

Spiritual Acuity

Overview: Acuity is sharpness or keenness of thought, vision, or hearing. Spiritual Acuity is the ability to clearly understand with the heart the things of the Spirit beyond the hearing of the ear, or the seeing of the eye. Understanding how to walk in Spiritual Acuity will help to empower the transformation to be the glorious church.

A. Processes of Transformation – Review

1. The Five Parts of Man. Mark 12:30; Eph 3:16-19
Spirit → Heart → Soul → Mind → Body
2. The Flow of Transformation (cycle of change). Jam 1:21-25
Mind → Heart → Tongue → Soul → Body
The focus is the heart, because a softened heart (to the Word) releases the anointing of the Spirit to effect change in us and through us.
3. The Gates of Transformation.
Mind → Heart → Tongue
4. Transformation begins in the mind. Rom 12:2

B. Keys to Transformation in the Mind

1. The First Gate of Transformation is the mind, and it is our interaction with the world.
2. The mind takes the input that comes to it through the five senses and analyzes, categorizes, and organizes it into its previously determined perception of reality.
3. To renew (renovate) the mind requires a new set of input that results in a paradigm shift that changes a person's perception of reality. Rom 12:2
4. Levels of input from the Word and their impact on changing perceptions.
 - a. Instruction - information / facts – has little impact unless it is tied together by understanding.
 - b. Understanding – putting together information into a logical format.
 - c. Knowledge – perception – the application of understanding so that it becomes a changed way of thinking about a particular reality.
 - d. Wisdom – combining information, understanding and knowledge to perceive accurately a situation or intellectual concept and respond with prudence.
5. Levels of input from the Spirit.
 - a. Spiritual hearing and seeing. (See C below)
 - b. A spirit of wisdom and revelation, the eyes of our heart enlightened. Eph 1:17
6. Focus (read, study) on the Word to change your perception of reality. Prov 2:1-6
7. Pray and seek God for wisdom and revelation.

C. Foundations of Transformation in the Mind

1. Understanding the spiritual mind.
 - a. The importance of the eyes and ears to the flow from the heart. Prov 4:20-23
 - b. The hearing ear and seeing eye results in a heart of understanding which brings salvation (healing, forgiveness). Matt 13:13-15
 - c. The importance of the spiritual eyes, ears, and heart for spiritual transformation cannot be overstated. These are discussed 6 times in the Old Testament and 7 times in the New Testament. Isaiah 6:9-10
 - d. The unseeing eyes, the unhearing ears, and the hardened heart were used to describe a stubborn, stiff-necked, and rebellious Israel. Eze 12:2; Jer 5:21
2. Ears to hear. To hear the voice of the Spirit within the voice.
 - a. He who has an ear to hear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. (Becoming an overcomer). (7 times) Rev 2-3
 - b. Hearing with understanding and without hindrances to see the fulfillment of the Word. Mat 13:17-23
 - c. Let these sayings sink down into your ears. Luke 9:44
 - d. Take heed how you hear, and what you hear. Mark 4:24; Luke 8:18
3. Eyes to perceive. To see the ways of God beyond the sight.
 - a. Let your eye be single; focused, pure, and untwisted. Matt 6:22-23
 - b. Look at the bread (the promise), not at the giants. Num 13:25-33; 14:9
 - c. Focus on Jesus to remove the blindness. 2Cor 3:13-18; 4:4
4. Heart that understands. To understand God's heart beyond the understandable.
 - a. A good man, out of a good heart brings forth good. Matt 12:33-35
 - b. A heart that understands will be transformed. Matt 13:15
 - c. The Word sown in a good heart bears the fruit of the Word. Matt 13:23

D. Principles of Transformation in the Mind

1. Spend time with God and his Word to know His heart and ways.
 - a. Joshua – lingered in the tabernacle. Ex 33:11
 - b. Anna – served God with fasting and prayers. Luke 2:37
2. Be led by the Spirit.
 - a. Simeon – came by the Spirit into the Temple. Luke 2:25-27
 - b. Joshua – a man in whom is the Spirit. Num 27:18
 - c. Caleb – had another spirit. Num 14:24
3. Follow God wholly. Trust God completely.
 - a. Joshua/Caleb – followed the Lord wholly. Num 32:12; Josh 14:14
4. Affirm daily Eph 1:17-18, "In the Name of Jesus, God has given me a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him, the eyes of my heart have been enlightened."
5. Affirm daily Ps 19:14, "In the Name of Jesus, God has made the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart, pleasing to Him."