Run the Race Marked Out for You Part 4

Review of Part 3 -Deal with the Sin that Entangles -Unbelief:-

- I. Know the difference between Sin and Sins.
- II. As a believer, know that there is the **Mixture** in each of us.
- III. Know the 2 <u>Remedies</u> God has provided.IV. How do we die to the sinful nature?

Purpose-Vision for every BBTCian

- Godly Man and Woman
- Overcomers Victorious
- Mighty in Spirit Prospering in the soul -Walking in bodily health
- Blessed to be a blessing

Purpose-Vision for every BBTCian

- As Priest Able to administer the grace of God in its various forms to minister to others
- As Kings Knowing and exercising spiritual authority and power in ministry

Deal with Personal Baggage -Weight - Everything that Hinders

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Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

- Therefore, since we are surrounded by
- Such a great cloud of witnesses,
- let us throw off everything that hinders
- and the sin that so easily entangles,
- and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

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What are **Personal Baggage - Weight - Everything** that hinders?

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Personal Baggage and Weights that hinder our race

Hinder - Hindrances - Hurdles that beset us
 i.e. like seaweed entangling us.

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- ✓ Weigh us down.
- Dampen our enthusiasm

Personal Baggage and Weights that hinder our race

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- ✓ Sap our energy
- Divert our focus and attention
- De-rail us from finishing well

EXAMPLES OF BAGGAGE - WEIGHTS



Excessive Anxieties Covetous heart

Loose Tongue Cynicism Unguarded Heart

Loving Pleasure Skeptical Laziness

Judgmental Envious Jealous

Will look at 7 common Baggage and FOCUS on a few

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- I. Unhealed HURTS
 - e.g. 1 Soccer Striker
 - e.g. 2 Offenses not healed

Ahithophel - one of David's very close friend and counselor. Other was Hushai

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Our **PERSONAL BAGGAGE** Unhealed HURTS 2 Samuel 16:23 Now the <u>advice of Ahithophel</u>, which he gave in those days, was as if one had inquired at the oracle of God. So was all the advice of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom. 1. 往往 余

2 Samuel 15:31 Then someone told David, saying, "<u>Ahithophel</u> is among the <u>conspirators</u> with Absalom." And <u>David</u> said, "O LORD, I <u>pray</u>, <u>turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness</u>!"

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2 Samuel 11:3 ... <u>Bathsheba</u>, the daughter of <u>Eliam</u>, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" 2 Samuel 23:34 ... Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite Ahithophel - bitterness towards David, seeking revenge



2 Samuel 17:14 So Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The advice of <u>Hushai</u> the Archite is better than the advice of <u>Ahithophel</u>."



2 Samuel 17:23 Now when <u>Ahithophel</u> saw that <u>his advice</u> was <u>not followed</u>, he saddled a donkey, and arose and went home to his house, to his city. Then he put his household in order, and <u>hanged himself</u>, <u>and died</u>;



Unhealed Hurts will **HANDICAP** you in Life.

Hebrews 12:15

looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any <u>root of bitterness</u> springing up cause <u>trouble</u>, and by this many <u>become defiled</u>

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Your hurts are healed if the matter / issue no longer bothers you and you no longer talk about it.

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- II. Unmet <u>NEEDS</u>
 - a. The failure to have our needs met especially that of <u>Acceptance</u> by people we value / who matters to us may result in: Low self-<u>ESTEEM</u> Low self-<u>IMAGE</u>

Spouse, Parents, Children, Teachers, People in Authority, Colleagues, CG Members, Friends, etc.

- II. Unmet <u>NEEDS</u>
 - b. It is very important to find significance and our needs met by the Lord when it is not possible from human
- relationships.
 - c. This is to **Protect** yourself from being easily **Hurt** and **Handicapped**.

- III. Unresolved **ISSUES**
 - e.g. 1 Partial Truths / Lies about God
 - a. Sickness from God to teach us a lesson
 - b. "Some translation errors" in the bible & hence, bible

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not true

- III. Unresolved **ISSUES**
 - e.g. 1 Partial Truths / Lies about God.
 - c. Quarrel over the different versions in the bible
 - d. The Gnostic Gospels / DVC etc

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- III. Unresolved **ISSUES**
 - e.g. 2 Not understanding the accident that caused ...
 - e.g. 3 Not Understanding why your loved one died suddenly.

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- III. Unresolved **ISSUES**
 - e.g. 4 Evil and Wickedness in this world.
 - e.g. 5 Misunderstanding with someone that is not resolved

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- III. Unresolved **ISSUES**
 - e.g. 6 Rebellion in the heart that is not resolved and carried forward when you move to the new church.



- III. Unresolved **ISSUES**
 - e.g. 7 Fallibility of spiritual leaders because you expected them to be perfect.

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- III. Unresolved **ISSUES**
 - e.g. 8 Failed Broken relationship that still handicap you.

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e.g. 9 - Disappointment with God for unanswered prayers.

Our <u>PERSONAL BAGGAGE</u> IV. Certain <u>RELATIONSHIPS</u>

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."

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Our **PERSONAL BAGGAGE** IV. Certain <u>RELATIONSHIPS</u> 2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be **unequally yoked** together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 1. 性性 食

Our **PERSONAL BAGGAGE** IV. Certain <u>RELATIONSHIPS</u> **Psalm 1:1** Blessed is the man who walks not in the **counsel of the ungodly**, nor stands in the path of **sinners**, nor sits in the seat of the **scornful**;

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- V. Certain ACTIVITIES
 - e.g. 1 Watching TV / Soap Operas Daily online chats for 5-6 hours
 - e.g. 2 Frequenting Clubs, PUBs, Karaoke, Lounges
 - e.g. 3 Golf / Fishing every Saturday and Sunday

- VI. Certain **POSSESSIONS**
 - That suck away your mental and emotional energies and resources and handicapping you from your main focus in life.

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VII. CONSEQUENCES of Generational Iniquity

Exodus 20:3 – 5 ... For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, <u>visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon</u> <u>the children to the third and fourth generations</u> <u>of those who hate Me</u>,



Our <u>PERSONAL BAGGAGE</u> VII. <u>CONSEQUENCES</u> of Generational Iniquity INIQUITY =

the bent, the inclination, the propensity towards certain behaviour traits



Galatians 3:13

- 1. All curses are dealt with at the cross.
- 2. We must personally <u>appropriate</u> the specific blessing just like:
 - a. Our <u>Salvation</u> (John 1:12; 3:16)
 - b. Our <u>Healing</u> (James 5:14 15)
 - c. <u>Grace</u> for our Specific Needs (Hebrews 4:16)

4 Broad Areas:-

- 1. Sickness and Diseases
- 2. Sexual Immorality
- 3. Inability to handle Money
- 4. Prone to Outbursts of Wrath potentially leading to physical violence

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1. Sickness and Diseases

- Medical Check-up
- Hereditary Sickness and Diseases
 - e.g. Cancer, Heart Failure, Strokes, High Blood Pressure, Genetically Transmitted ...



1. Sickness and Diseases - Deal with it.

- a. <u>**Repent</u>** of our own sins and that of our forefathers.</u>
- b. **Break** loose from that sickness in Jesus' Name.
- c. Be <u>Cleansed</u> of the defilement by the Blood of Christ.



1. Sickness and Diseases - Deal with it.

d. <u>Appropriate</u> the healing made available by the Cross.

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- e. <u>Bless</u> your body.
- f. Take necessary **Practical** steps to strengthen your bodily health.

- 2. Sexual Immorality Prone to have:-
 - Marital Affairs
 - one night stands, mistresses, flirting etc.

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- 2. Sexual Immorality Prone to have:-
 - Marital Conflicts

 constant quarrels and disagreements leading to thoughts and decisions for separation, divorces, violence ...

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- 2. Sexual Immorality Deal with it.
 - a. <u>Repent</u> of our own sins and that of our forefathers.
 - b. **Break** loose from that relationship in Jesus' Name.
 - c. Be <u>Cleansed</u> of the defilement by the Blood of Christ.

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2. **Sexual Immorality** - Deal with it.

- d. Be <u>Healed</u> by the Power of the Word.
- e. <u>Bless</u> your spouse.
- f. Take necessary **Practical** steps to nurture your marriage relationship.

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- Have deliberate marriage time.

3. Inability to handle Money Prone to:-

- Overspend
- ✓ Live beyond means
- Gambling Addiction
- Poor Financial Discipline
- Money Failures Business Failures

3. Inability to handle Money - Deal with it.

- a. <u>**Repent</u>** of our own sins and that of our forefathers.</u>
- b. Break loose from this in Jesus' Name.

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c. Be <u>Cleansed</u> of the defilement by the Blood of Christ.

3. Inability to handle Money - Deal with it.

- d. Be <u>Healed</u> by the Power of the Word.
- e. <u>Bless</u> yourself.
- f. Obey the **Practical** laws towards financial freedom e.g. tithe / offerings
 - Sow with prayer, expecting harvest.

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4. Prone to Outbursts of Wrath potentially leading to Physical Violence





4. Prone to Outbursts of Wrath potentially leading to Physical Violence - Deal with it.

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- a. <u>**Repent</u> of our own sins and that of our forefathers**.</u>
- b. **Break** loose from this sin in Jesus' Name.

4. Prone to Outbursts of Wrath potentially leading to Physical Violence - Deal with it.

- c. Be <u>Cleansed</u> of the defilement by the Blood of Christ.
- d. Be <u>Healed</u> by the Power of the Word.

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e. <u>Bless</u> yourself.

4. Prone to Outbursts of Wrath potentially leading to Physical Violence - Deal with it. f. Surrender to God:-

- Committing to God the people and situation that invoke your wrath.
- Speak blessing to the people and situation.

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- 4. Prone to Outbursts of Wrath potentially leading to Physical Violence - Deal with it.
 f. Surrender to God:-
 - Cover the people and situation with the Blood of Christ.
 - ✓ Yield your own life totally to the Lord.



Note that these are also **Personal Sins** of which the **Person is Responsible for.**



Summary : Deal with **PERSONAL BAGGAGE**

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- I. Unhealed <u>Hurts</u>
- II. Unmet <u>Needs</u>
- III. Unresolved <u>Issues</u>
- IV. Certain Relationships

Summary : Deal with **PERSONAL BAGGAGE**

- v. Certain <u>Activities</u>
- VI. Certain **Possessions**
- VII. Consequences of Generational Iniquity



CONCLUSION

Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

