



## THE PROBLEM IS THE PATTERN

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Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a **pattern** of the one to come.

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They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the **pattern** shown you on the mountain."

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**BLANKS:** PATTERN, PERCEIVE, DECISIONS, DESTINY



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### 1. EMBRACE THE SIMPLICITY OF THE PATTERN IDEA

Could it really be this simple? Thankfully most things that are crucial for us to know are not that challenging to grasp. Sometimes we want to think that our problems or the reasons we sin are much more complicated and layered than they truly are because if it is simple, the next question is, why are we still struggling as if we don't have answers? Let's stop making excuses that change is beyond possibility. It is absolutely possible and it is pretty simple to understand. Embrace it and get ready for action.

### 2. DISCERN PROBLEMS FROM PATTERNS

There is a good bit of new light on the reality of deeply rooted weaknesses, strong (unbreakable) habits and repetitious failures (products). We know the products, but do we recognize the problems - the patterns?

666 is a product not the pattern.  $6 \times 111$  is the pattern. If you don't like the product, change the equation – the pattern. Example...

**Product:** I am unorganized, pressured and unprepared.

**Pattern:** I don't take time to make plans.

Recognize the difference?

### 3. CHANGE AN OLD PATTERN

No joke – this is not easy. But hopefully the excitement of potential freedom and release will motivate us through the hard stuff. There may be something that we have struggled with for years, for decades and we haven't broken it because we were so focused on the product, not the pattern. At the very least we now understand that freedom is available through God's power if we **DECIDE** to change the pattern. We can't do it alone. We **WON'T** do it alone. If we could do it alone, we would have already done it. We need God's prompting, reminders and reassurance which comes to us through prayer, meditation, inspiration (reading) and conversation...but we also need each other. If you can't think of an old pattern that you should change, just ask your spouse or someone close to you and they'll probably have a list.



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