Lesson 3

Creating Realities for Yourself and for Others: (PowerPoint Notes)

- **The greatest tragedy in life is people with sight but no vision – Helen Keller**
- Perception: Creating Your Reality
- The realities governing the physical world are a reflection of the spiritual world: good or bad, positive or negative.
- Some of these realities are implemented by how you are thinking.
- We create unfavorable conditions as well as favorable ones.
- We try to fix our realities “externally”, when their beginnings are actually “internally”.
- **What is perceived (sown) in our hearts is reaped in our realities.**
- Gal. 6:7: Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
- **Perception: what a “word”!**
- I believe this “word” is the most powerful “word” in anyone’s life.
- **Let’s first look at its meaning.**
- Perception: observation and interpretation based chiefly on memory.
- Perception is the result of perceiving or seeing. It is how things look to us.
- Perceptions are the prophetic tool for your future as well as for others.
- **Sometimes perception even brings with it a mental**

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image.

- Once a mental image is created, the mind will almost always consider it as fact. It is because we think we have seen it in the natural world.
- Once something has been seen in our mind's eye, it is stored in our minds under the "history" files.
- Remember the definition of Perception.
- Perception: observation and interpretation based chiefly on memory.
- **Let's take a look at perception creating reality.**
- Matt. 12:22-24: Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."
- **Our perception determines the reality we live in; just like the Pharisee's perception did for them.**
- Their perception was that Jesus was casting out demons in the name of the devil.
- Do you think their perception of the event and the person was correct?
- I think not. Not only was their perception off, it was completely the opposite of the "truth".
- They had created their own personal reality based on their perception.
- **Have you ever done this?**
- You know, created your own reality based on your perception?
- You might say, "Well Alan, you just don't understand my

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circumstances in life."

- I know I don't, but I do understand how we get "stuck" in life through our perceptions.
- **Being Stuck in Life**
- I understand that the reason for your feeling "stuck" is because your perceptions are holding you where you are.
- The Pharisees were "stuck", and they were "stuck" because they refused to be teachable. They refused to allow their perceptions to be challenged and changed.
- Are you and I like the Pharisees, or do we want to be challenged and changed?
- Let's take a closer look at how our perceptions are created and guarded.
- **Perceptions are the eyes of the soul.**
- The body has physical eyes which see physical things.
- Our soul has eyes also, and these eyes are our perceptions.
- This is how we view the world and all of those in it.
- How we see things will determine how we react and respond to situations and circumstances.
- **Let's look again at the definition of the word perception.**
- Perception: observation and interpretation based chiefly on memory.
- Memory is to perception what sunglasses are to the eyes.
- Memory, like sunglasses, influences what and how we see.
- Perceptions are created by our observations passing through our memory influences.

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- **These memory influences are created by our past experiences.**
- Therefore, our seeing or our perceptions of life today must pass through our past experiences to create the reality we are living in today.
- The perceptions of the Pharisees created not only their realities, but the reality of the fate of Christ.
- The Pharisees were “stuck”. They were “stuck” in their religious perceptions, which in turn, equaled death and not life.
- **New Birth of Perceptions**
- Is anyone feeling “stuck” in a dead life, and not a life that is always coming into more excitement and into more abundant life?
- Well, perhaps we need to allow our perceptions to be - “born again”.
- **Replace Memory With “Faith”**
- Heb. 11:1: Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- Faith is a “prophetic” act.
- “Perception”, now empowered by the Holy Spirit, has permission to replace memory of the past with faith for the future, thus changing the power of your “perceptions” into a favorable reality.
- “Perception” is your own personal prophecy empowered by faith.
- **Be a Guardian of Prophecy**
- “Perception” is creative.
- “Perception” based on memory can cause your realities to repeat themselves.

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- “Perception” based on “faith” can cause your realities to be creative of new things.
- **Let’s look at another passage of scripture that is based on a healthy perception.**
- A perception is based on a deliberate influence of hope of the future and not the past.
- Matt. 9:20-22: Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment.
- **She was not willing to let her past history dictate her future.**
- Her perception of Jesus was different from that of the Pharisees.
- Her perception of Him created a reality of faith; which in turn created an influence of hope.
- Her perception was being influenced by the hope of a brighter future; because her perception of Jesus was that He loved her and cared for her.
- Her perception created a new reality for her life.
- **I realize that what I am saying here might be a stretch for you.**
- Your life will not change until you change your perceptions about you and about your life.
- If your perceptions stay the same, then your life will keep repeating itself over and over.
- Your past history will dictate your future life.

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- Let's change our perceptions so that the future we are about to walk in will create a positive history for us to look back on.
- **A Healthy Perception**
- A healthy perception is a perception of life based on an influence of "faith" for the future, and not an influence of "memory" from the past.
- **A Kingdom Definition of Perception:**
- Perception: observation and interpretation based chiefly on faith and not memory.
- **Fresh Perceptions = Renewed Mind**
- Rom. 12:2: And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
- Renewing; NT:3501 GREEK> neos (neh'-os); a primary word; "new", youthful, or (of things) fresh.
- Mind; NT:1097 GREEK> ginosko (ghin-oce'-ko); to "know" - allow, be aware (of), feel, (have) know (-ledge), perceived, be resolved, be sure, understand.
- **A fresh perception can change your present reality!**
- **Matthew 14:25-31**
- Matt. 14:25-31: During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."
- "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached

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out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" (NIV)

- **The will of God for Peter was for him to walk on water.**
- Peter's fresh perception from Christ trumped the physical reality of water, thus creating a new reality.
- Peter had a perception change. His "memory" said he could not walk on water, but his fresh perception from God said he could.
- In which perception will you walk?
- **Heb. 11:1-2: Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.**
- Do you see the perception of faith?
- This is a perception based on hope and not on history repeating itself.
- My prayer for you and I will be that we will let our "perceptions" be "born again".
- **How do we know if this happens?**
- We will know because our lives will be full of faith: faith that all things are possible to those who believe.
- Keep believing in your personal prophesy that is created from a perception of your life based on faith.
- Mark 9:23: Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

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