



“Preparing Our Mind for Action”

The Ingredients for Obedience

1 Peter 1:13-16

Neh.4:6



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- Recap: "A New Mindset"

Ingredient - the putting together of separate elements or parts to form a whole. There are several parts that go into "obedience" to make it a whole.

One of the elements is having a new mind set.

The mind is the gateway to your soul and spirit.

Whatever controls or dominates the mind will determine your destiny and your philosophy of life (the system of values by which you live).



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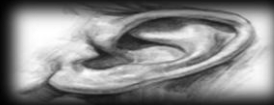
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There only two gates for anything to enter into the mind:

1. EYE gate



2. EAR gate



What we see and hear will add to our life, or take away from our life. However, in the word of God we find the wonderful combinations of the human and the divine.



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Human – Anyone who has a good mind can understand the meaning of words and the truth contained in them.

This is all that can be done in the power of human understanding.



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Divine- There is a divine side which the Holy Spirit expresses His deepest thoughts to us.

1 Corinth. 2:10-14 *"But God has revealed them to us by his spirit..."*

We cannot understand them or comprehend them, for they are spiritually discerned.

Only through the Holy Spirit can the Christian apply the divine truths contained in God's word.

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“Therefore, prepare your mind for action; be self controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given to you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do. For it is written: Be ye holy, because I am holy.” I Peter 13-16

“So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.” Neh. 4:6



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To be holy is to be set apart-separated from sin impurity, and to be set apart to God for Himself.

As God's redemptive plan unfolded through the OT, the term "holy" became associated with the character of God's separated people conforming to his revealed law.



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Peter is reminding us of who we are and why God has called us to be separated from the world unto Him:

“To win the world back to God.”

Our outlook determines our outcome and our attitude determines our action.





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Whenever we prepare our minds to work together there will be no stopping to accomplished what we put our hands to do.

In order for us to do this we have to get in control of our thought process through the word of God which will give us back the control of our destiny.



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- Our life is what our thoughts are made of.
- The bible tells us to transform our mind so that we will have a new attitude.



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In the book of Nehemiah Chapter 4, it shows what happens when people believe the word of God and put it into practice.

When Nehemiah showed up the people were discouraged because the walls of their city were broken and the gates were burned.



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Nehemiah showed up with a:

Vision

Plan

Program

to move the people to the next level of their life.



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- Pastor Ralph has given a **vision, a plan, and a program** to take you to the next level of God's plan.
- Like Nehemiah he has a plan on how to rebuild the walls of your life.
- Whenever the walls of your mind are broken, you need to get re-fired to rebuild with a new mind set.



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When we get a new mind set we will learn that working together as a team can get a lot more accomplished than working individually.

The people of Israel were so stirred up that they rebuilt the wall in fifty-two days.

They found out that working together makes the task much easier.



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When you work together the opposition cannot stop a people whose mind is made up for action.

Neither do circumstances hinder people whose mind is made up for action.

What makes the difference when our minds are made up for action?

We work smarter not harder, we pull all of our resources together and use the ability that God has given each of us to get things done.



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- *Proverbs 11:14, “Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.”*
- *Proverbs 15:22, “Without counsel (plans go awry) purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counselors are they established.”*
- *Proverbs 24:6, “For by wise counsel thou shalt make war: and in multitude of counselors there is safety.”*



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- In a multitude of counsel there is safety.
- **There is assistance, deliverance, victory, help and salvation!**
- When we renew our minds we see that we need one another to fulfill God's purpose for our life.



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- When we work together good things come forth.
- It gives each of us a determination to complete what we start.
- The enthusiasm of one will cause others to become stimulated (*Chapter 3 of Nehemiah*).



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- What were the principles of working together when we built this building?

working together with a **vision**

working together with a **plan**

working together with a **program**



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- In spite of our oppositions and circumstances we kept working until the job was finished.
- Because we set our minds on completing this work, everybody came out to do whatever they could.
- Today we are enjoying the fruit of our labor.



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God made a statement in the book of Genesis that is still true today. He said that if people spoke the same language then nothing will be impossible for them.

The key is **“speaking the same language.”**

- *everyone was using their ability as they were building a city and a tower.*
- *they were working together as a team.*



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- Do you understand why the devil wants to keep you confused, misguided, mistrusting and self centered?





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- He knows that when Christians pray together, work together, and share together, they are a threat to his kingdom.
- *As a prisoner of the Lord, then I urge you to live a life worthy of your calling that you have received (Eph.4:1-5).*





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- Let this be your aim of working together and preparing your mind for action so that the walls of your life will be built stronger and the gates of your mind will be restored to prevent those things that will try to hinder you from the success which belongs to you.



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You cannot help a man up the hill without getting closer to the top yourself.





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The difference between **success** and **failure** is that **successful people** make themselves do, even if they hate to do.

On the other hand, those who are **failures** wait for someone to make them do it, or do it for them.

Which one are you?



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