

FAITHFUL MEN

1 Samuel 14

WEEK #: 9

Gentlemen,

This week's video is about "con-fusion" vs. order, or dysfunction vs. function.

Confusion is to be "against fusion", specifically with the Lord. Let's look at the hallmarks of confusion.

1. The first thing we need to be certain of is that God isn't into his children being confused. (See 1 Corinthians 14:33)
2. Are there areas in your life where you tend to be self-sufficient? (meaning you are operating independent of the Lord). Self-sufficiency can and does often lead to confusion.)
 - a. Check out Genesis 11:1-9 and look for parallels in your own life or in your past.
 - b. Journal the instances where you were most confused over the span of your life and look for self-sufficiency. (Just past or present as well?)
3. Confusion can and does lead to self-annihilation. (1 Samuel 14:15 & 20).
 - a. Are you in a pattern of making mistakes that seem to be self-defeating and harmful to you emotionally, financially and otherwise? How does that come to an end?
 - b. What, if anything, is "out of order" concerning your life? What can be done about it? Can you form an action plan to be restored to order?
4. Most men do not realize that confusion can also be the result of sexual promiscuity?
 - a. Can you see the relationship between confusion and sexual promiscuity in your life? Physical oneness is also accompanied by "spiritual oneness" which can and does breed confusion.
 - b. Wouldn't inappropriate emotional ties and pornography count as well?
5. As you prepare for next week (1 Samuel 15) also think about your level of clarity in life. Journal what you can regarding confusion and the source of confusion in your life. If confusion is not an issue, that is great...then journal how you could help another man find clarity in his life.
6. For more on this subject, check out a full message on this subject at www.cbchighlands.com, sermon titled "Getting Clarity on Confusion", dated 03-06-16
7. Look for the mid-week encouraging email and let's get clarity and order over confusion & dysfunction!

Have a blessed week. Gary

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
Galatians 5:22-23

I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his priestly house, and they will minister before my anointed one always.
1 Samuel 2:35