Lesson #5

Perception, Harmony: A Symphony of Praise:

(PowerPoint notes)

1 Peter 3:8-10: Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. (NIV)

- **Are you living a life of harmony?**
- Is your life producing a "sound" like a "symphony of praise" being played by an orchestra?
- Are your thoughts in one accord with the sound of heaven, or are they just randomly playing a wild note here and there?
- Harmony within you brings peace to your body, soul, and spirit.
- **If there is no discord within you,**
- you can walk in harmony outside of yourself.
- You must be in harmony within yourself in order to be in harmony with others, with the world, and with all of God's creation.
- **Consider this perception:**
- Everything is trying to come into harmony with something.
- When harmony is realized, creation begins.
- I call this the "law of harmony".
- Peter encourages believers to "live in harmony".
- **Let's look a little deeper into this thought of harmony.**
- The word harmony means:
- harmony, Greek, NT:3675 homophron (hom-of'-rone); like-minded, i.e. harmonious:
- As you progress in your understanding of this "secret in the kingdom", consider that your thoughts are like a "note" of music.
- **Every note is an object,**
- which creates a force that contributes a sound to the music from which it has been introduced; thus creating a harmonious sound.
- A "note" becomes creative because it has sound which is "action".
- This sound of action is actually a vibration, and so are the sounds of your thoughts.
- **Music is "thought"**
- given another language in which to be expressed.

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- Just as music can send soothing vibrations to the spirit, soul, and body, so can your thoughts.
- Your thoughts and music can bring healing and peace to your whole being. Just as music has power, so do your thoughts!
- **What a perception, don't you think?**
- Just as a note sets sound into motion; so do your thoughts set life into motion.
- Therefore, both are creative.
- Music, when played, releases energy which affects your actions and your conduct. Your thoughts do the same thing.
- **Your repetitive thoughts**
- are like notes of music and are stored in your subconscious mind; and most of them are not in harmony with life, health, and fulfillment.
- Ninety percent of your life is lived through your "inner man" or your "subconscious mind".
- You might think you are living through your conscious mind, and you are, but only to the extent of about ten percent of it.
- **Your ten percent,**
- conscious mind time is programming your store house of the ninety percent in your subconscious mind.
- So, most people encounter your "inner man" life, which is just a summary of your conscious thinking.
- **What kind of music**
- does your "inner man" project?
- You know how you "think" you sound to others or how you intend to sound to others, but you really do not know how you sound!
- If you want to know how you sound just listen to yourself in your "inner man", and then you will hear what others hear.
- **How you think you sound**
- and how you actually sound are usually two different sounds.
- You think your "subconscious" is hidden, but in reality, it has the greater volume in the sounds you are projecting from your daily life.
- These vibrating sounds are felt and heard by those around you.
- **The notes of your "inner man"**
- are seeking other sounds and vibrations of likeness with which to come into unity.
- These spiritual sound vibrations, created by your thoughts, have a "resonant" or echoing effect. They are like notes of music seeking to be resolved into harmony with other notes and sounds.
- The qualities of these spiritual harmonic sounds determine their purpose, and their purpose determines how you use them.

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- **Vibration Attraction**
- The types of spiritual vibrating sounds you project determine the types of other sounds you attract; just like a tuning fork.
- Remember that sound is energy and this energy multiplies when it comes into agreement with other notes and sounds.
- Likewise, when these individual spiritual notes come into agreement, they are in “one accord” seeking to come into true harmony.
- **Tacoma Narrows Bridge**
- **It is up to you with whom or what you come into harmony.**
- Let’s look at another example.
- **Drawing Effect**
- When the city of Las Vegas was built in the desert, there weren’t evil spirits over that desert which drew men to that place. No, not at all. Men with evil in their hearts had a drawing effect, and this drawing effect attracted evil spirits which are over this city even today.
- **Harmonic Vibrations**
- When the vibrations of “thought” from the hearts of men came into unity with the vibrations of spiritual principalities and powers, a “harmonic” sound of the “demonic” was created.
- This created a spiritual sound over this city.
- It is the vibrations of this spiritual music that have been released over this city.
- **Power Of Like Sounds**
- It is this power of like sounds which multiplies the success of the “spiritual music” that is being played.
- The sound of this “spiritual music” is determined by the “host” sound, or thought, and the sounds to which it draws.
- The hearts of men project a spiritual sound into the heavens, and these sounds are seeking other like sounds with which they can come into unity.
- **So is your life.**
- You are projecting spiritual vibrating sounds and they are seeking like sounds with which to come into unity.
- Where you are in life today is the result of what your thoughts were in harmony with yesterday; so where you are in life tomorrow is the result of what your thoughts are in harmony with today.
- **How do I change? Ask!**
- GREEK> aiteo (ahee-teh'-o); of uncertain derivation; to ask
- KJV - ask, beg, call for, crave, desire, require.
- Matt. 7:7-8: “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

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- Your feelings are an act of asking. Feelings are the “experience” of your thinking.
- **To ask is to have feeling.**
- Your feelings send out vibrations which are seeking, or asking for, other vibrating sounds with which to come into harmony.
- Phil. 4:8: Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (KJV)
- **What were your thoughts and feelings in unity with yesterday?**
- God or Satan, good or evil?
- You choose the music your life projects into the spiritual world.
- Since your thoughts and feelings are spiritual notes of music, are they harmonious or consonant?
- Let me give you the definitions of these two words: “harmony” and “dissonant”.
- **Harmony and Dissonant**
- **har·mo·ny:** Spelled Pronunciation [**hahr**-m*uh*-nee]
- A consistent, orderly, or pleasing arrangement of parts; any simultaneous combination of tones.
- **dis·so·nant:** Spelled Pronunciation [**dis**-*uh*-n*uh* nt]
- Disagreeing or harsh in sound; discordant.
- Out of harmony; incongruous; at variance.
- **In music**
- there are consonant sounds, or sounds of “harmony”, and “dissonant” sounds.
- Each type of sound projects a different vibration, and this vibration is then heard and interpreted by the hearer.
- If you could hear your life in the spiritual world, it would be heard as music. This is why music is a language of the spirit.
- **In life, just as in music,**
- there are harmonious sounds and dissonant sounds.
- In music that is moving to your soul, you will have both types of sounds in the same song.
- This is true because of how life is; therefore, we identify with the song.
- The dissonant chords bring tension to the song.
- **They are chords,**
- but they are not consonant, or agreeable chords, so they cause tension in the song.
- This tension is like some parts of your life, causing you to identify with

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this tension in the song.

- I find it interesting that a dissonant sound is always trying to be resolved into a consonant sound, thus bringing peace to the disagreeing notes.
- **So it is in your life.**
- Are your thoughts playing dissonant sounds over and over?
- If so, you are projecting tensions with harsh, inner sounds, which will attract like tensions, or harmonically, unresolved chords and sounds?
- Are your thoughts creating consonant or harmonious sounds?
- If so, you are projecting sounds that attract like sounds which are in harmony with peace, joy, and life?
- **When your thoughts**
- are in a harmonious relationship with God, they will bring a sound to your "inner man" which will speak harmony to every part of your being.
- This inner sound will generate an energy that will be experienced by all those around you.
- It is your choice today with whom your thoughts will be united.
- **Symphony of Praise**
- Acts 2:1-4: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit …

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