

Sh'Lach L'Cha **Send For Yourself**
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We either move ahead or we do laps around the mountain and the L-rd gives the Promised Land (the promises) to next generation, or to the one after that – till He finds a people (made up of individual persons) who will fulfill Ex. 19:5, 6 (15:26; 16:4).

FIVE POINTS.

1. We need to deal with Egyptian idolatry and a slave mentality – re-organizing **learned response patterns** to express a changed situation: **unpacking** and **re-packing** (**reconfiguring our object relations**- changing how we relate to the objects[reactions] we are cherishing and storing in our hearts from our past). I Pe. 4:1-6 The **INNER LIFE**
2. You are foolish if you think your **flesh** is going to get any better the only thing which can get better and stay better is our self control: Heb. 2:18 Rom. 8:3 (Phil. 3:10 ff). It will clone and resurface like a weed and needs constant control, denial and crucifixion. Ever new strategies to deal with a **lifelong dichotomy: *simil justis et peccatore***
3. Must distinguish between the **works of the flesh** and **quirks of personality** Matt. 7:1-5; Rom. 12:10 (18) **spiritual abuse (rape) and destructive manipulation.**
4. No **desire of our flesh** or of our spirit is **right** or **wrong** in itself (2 Cor. 7:1) – Our choices are right or wrong (Phil. 3:15, 16). We need to learn to walk in the light and shine this light through both our **desires** and our **choices** (John 3:16-21 & I John 1:5-10).
5. **Victory** means learning to live and to walk in His light as **light, salt** and a **sweet smelling scent** of His presence in the **foul smelling cess pool** of life: Phil. 2:13 & Eph. 2:10. On two levels: **inner** and **outer**, where the inner becomes the source for the outer, where the spiritual becomes the source (goal, direction, the drive) of the carnal.

We only have FOUR gifts from G-d: **(1)free will, (2)dignity, (3)time** and **(4)energy** and how we harness these personal, spiritual imperatives is governed by three personal spiritual disciplines: **rhythm, boundaries** and **limits**, so we can harness ALL our heart, mind and strength to love and to serve the L-rd.

Who we are and how we live, needs to be **expressions** of (reactions to) His grace in our hearts and lives. Defeat is a **spiritual reality** we need to come to terms with UNTIL we win, in every area of our hearts (**inner**) and lives (**outer**). Personal Victory is both His absolute minimum and His absolute best for **each one** of us, and for **all of us**, to the Jew first and to the Gentile 2 Cor. 2:14 & Rom. 8:37. Let's pray.

Next Week: **Dynamics of Spiritual Stability (III) Maturity**

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