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There is no such thing as a problem in life that does not have a solution in the word of God. The problem-solving devices are how you relate doctrine to your experience. This is how the believer in Christ can execute the plan of God in his life and how sharing the happiness of God is realized.

The problem-solving devices provide the means of winning the four great battles in your soul:

1. The battle of stress in the soul.
2. The battle of sin in the soul.
3. The battle of false doctrine in the soul.
4. The battle of wrong solutions or false variables of the soul, including defense mechanisms of blame, denial, projection, and sublimation.

The problem-solving devices function to prevent the outside pressure of adversity from becoming the inside pressure of stress in the soul, and they function to provide the God-given spiritual environment for your soul.

Problem Solving Device Number One: The Rebound Technique

Rebound is recovery of the filling of the Holy Spirit by confessing known sins. Without the filling of the Holy Spirit there is no functional spiritual life.

The Rebound Technique is also the means by which the believer maintains fellowship with God. Personal sin breaks fellowship with God and grieves or quenches the Holy Spirit. Confession or acknowledgement of that sin to God restores fellowship and recovers the filling of the Spirit.

1John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Problem Solving Device Number Two: The Filling of the Holy Spirit

The Filling of the Spirit refers to the controlling ministry of the Holy Spirit in the soul of the believer, once he has used Rebound.

The Filling of the Spirit is the status of spirituality, in contrast to carnality, which is old sin nature control of the soul.

Ephesians 5:18 “...be filled with the Spirit” and Galatians 5:16 “...walk by the Spirit” give us the positive commands related to the Filling of the Spirit.

When the believer is filled with the Spirit, whatever he is doing becomes divine production in his life and, therefore, glorifies God.

Problem Solving Device Number Three: The Faith-Rest Drill

The Faith-Rest Drill is the means of claiming the promises of God and applying them to your experience. We can utilize promises in both the Old and New Testaments.

The Faith-Rest Drill is also the means of application of Bible doctrine to experience.

As a problem-solving device, the Faith-Rest Drill becomes the means of maintaining a calm, relaxed mental attitude even in the trying circumstances of life.

The technique of the Faith-Rest Drill involves mixing the promises of God with faith. This results in “*entering His rest*” (*Hebrews 4:1, 10, 11*). In this way, the believer is able to experience poise, confidence, assurance, and stability even in times of turmoil and pressure.

Problem Solving Device Number Four: Grace Orientation

Grace, as unmerited favor, is God’s policy in dealing with mankind. It is the policy that He uses to sustain and regulate our lives under His perfect plan.

Grace Orientation is, therefore, the believer making God’s policy of grace his own policy in dealing with the relationships and circumstances of life.

Grace Orientation, as a problem-solving device, is when the believer learns to rely on and apply God’s grace to his life.

1 Peter 4:10 “As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

Problem Solving Device Number Five: Doctrinal Orientation

Doctrinal Orientation is the believer embracing the values and standards of the word of God as his own, so that the principles of Bible doctrine become the basis for his life.

Doctrinal Orientation produces confidence in the various circumstances of life as the believer makes decisions compatible with the divine viewpoint of Scripture.

Doctrinal Orientation is the fulfillment of the command “*Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus*” (*Philippians 2:5*).

Problem Solving Device Number Six: A Personal Sense of Destiny

Having a Personal Sense of Destiny means that the believer is aware of who he is, why he is here, and where he is going. In other words, it means that he has great confidence in and about his life, both his present life and his future life.

This Personal Sense of Destiny, with its confidence based on the word of God, brings the realization of purpose and direction to the believer’s life in time.

Paul said in *Philippians 1:21*, “*For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain [profit]*,” as an expression of his personal sense of destiny.

Problem Solving Device Number Seven: Personal Love for God the Father

Personal Love for God is the expression of the believer's attraction to and appreciation of who and what God is.

Personal Love for God, as a problem-solving device, becomes the reason, the motivation for all that he does. Personal Love for God, therefore, becomes the motivational virtue of the spiritual life and is referred to as "*the greatest commandment*" (*Matthew 22:37-38*).

Problem Solving Device Number Eight: Unconditional Love for Man

Unconditional Love for Man is a love by which the believer fulfills his own personal responsibilities in his life and circumstances, regardless of what others may think or do.

This unconditional love is based on Personal Love for God and integrity from doctrine in the soul and, therefore, becomes the functional virtue for the spiritual life.

Unconditional love for man is called the "*royal law*" in *James 2:8*, which quotes *Leviticus 19:18*, "*you shall love your neighbor as yourself.*"

Problem Solving Device Number Nine: Sharing the Happiness of God

This becomes the believer's experience, regardless of the circumstances, when he continues to be filled with the Spirit, that is, in fellowship with God, and is applying the principles of God's word to his life.

Sharing the Happiness of God solves the problem of the major pursuit in everyone's life. This problem-solving device allows the believer to live in the reality of the Lord's happiness made complete in him.

John 15:11 "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy [happiness] may be in you, and that your joy [happiness] may be made full [complete]."

Problem Solving Device Number Ten: Occupation with Christ

Occupation with Christ is maximum God-emphasis over self- and people-emphasis. It is the basic objective of the spiritual life and reflects maturity in the spiritual realm, in that the believer does not allow people and circumstances to control his life.

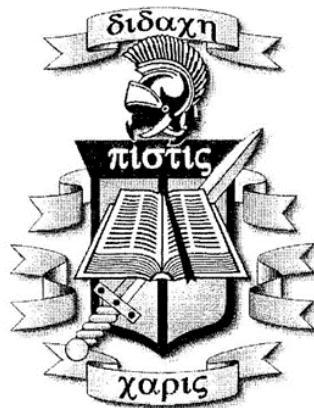
Occupation with Christ is the result of consistently applying the previous problem-solving devices, thereby becoming victorious, a winner in all the contingencies of life.

Hebrews 12:3 "For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

1 Peter 1:8 "and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory".



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