

III. The Divine Power System Part 2

Gate 2. Basic problem solving: Rebound recovery from carnality through confession alone to God alone. (1 John 1:9). This results in the believer's restoration to fellowship and the resumption of the filling of the Holy Spirit. This empowers the basic problem-solving device of the Christian way of life which is the faith-rest drill, a technique applied in three stages: (Stage 1) claim a promise, (Stage 2) orient and adjust through the evaluation of doctrinal rationales, and (Stage 3) rest in the confident conclusion that God is in control of the situation.

Hebrews 4:1 - Therefore, since the promise of entering His rest [*katapausis*: freedom from activity, tranquility, peace of mind, that on which something leans for support, to cease from action or exertion] still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it.

Hebrews 4:2 - For we also have had the Gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not mix it [*sunkerannumi*: comingle, blend, combine] with faith.

God's Promises + Our Faith = His Rest

Gate 3. Teachability through organized, enforced, and genuine humility: The latter is a mental attitude which is unhindered by arrogance and an overemphasis on self.

Romans 12:3 - I say through the grace that has been given to me, to everyone who is among you, stop thinking of self in terms of arrogance beyond what you ought to think ...

James 4:6 - God makes war against the arrogant but gives grace to the humble.

Gate 4. Grace Apparatus for Perception: The habitual study of the Bible enables the believer to cleanse his soul of human viewpoint and replace it with divine viewpoint.

2 Timothy 2:15 - Perform your due diligence in order to present yourself approved to God as a workman who needs not to be ashamed, handling accurately the Word of truth.

Gate 5. Personal love for God: This is the first of the advanced problem-solving devices as well as one of the gates to the divine power system. It is a part of the equal privilege of predestination. All believers are granted the system which enables them to reach this level of association with the God of the universe.

1 John 5:3 - This is love for God, that we execute His imperative moods, and His imperative moods are not difficult to fulfill.

Gate 6. Unconditional love for all mankind: This is the second of the tandem problem-solving devices. Personal love for God automatically results in unconditional love for one's fellowman. This is an equal opportunity in God's predetermined plan for the believer. The means of executing it is to love God by keeping His imperative moods.

Mark 12:28 - And one of the scribes asked Jesus, "What commandment is the foremost of all?"

Mark 12:29 - Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord;

Mark 12:30 – ‘And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

Mark 12:31 – “The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” That the two work in tandem can be seen from:

1 John 4:20 - If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his fellow believer, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his fellow believer whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

1 John 4:21 - Furthermore, we have this mandate from Him, that he who loves God should also be motivated to love his fellow believer.

Gate 7. Momentum Testing: Knowledge of doctrine enables the believer to handle any exigency which life in the Devil’s world has to offer. The ability to handle various trials is an equal opportunity possessed by every believer under God’s predetermined plan.

James 1:2 - When you encounter various trials, consider them from an inner attitude of tranquility,

James 1:3 - knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

James 1:4 - And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be spiritually mature, lacking nothing.

Gate 8. Sharing the Happiness of God: This is the high ground of spiritual maturity. When doctrine is more real to you than the reality you face, then you have conquered life. This inner tranquility is sustained by the knowledge that truth conquers all things, that God is in His heaven, and that Jesus Christ controls history on your behalf. We have developed the following definition of happiness at Gate 8:

“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 exigencies of life are evaluated with regard to eternal rather than temporal implications. Consequently, happiness is a major problem-solving device.”

John 15:9 - Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

John 15:10 - If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My father’s commandments, and abide in His love.

John 15:11 - These things I have spoken to you, that My happiness may be in you, and that your happiness may be made full.

Such an attribute is only available to the believer and even then, only to those who utilize their equal opportunity of predestination to orient and adjust to the imperative moods of the grace plan of God.

Thus, God has a predetermined plan for every believer with equal privilege and equal opportunity.