

63. PRINCIPLE: In literal combat, the warrior must take the initiative to subdue the enemy. In spiritual combat, the warrior must defer the counterattack to the Godhead. Jesus rides point. Vengeance is His and He will repay. This is grace.
64. PRINCIPLE: When you take the initiative, it is not grace but works. The Lord is prevented from taking the initiative, you are disciplined, and the Dark Side chalks up another battlefield victory.
65. By deferring to the Lord, you are promoted to the next level of the **Sophisticated Spiritual Life** which is **Spiritual Autonomy**. This advance presents circumstances and situations that require maintenance of Problem-Solving Device #9: Sharing the happiness of God.
66. The tests involved are four-fold: (1) people, (2) thought, (3) system, and (4) disaster. These require Cognitive Independence since to resolve them depends upon clarity of thought which can only be supplied by the mental stability afforded by true happiness.
67. True happiness may be defined as follows:
- Happiness is an inner resource developed from maximum Bible doctrine resident in the soul and is so advanced in its grace orientation to the plan of God, that all aspects of life are evaluated with regard to eternal rather than temporal implications. Consequently, happiness is the penultimate problem-solving device.[†]**
68. The 2011 Shreveport Bible Conference addressed the subject of true happiness. The link to *The Copacetic Christian*, lesson 1, is posted below.
69. Spiritual Autonomy sustains true happiness as it confronts momentum tests. Regardless of the threat encountered, it oftentimes involves people.

VISUAL:**The Sophisticated Spiritual Life:****Spiritual Autonomy.**

Cognitive Independence.

P.S.D. #9: +H.

Testing: Momentum

Tests in 4 categories.

Momentum Result:

Spiritual Maturity.

[†] Joe Griffin, in 2011 Shreveport Bible Conference, *The Copacetic Christian: How to Be Happy in the Devil's World* (St. Charles, Mo: Joe Griffin Media Ministries, 2011), 4.

<http://www.joegriffin.org/Pages/ClassInfo.aspx?&seriesid=SBC11&classnumber=1>

70. True happiness sustains the problem-solving device of unconditional love for others. Commitment to this device enables you to ignore other peoples' sins, mistakes, rudeness, thoughtlessness, judging, nitpicking, gossip, maligning, and inordinate competition by not allowing their behavior or remarks to rob you of your happiness.
71. Confidence that the Lord is the dispenser of discipline toward the wrongdoing of others frees you from becoming the unauthorized source of justice.
72. Passing Momentum Testing advances you to Spiritual Maturity where the first nine problem-solving devices take you to a level of divine thought that it becomes invincible.
73. Occupation with Christ results in eliminating the weak link in the system: Occupation with yourself. In your soul, you must resolve this issue: Either the power of the indwelling Members of the Trinity is sufficient to resolve your problems or it is not.
74. The power possessed by our Lord and to which you must submit is found in the Word of God:

Hebrews 4:12 - The Word of God [ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ (*ho Lógos tou Theou*)] is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intents of the heart. (NASB)

75. What is the "Word of God"? Consider this from the New American Standard Bible (NASB) and the Expanded Translation (EXT):

1 Corinthians 2:16 - For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ. (NASB)

1 Corinthians 2:16 - For who is qualified to inform the omniscience of the Lord, that we will instruct Him? But we have the revelation [Tanakh & New Testament] of Christ. (EXT)

76. Jesus Christ possesses not only the complete canon of Scripture in His human stream of consciousness, but also divine omniscience in His divine nature. He has the knowledge, the power, and the sovereignty to manage all issues that confront the believer.
77. What glorifies Christ is when the believer possesses such a high inventory of biblical truth that he or she is able to apply the “mind of Christ” to resolve life’s challenges.
78. To do this under the pressure of Evidence Testing is the ultimate victory in the spiritual combat of the Invisible War.
79. Evidence Testing occurs when the advanced believer is prepared to confront Lucifer’s cross-examination as a witness for the Prosecution in the rebuttal phase of the devil’s appeal of the original verdict.
80. Jesus Christ presented the prototype response to the “relationship to God test” in Matthew 4:1–10. Lucifer challenged him on three points: **(1)** His relationship with the Holy Spirit (4:1–4), **(2)** His relationship with the Word of God, (vv. 5–7), and **(3)** His relationship with the plan of God, (vv. 8–10).
81. Job is the illustration of the believer’s response to the life-and-circumstances test recorded in Job 1–2. Job’s first test was the complete loss of his children, livestock, and servants. In his response to these devastating losses, Job expressed grief and then worshiped and praised God.

VISUAL:**The Sophisticated
Spiritual Life:****Spiritual Maturity.**

Cognitive Invincibility.
P.S.D. #10: Occupation
with Christ.
Testing: Evidence Tests
in 2 categories.
Momentum Result:
Glorification of God.

Job 1:20 - Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

v. 21 - “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.”

Job 1:22 - Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.