trees on the property, remove underbrush and renovate the landscape. Our office staff is involved in this process and a lot of their effort is helping to accomplish this. They are good workers for which we are thankful. The land acquisition and building renovation, along with it being paid for in full, is our first phase of this process. This will enable RGM to move our office from leased facilities into our own property. The second future phase is to purchase the property by our present property to build a facility to have conferences in. I have spoken to the owner of that property, who we have favor with, and he said he may sell it to us. He is an investor and owns a lot of property in the area. While I was writing this, the Lord Jesus spoke to me and told me what to do! He is so very wise! It is a secret until I do what He told me to do.

Your *Opportunity Of Faith* to help ministers and others receive continuing *Word and Spirit Revelation* to assist them in reaching their area with the Gospel of Jesus Christ is here. The total for the first phase is only \$148,000.00 for property payoff and renovation. As of this date, people have sown \$80,000.00 for which we are very grateful! This only leaves \$68,000 to complete this first phase. God completed His work and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, let us sow and rest this faith project. When 97 people sow \$700.00, the \$68,000.00 enters into rest or is paid off. It also aligns you for financial increase in your life and ministry. *Money cometh.*

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They enjoyed life in the garden and knew, instinctually, what to do in any situation. They did not learn things by trial and error or making mistakes until they got it right. They knew exactly what to do because it was placed in their minds when they were created. They had an instant database programmed in their minds and thoughts, that was downloaded into them by our Father God.

They did not have to search Google or YouTube to find out how to do something. They did not have to say, “Hey Siri, which direction do I go to the restaurant?” They did not have to ask Alexa how to pick the fruit off of the tree. Our Heavenly Father downloaded everything they needed to know into their mind and thoughts, to use by instinct. Everything they needed to know, to live forever, was placed into them when they were created. They did not need a map to find out how to travel across the Garden of Eden. They knew, because they knew.

Let me ask you a question. Why do you need Google, YouTube, Siri, Alexa, schools, computers or libraries? Better yet, “Why do you need the Bible for information, instruction, or revelation about life and living forever?” Because you do! You lost your way in the Garden of Eden and you have struggled ever since that time. I know you are protesting, declaring that you were not in the garden, but you were, whether you admit it or not. We all came from Adam and Eve. We were in them.

And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. (Genesis 2:15-17)

When most people think of death, they believe you cease to exist. That is not biblically true. Once you are born, you will never die, you will live forever, either in Heaven or Hell. Life is eternal, or forever, forever, forever, forever and forever. That is hard for many to grasp.

I said that to say this. When the Lord told them they would surely die, He did not mean they would cease to exist. *Our Heavenly Father is the source of all life.* What He meant is they would be separated from Him if they ate from the forbidden tree.

Knowledge Of Good And Evil

Adam and Eve had no knowledge of good or evil until they ate from the tree. They lived by the instinct of the Spirit of God that was in them. They were perfect and pleased our Father God with their actions all the time. They did not need to be forgiven because they did not sin. There was no need for a savior because they were not lost. They already had eternal life and were destined to live forever. Their spirit, mind and thoughts were always pleasant.

Adam and Eve did not worry, fear or think any evil thoughts about themselves or anything else in God's creation. They were not unhappy or depressed. They were always filled with joy in life, and praise for their Heavenly Father and desired to be with Him. There was nothing in creation that would hurt them or make them sick. There was no death. They knew absolutely no fear of any kind. They were always filled with faith that all was well and there was NEVER any doubt in them.

And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? (Genesis 3:9-11)

I sense that fear is the *root cause* of all sickness, disease, and death. They did not fear prior to this. I sense it is the root cause of all sin, debauchery, degradation, evil, and the fall of the human race. When Adam and Eve ate of the tree, faith was replaced with fear in their minds and thoughts. Their thinking became corrupted and their God-given instinct was lost. They panicked and hid because they were afraid of God. Why? He had never hurt them. They had assumed the responsibility for their lives and no longer lived by the instinct they were created with.

Satan, a fallen angel, had deceived them into thinking they could live their lives without their Father God. He told them they would become like God. He lied to them and they believed the lie. They chose not to live by instinct and wanted to be in control of their own destiny. When they did what the devil told them, they immediately knew they had made the wrong choice and had deep regret, anguish, and fear.

Why Meditate On God's Word?

Because your mind has been corrupted, even though you are born again, you need to meditate on God's Word. Your spirit is filled with God, but you must reprogram your mind to think like God originally created you to think. You got yourself in this goofed-up thinking in the garden. Now, it is left up to you to make the decision to get your thought-life filled with God's thoughts. You must take the time and effort to get your thinking in line with the Bible. If you don't, you will go through life as a goofed-up Christian and finally die and go to Heaven. When you get there, you will be behind, but they are going to work on you until you get it right. The Bible is the book God gave to us to get the information we should think on.

Stop, relax, and quiet your mind and meditate on one scripture in the Bible that you need. Think deeply about it over and over and see it taking place in your life. As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. See it.

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