Reins of the Heart

David said in Psalm 26:2, *"Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart." As a horse is governed by its reins, so our hearts are controlled by whoever holds our reins. In John 14:30 in the Amplified version, Jesus stated, "I will not talk with you much more, for the prince (evil genius, ruler) of the world is coming. And he has no claim on Me. [*He has nothing in common with me; there is nothing in me that belongs to him, and he has no power over me]."

If we have something in common with Satan, he can pull on our reins and control us. If we have disdain in our hearts towards authority, Satan can ride in on that spirit, because he is chief among those who disdain authority. He can cause you to talk about your husband, pastor, boss, or government official without any remorse or contrition.

Satan has had a master plan for this end-time that he has been executing for years. It is to plant seeds of disdain for authority figures in the hearts of men and women since their childhood. Examples include fathers who leave their families, men who mistreat and abuse women, and boys and girls being molested as children. If Satan can fill a generation with contempt for authority, he can have control over those who allow that spirit to remain in their hearts.

- Pray that God will forgive you for a spirit of disdain towards authority.
- Pray for a revival of respect for the authority God has given.
- Pray the Lord will forgive those who have hurt you. Jesus prayed, *"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34a).*

Repentance is the key to repairing the breaches in our lives. Proverbs 25:28 says, "*He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls …"* Perhaps we need time on our knees for repairs. There is nothing more powerful than applying the blood of Jesus to our hearts and lives through confession and genuine heartfelt repentance (I John 1:9). His blood can seal any breach; it is a heavenly mortar that must be applied to build up the walls of our internal (soul) city. Once the blood of Jesus is applied through repentance, we have the authority to bind and loose. We take the reins of our hearts out of the enemy's hand and place them in God's hand.

Prayer Example: Heavenly Father, please forgive me for allowing a spirit of disdain to dwell in my heart. I forgive _____ for the mistakes they have made, and the pain they have caused. I bind myself to Your mind, Your will, Your purpose, and Your love, and I loose myself from the spirit of disdain and bitterness. In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen. If you or I have pride in our hearts, if we are self-satisfied with the work of our own hands, if we take credit for ourselves when something turns out well, instead of giving God the glory, then we have something in common with Satan. Pride is a thick blindfold—if we choose to wear it. Busyness does not necessarily mean we are doing God's business. I see men and women competing (talking about) how busy they are, as if exhaustion had a prize attached to it. Remember, "*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God"* (Romans 8:14). Bro. T.W. Barnes always told me, "Only what is accomplished by the leading of the Spirit, do we get credit for in heaven." (see also I Corinthians 3:9-14)

- Pray that God will forgive you for pride and glory-stealing.

- Pray that God will clothe you with His humility and submit yourself to His righteousness (Romans 10:3).
- Pray to be led by His Spirit all day … every day.

There is another spirit that I see taking over our world. It is the spirit of boredom. If you allow it to take hold of you, you will find yourself seeking the things of the flesh and the pleasures of this world. Boredom is a feeling … a spirit, and it needs to be repented of and rebuked. What an insult to God, to be bored with His work and Kingdom.

- Pray that God will forgive you for entertaining an attitude of boredom.
- Pray to hunger and thirst for righteousness and to desire and seek the deeper things of the Spirit.

Press beyond the feeling of boredom and rebuke it! We have a younger generation being seduced by the spirit of boredom. Pray that God takes control of the reins of every heart!

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