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**COURSE UNIT TITLE: THE WORD & THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

COURSE CODE: TWS 301

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METHOD OF STUDY

PREPARING TO START

(1) Your study time needs to be accompanied by prayers. Whenever the revelation of truth dawns on you or the power of truth takes hold of your spirit, that is a good time to pray it out.

Don't miss this chance. Such a moment is the time to pray and meditate, observing moments of silence or quietness, making proclamations and confessions, prophesying etc.; as the move of the Spirit dictates. That is the time to check up related scriptures that flash through your mind. Singing, praying more, and doing as the occasion serves you.

Be sure to write down any spiritual development in your FCBS Notebook. What occurs to you, what God may be saying to you, what you may see or feel concerning issues of your life, etc. Expect things to be revealed to you while you study. This is to be a prayer-driven study.

(2) Review the document: "Certificate in Ministry – Course Units & Time Frame". Then - CHOOSE BETWEEN A DAILY STUDY PLAN: (MON –FRIDAYS) 2 HRS OR MORE DAILY, OR A WEEKLY STUDY PLAN: ANY 10 HOURS OF THE WEEK OR WEEKEND. SPECIFY ON PAGE 1 OF YOUR NOTEBOOK WHICH DAYS OF THE WEEK YOU HAVE CHOSEN AND BE ACCOUNTABLE TO YOURSELF.

GAINING A GENERAL OVERVIEW

Set aside your first 6 hours and be able to read through the entire syllabus. Starting from this Method Of Study to the Examination page (optional) at the end of this syllabus. For example, you can set aside these hours in 2 periods of 3 hours each, to achieve the combined total of your first 6 hours. Go back to the beginning of METHOD OF STUDY and re-read the whole of this syllabus.

In doing so, please pay special attention to specific lessons, paragraphs, phrases or verses that you may feel a need to re-read. The Holy Spirit will be prompting you on certain points that will trigger your present and future miracles. Keep re-reading until you accomplish the combined total of 6 hours required for the OVERVIEW.

COMMENCING YOUR STUDY, LESSON BY LESSON

- (1) Start your study time reading-through the entire lesson for the day/week, e.g. Lesson 1.
- (2) Next, go over the same lesson. This time, slowly and meditatively. As things occur to you; you may feel like praying it out, speaking it out, or repeating scriptures aloud to yourself...and writing down any revelation in your FCBS Notebook, along with the date.

Remember to apply this important requirement to all subsequent lessons in this study. You will no longer be reminded of this requirement beyond this point.

QUESTIONS TO MIND AS YOU STUDY

- (a) How do these scriptures apply to my life and destiny?
- (b) What is the vital principle of scripture, correction, reproof, or direction that I need to apply from these scriptures to my life, to fulfil my obedience?
- (c) Is there any personal message that the Lord is passing across to me?
- (d) What prayer do I need to pray from these scriptures to shape my life and Calling?

COURSE DESCRIPTION

TWS 301 seeks to raise the foundation of the Believer effectively to the balance of the Christian faith. Whereby, the Believer is fully rooted and grounded in the Word of God and at the same time fully reliant upon and yielded to the move and the leading of the Spirit of God.

In TWS 301, we complete a study in both the distinctiveness and the oneness of the Word and the Spirit. We come to a deeper understanding of the biblical processes for taking root in the Word and staying spiritually awake to the leading of the Spirit.

Learners will come to terms with the incredibly fulfilling life of the Christian faith when Believers are raised by the Word and truly led by the Spirit. An equipping of the Saints by the Word and the Spirit is in the centre stage of God's end-time move and revival.

Learners will become spiritually fine-tuned to clearly and easily analyse differences in previous moves of God. To discern where there has been a move of the Spirit without the Word, a move of the Word without the Spirit, and a present and future move that combines the moving of the Word with the moving of the Spirit.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

That the Student will develop a growing affection for God and the things of God in a balance of the truth. Embracing both the Word of God and the Spirit of God, without neglecting one for the other.

That the Student will be equally grounded in their love for the Word and the Spirit. To be Word-based and yet Spirit-led is to know that the Spirit confirms the Word and the Word is dead without the Spirit. It is the Spirit that quickens the Word.

That, as the Student embraces the gifts of the Spirit, they will do so without neglecting our Christ-likeness, the fruit of the Spirit.

That, as the Student seeks the word of God, they will do so without neglecting the spirit of prayer; or as they grow in the spirit of prayer, they will do so without neglecting the word of God.

That the Student will grow in the word of truth without neglecting the spirit of truth. To grow in the word of faith without neglecting the spirit of faith. In divine prosperity without neglecting righteousness. In the good success without neglecting purpose, and in the exceedingly growing faith without neglecting hope and love, and the true faith that works by love.

COURSE OUTLINE & LESSON NOTES

LESSON 1

THE PLACE OF THE WORD: HOW TO DEVELOP YOURSELF IN THE WORD

In a nutshell: through meditating on and speaking the Word. That is -

(1) Regularly reading and meditating on the Word: transmits the grace and peace of the Word into our hearts.

Joshua 1: 6 – 9.

1 Timothy 4: 13.

That is the Godly habit of reading through the Bible meditatively, verse after verse, chapter after chapter, or book after book.

(2) Regularly studying and meditating on the word of God.

2 Timothy 2:15.

Studying is different from Reading (or reading-through). Studying requires even more time, as you start with reading-through and continue to compare one verse or chapter with another; comparing spiritual things with spiritual things. Here's where the FReNBI study plan consisting of those four questions (stated earlier on page 2) comes handy.

(3) Regularly meditating and praying the word. Praying the right word for any prayer point gives assurance for your answer.

(4) Regularly meditating and speaking the word of God. Acts 14:3.

THE PLACE OF THE SPIRIT: HOW TO DEVELOP YOURSELF IN THE SPIRIT

In a nutshell: Through praying & singing, and endeavouring to walk in love. That is - 2 Corinthians 3:6. 1 Corinthians 14:15. Jude Vs 20.

(1) Regularly meditating on the goodness of the Lord and praying the prayer of thanksgiving. Ephesians 5:20, 1 Thessalonians 5: 17 – 18. Its God's will to give thanks always.

(2) Regularly praising and blessing the Lord, worshipping and concentrating in the Spirit while doing so. Luke 24:52-53.

(3) Regularly praying the prayer of consecration, i.e. surrendering your will to the will of God. Luke 22: 41 – 42. Listening and being obedient to His Spirit.

(4) Regularly interceding for the kingdom of God; to see His kingdom, His power and His glory come. Interceding for souls, the Body of Christ and the nations. Matthew 6:10.

(5) Praying all prayer and supplication in the spirit (praying for yourself, building your faith) and keeping your heart in the love of God. Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20-21.

LESSON 2

THE WORD OF FAITH

- It comes when you hear the word of God. Romans 10:17.
- The Word did not profit them because they did not mix it with faith. Hebrews 4:2; Deut 6:6-8.
- Every promise of God is yea and Amen BY US...as we believe. 2 Corinthians 1:20.
- The Word shall be in your heart – So, read, study, and feed upon the Word.

Hebrews 4:2- It didn't profit them because they didn't put it in their hearts to do it.

Why the Word did not profit them;

- a) they didn't accept the Word and make it their own.
- b) They didn't mix the Word with faith in their heart.

Deut 30:11-14

-The Word that you store in your heart is what you will believe.

- The word of God is God- John 1:1- bringing the Word on the scene is bringing God on the scene.

Deut 30:11- The word of God in your heart is as close to you as your heart is to you.

Romans 10:5-8

Don't say, "Please, dear God, come down and help me". The Word with you is God come down and with you already!

No matter where you find yourself, if you have the Word with you, you have God with you.

The key point in the operation of the word of faith is the HEART- For with the heart man believeth. Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.

Read-study-look at the Word, plant it in your heart. Luke 8:11- The heart is the good ground for the Word. Keep it, preserve it. It takes patience to grow it in your heart and to use it to possess your soul. Use it to control your soul, bringing it into subjection to the Spirit.

If you do not understand patience, you will not be able to continue in the Word. God speaks once, and you hear it once, but when you choose to hear it again (to hear it twice or meditate on it a second time), you have blessed yourself with the faith that comes by hearing: (first time NOT ENOUGH) and hearing (again, the second time,) by the word of God. Romans 10:17, Psalm 62:11, Proverbs 4:20-23.

The heart naturally likes to dwell on the negative; fear, unbelief, doubt, etc.

When the Word comes into your heart, the light shines in your heart. The Word is light.

The word of faith is about, firstly, receiving the Word with the heart. The reflection of the Word brings light in your heart.

Whenever it shines upon even the “closed cases” of your life (issues considered dead, nothing good to come out of it) will be opened and sorted out, because the Word brings restoration. The Word is never too late.

When Jesus was resurrected from the dead, even those who had died in time past, resurrected with Him. It is never, ever, too late to plant the Word in your heart in the very areas you expect God’s intervention.

Hebrews 3:6-7, 14-15.

As long as it is called today, there is a revelation awaiting you, if only you open up your heart to His Word.

The major foundation of truth a Believer needs more than anything else is the rock foundation of planting the word of God continuously in their heart. It is building on the rock. Matthew 7:24.

How do miracles happen in your life?

One of two ways:

(1) As the Spirit wills, by the sovereign will of God, or as He uses others to do in your life.

(2) As you will, by the word of God abiding in your heart: “...and my words abide in you, you will ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you” John 15:7.

As we trust God with the first way above, we are to faithfully take care of the second way through the grace supplied to us by His Word.

The first thing to do as a child of God regularly, therefore, is to store the word of God in your heart meditatively, believing the promises.

Luke 24:25-27.

You become slow of heart to believe when the word of God is not in your heart. “Then Jesus “expounded unto them in all the scriptures...” so they can believe.

You become slow to believe when you do not meditate in the Word regularly. To heal slowness of believing, continue in the Word. Luke 8:15.

LESSON 3

AN HONEST AND A GOOD HEART

One of the things that stop the Word from settling down into our spirit, after we hear it, is the lack of an honest and a good heart. It implies our motives can be wrong, evil, and defiled. When our motives are not born out of humility and the love of God.

The other defiler is pride. A prideful heart is a dishonest heart.

Pray for an honest and a good heart. Pray constantly over your heart, in total surrender and consecration to the Lord. Praying: not my will but your will be done.

1 Timothy 1:5- we need a pure heart and a good conscience.

Titus 1:13-16- faith does not grow in the minds that are defiled vs 15- Their minds and their conscience are defiled. Some people are stagnant because their consciences are defiled.

Luke 8:15- a pure heart is of a pure conscience.

Paul, the worst of sinners – was turned around because of his brokenness of heart.

2 Timothy 1:3-5

We need a sincere conscience. Saul (later Paul the apostle) was wrong, but he was open to the Lord Jesus when He appeared to him on the way to Damascus. His change was dramatic because of keeping a pure conscience even when he was wrong in his acts. Pray for a pure conscience.

THE SPIRIT OF FAITH

2 Corinthians 4:13

The key point in the spirit of faith is SPEAKING. Speaking releases the spirit of faith. The Spirit of the Word is released by speaking the Word.

John 6:63- The Words that I speak, they are spirit and life.

When you speak the word of the devil; it is a spirit, and it releases fear and death.

The Word is spirit when it is spoken. Only when it is spoken. The Word on a piece of paper is mere letters. The speaking of the written Word releases the spirit.

Ezekiel 2:1-2.

When He spoke the Word, the spirit entered into me.

The Word of God conveys the spirit when it is SPOKEN.

You shoot like an arrow when you speak the Word. The spirit of faith is the speaking of the word of faith. The word of faith begins with the believing that is of the heart. Acts 4:20.

The Workings of the spirit of faith

Seeing into the Word

- The first duty of a man of God is not to preach the Word but to see into the Word.

In that is the duty to wait on the Lord. To wait to see and hear out of what you have seen. And then to be able to SPEAK because you have SEEN and HEARD from God. Acts 4:20.

- What you have seen in the Word generates the power of what you speak.

Jeremiah 1:12- you have well seen, now I will hasten my Word to perform.

- The potency of your ministry is in the depth of what you have seen in the Word.
- Sit down to study and see into what God is saying.

LESSON 4

THE PLACE OF FASTING IN DEVELOPING YOURSELF IN THE WORD & THE SPIRIT

Fasting does not change God but rather facilitate a change in our hearts. It subdues the flesh and detaches the flesh's unbelief from your spirit. When you fast, you deny the flesh whatever it may have become used to. When you do that, the spirit is activated while the flesh dies. The spirit is now authorised to get along with what God wants to do in your life.

Matthew 17:15-21. True Fasting should be done with prayer empowered by the study of the Word (John 15:7). Being with Jesus alone did not make them victorious over demons. So He told them to fast and pray: this kind will not go away without a lifestyle of Fasting and prayer.

Fasting and prayer take us to a higher level of authority and faith. In this higher level of faith, we can rebuke demons and deal with any other demonic strongholds in our own lives or the lives of others.

Fasting kills the body's appetite causing your spirit to come alive. Matthew 17:15

BENEFITS OF FASTING

1. It humbles the soul. Psalm 35:13.
2. It chastens the soul. Psalm 69:10.
3. It crucifies the appetite and allows the person to give time to prayer and studying the word. Matthew 4:1-11.
4. It demonstrates the seriousness of a person towards God. Isaiah 58:6-11.
5. Fasting develops faith and activates your prayer life.

Remember: true biblical Fasting must be done along with prayer and the word of God. While fasting, make sure you separate yourself from things that may distract you; e.g. answering regular phone calls.

ASPECTS OF FASTING/ WHEN TO FAST

- (a) When you are in spiritual conflict and need a breakthrough, Luke 4: 1 – 13.

- (b) When danger is around the corner; e.g. Esther and Mordecai. Do not wait for evil to come before doing a Fasting and prayer. However, if it has already come, don't hesitate to go into Fasting and prayer.
 - (c) When you are in uncertainty and are worried, e.g. Daniel 6: 10.
 - (d) There are times when we are in need, and our need means that it is time to get into prayer and Fasting. Ezra 8: 21 – 23.
 - (e) When you are under chastening. There may not be any need, danger or worry, but you have identified some indiscipline in your life.
- **CREATIVITY OF THE WORD:**
 - **UPHOLDS ALL THINGS:** - The word of God upholds, meaning he sustains all things by the word of His power. When you speak His word, expect the things to be upheld. Hebrews 1: 3.
 - **THIS WORD IS LIVING AND ETERNAL:** - Dead situations will live again when you sow a good seed of the living Word 1 Peter 1: 23-25.
 - **THE WORD WILL CAUSE GROWTH:** - 1 Peter 2:2 As you eat the Word, you are bound to grow in your walk with Christ. Isaiah 55: 6 – 11.

LESSON 5

ESTABLISH THE WORD IN YOUR HEART

The parable of the sower teaches us that the seed that fell on the good ground had better results than the rest. This tells us that we can decide what type of soil our heart can be. To be the good soil, we would need to establish the Word in our heart. Luke 8: 4 – 15. That is, we must be mindful of what we hear, whom we associate with, what we say, where we go, etc. Then the Word will find us ready for establishment. Proverbs 4: 20; Proverbs 18: 20 – 21

In God's Word, there are covenants and promises.

For us to enjoy his covenant, we need FAITH. Believing all that he has said, knowing they are the truth. Faith makes God fulfil what he has said in His word.

For us to know these covenants, we need to search the scriptures, locate the promises/covenants for your life and begin to place a demand of faith on them.

- We need to establish a close relationship with our father, to know His word and be established in it. Meditating on the Word and confession will cause us to walk in the Word.

John 6:63 *"The words that I speak are spirit and life".*

Ephesians 6:10-11

- It is important to know the use of the right words. Words release life. When you speak, make sure it is what you want to see happen, not what is happening that you don't want to see.

Mark 11:12 – 23 Jesus cursed the tree, and it dried up.

- Authority in your words manifests to the extent to which your spirit man is set on the Lord in faith. Your spirit and the words coming from your mouth must be in one accord. Your spirit must agree with the word of God.
- Your faith is a cardinal tool for operating in the Word and the Spirit. Let your words be of faith in accordance with the word of God.

Mark 4:1-20

We must be mindful of what we hear, who we associate with and mindful of what we say and where we go. All these determine how we receive the word of God. We choose which ground we are. That is, rocky, thorny, etc. There are various covenants in the word of God (Isaiah 55:3). How do I establish the covenant of God in my life?

I need faith to trust that what God has promised to do. He has the power to fulfil. Faith enables God to fulfil what He has said in His word.

We need to study and meditate upon the Word in order to develop faith. Speak the promises of God over your life when you find them in the Word. 2 Corinthians 1:20.

Meditating and confessing the word of God is the key factor to growth or establishment in the covenant of His word. Isaiah 55:1-3. John 6:63.

There is a spirit behind every word that we speak. We must ensure that our spirit is right with God, speaking according to His word. In that way, when we speak God's word, our spirit will be in agreement with God's word. Otherwise, what we have spoken will not happen.

2 Corinthians 4:13. We need to arise in faith and understand the spirit that is behind the Word. Romans 8:14.

If I want the word of God to be effective:

1. I must begin to look at the word of God in a focused way.
2. I must walk with the Word.
3. Walking by faith.
4. I must be led by the spirit.

LESSON 6

FAITH AND ITS NETWORKS: HOPE & LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:13. Daniel 3:12-13

Of faith, hope, charity- the greatest is charity.

The Word: Faith is a product of hearing and hearing by the Word.

Galatians 5:6. Faith worketh by love.

The Spirit: The Spirit sheds abroad in our hearts the love of God. Mixed with faith, we have a hope “that makes not ashamed”. Romans 5:3-5.

The Word and the Spirit strengthen and preserve our hope to the very end.

1 Peter 1:13. Receiving the end of our faith, even the salvation of our soul. 1 Peter 1:9.

God demonstrated these three by offering His son to die for humanity. He had hope of eternal life. God planted the seed of faith and love more than 2000 years ago.

Daniel 3:12-18,23,27.

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego demonstrated these three: faith, hope and charity.

The three men refused to bow down to another god. Verse 18, this is love for God. In verse 17, Shadrach said our God is able. That is, faith is now! Hebrews 11:1. He will deliver us is hope. So here is faith, hope and charity (love).

When these three work together, you have the victory that overcometh the world operating on three levels. It was a test for the three to practice their faith, hope and love, and they won. They stuck to the testimony of God.

Many people lose their miracle along the way because they get disappointed. For example, in this case, the three were thrown in the fire, although they prayed and wished not to be thrown in there. They still believed God, and their miracle (the fourth Man) turned up in the fire itself!

Our lesson: Don't let your disappointment cancel your appointment for a miracle. Do not be discouraged along the way when you see things are not turning out the way you want.

LESSON 7

ASSIGNMENT (50 marks)

Please see page 12.

Your personal study of Hebrews chapters 4-10 is required in this lesson.

Then, in your own words -

State clearly for each of these chapters, the elements of faith, hope and love, demonstrated in God's plan for humanity.

COURSE GRADING
(Exams & Records Unit)

- A. Examination: ----- Total Marks: 40%
- B. Assignments/Practicum ----- Total Marks: 50%
- C. Any Other Task/bonus marks:----- Total Marks: 10%
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COURSE EXAMINATION

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TIME ALLOWED: 45 MINS

DO ALL: Your answer to each question should not exceed ¼ of a page (A4 size).
More marks apply for personalising your answer in the context of what God is showing you or saying to you.

(1) In your own words, state three benefits of Fasting and prayer.

(2) In your own words, state (A) the clear differences and (B) the oneness of the word of faith and the spirit of faith.