

The Attackers: Metabolism of Truth as Problem Solver: Spiritual Growth Results in Motivation from Reciprocal Love for God that Inspires Continued Advance; the Word of God Is Alive & Powerful: It Becomes Alive & Power for the Believer through Faith; Biblical Documentation of Metabolism: Jeremiah “Ate the Word” & Became Happy, Jer 15:16; Paul Learned to Be Copacetic, Phil 4:11–14

20. Paul refers to this as the “spirit of wisdom” in:

Ephesians 1:17 - That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the spirit of wisdom [πνεῦμα σοφίας (*pneúma sophías*): **doctrinal discernment in the wisdom compartment of the stream of consciousness**] from the source of divine revelation by means of *epígnōsis* knowledge from Him.

III. Metabolism of Truth as a Problem Solver

1. Doctrine transferred into the *kardía* is the result of positive volition toward what is taught.
2. Spiritual growth results in momentum—as the inventory is enlarged, then the expanded frame of reference desires more information. This deficiency is removed by positive volition to additional teaching. It is a double-column advance.
3. The accumulation of truth in the soul is described by Paul in Ephesians 6 as “putting on the panoply.”
4. This develops into a system of problem-solving that provides discernment regarding people and circumstances and guidance on how to deal with exigencies related to each.
5. The plan of God and the provision of His Word are designed to enable the believer to acquire cognitive invincibility.
6. There are some mental conditions that do require medical attention. Nevertheless, a person with maximum doctrine in his soul has the discernment and wisdom to manage the challenges of life and circumstances.
7. Such a person is a spiritual winner and simply does not need counseling. He has acquired the thinking of God which has become his internal counselor.
8. The advance to this level of sophisticated thought requires positive volition at Stage 3 of Operation Z.
9. Rejection of the information or academic perception has no spiritual value.
10. For the Word of God to become alive and powerful in the mind of the believer, he must have faith in its veracity and its efficiency.
11. To place one’s faith in the Word of God results in it being metabolized into the soul.
12. When false doctrine is introduced, the advanced believer is able to reject it from his inventory of ideas.
13. Too many people today have distorted ideas about the Bible and what so many of its passages mean.

14. The believer ignorant of doctrine often has his confidence shattered by an inability to counter incoming data from the Dark Side.
15. The advanced believer rejects the lie out of hand. He discerns that the person is benighted by cosmic propaganda or is among the attackers.

IV. Biblical Documentation of Metabolization

Jeremiah 15:16 - Your words were found and I ate them; and Your doctrines became a source of happiness to me, and the delight of my heart [לֵבָב (*levav*)].

Philippians 4:11 - I speak not from want [details of life], for I have learned to keep on being copacetic [αὐτάρκης (*autárkēs*): content & satisfied with one's lot¹] whatever the circumstances.

v. 12 - For I have come to know how to be in need [reversionism]; also, I have come to know how to live in prosperity [spiritual prosperity]. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of being filled [metabolized doctrine], the secret of being hungry [for the Word],

v. 13 - I have the endowed power [maximum doctrinal inventory] to attain all things by means of the One [the Holy Spirit] who keeps on pouring the power into me [Bible doctrine]. (EXT)

16. In verse 11, Paul exhibits spiritual autonomy and cognitive independence by stating that in whatever circumstance he finds himself he remains copacetic.
17. This mental attitude reflects Paul's consistent utilization of problem-solving device number 9: sharing the happiness of God.

¹ “αὐτάρκης,” in *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament*, rev. ed., gen. ed. Spiros Zodhiates (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 1993), 291.