

COMPUTER MODEL

I have shared this concept before, but there are times when there is a theme running through your life that you just cannot kick. It becomes your purpose and your destiny. It is the focus of why you are here on this earth at this time and place, and who you are.

About 4 1/2 years ago I began asking God to teach me how to love him with ALL my heart, ALL my soul and ALL my might, Luke 10:27. I could look around and see those who loved him dearly and served him, but not to the extent that I felt we were created to do.

Then 2 years ago I began a quest to learn all I could about inner healing. It seemed that was the **key** to being able to love and serve God whole heartedly. I wanted every barrier between me and my creator to come down. I did not want a deceitful heart (Jer. 17:9). I have learned so much that at times I feel overwhelmed, but it has completely transformed my life.

One of the first things I learned was that much of our inability to love God, or anyone else, is related to our broken heartedness, (Ez 11:19). It most always is connected to one or many childhood events that led to mistrust, fear, confusion, and insecurity. These are a result of the attacks and interference of the enemy in our young lives. In the past, I tried to explain this as a broken heart, with a functioning (intellectual) side, and an emotional side. Two sides that do not connect. So, this time lets try a different approach that might make it a little clearer.

Think of yourself as an amazing computer. A Computer has a C drive and a D drive. Those two drives don't communicate with one another because there is a firewall between them. So, C does not know what D knows. and vice versa. If one drive gets a virus, it effects the entire computer. It begins to slow or shut down. Things are just not running smoothly. So, we begin to search for the problem. We scan the computer looking for a virus. When we finally find it, and it is removed, the computer begins to function properly again. It is much like the human body. We also have two drives. One that controls our intellect (cognitive/function) and one that controls our emotions. There is a firewall in the middle that does not let the intellect drive communicate with the emotion drive. That's why we can be injured emotionally as a child, bear the scars of that event deep within our hearts, and not even have an active memory of what happened. Then one day we get triggered and can't figure out why.

Our drives get viruses too. They are the lies of the enemy. Our firewall are our defense mechanisms, our survival mode. It protects the intellect from emotions that are too difficult or painful to deal with. So, we can have hidden emotional scars that keep us from functioning to full capacity, just like a virus in a computer.

So, next time you become triggered, angry, hurt, depressed, frustrated.... Pause! Connect with Jesus. Slow down and get in His presence. Ask The Lord, is there a memory connected to this feeling? When was the first time I ever had his feeling? Often, he will give you a memory. Once in touch with that memory, then ask Jesus to speak to it. Go back to that moment in time and see Jesus with you in the memory, and see how would it have been different if he would have been able to minister to you in that moment? He will uncover lies (viruses) from the enemy that you have believed about yourself or someone else. He will then speak truth to the lie and remove the virus. The Truth will set you free (John 8:32) and allow you to walk closer and more wholeheartedly with the Lord. You want to be free and begin to understand emotional triggers in your life. Where they come from. For where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom (Rm 8:1). Try it and then let me know what happens.

Blessings,

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