

# Deal with Your Vulnerabilities

As parents we protect our children instinctively. We don't need the Spirit to tell us to do it and we don't wait for him to speak in situations and circumstances when they arise.

As adults we protect the vulnerable we connect with, because the work of the Spirit in us makes us compassionate and loving (if we let him). However, it appears from my observation that we do all that, but forget to protect ourselves in areas where we are vulnerable.

What are these area of vulnerability? These are where we are prone to unrighteous thoughts, speech or actions. They are where our heart and attitudes are unrighteous. These are areas that are exploited by the enemy to bring trouble and chaos into our lives, and to misdirect us in our sonship.

There are also areas that we are vulnerable, that allow other people to exploit, to take advantage of, or to use against us. These may be failing, areas where we lack knowledge, or sensitivities due to hurts from the past. There are usually many of these in our lives because we've allowed life to mold<sup>1</sup> and shape us, rather than our loving Father.

In his loving understanding of us, he wants us to deal with those things which make us vulnerable. The tendency we have is to pray and expect him to do it all. Not so! Created as his imagers, we have the responsibility to work on anything that is unrighteous in our lives, as well as those things that make us vulnerable to attack or exploitation. **It's about time we all took responsibility for ourselves, instead of passing it off to Father**, and continue blaming others.

When we work in partnership with him as we deal with our personal issues, he'll work with us, but we've got to 'pull our weight'. As I've taught on before, when we take responsibility for ourselves, we should allow him to show us what needs working on – it's not pressure to achieve that should direct us. He'll identify those areas, if we're sensitive enough, and he'll then work on them from the inside-out, which makes the change more effective.

Importantly, we need to understand that he'll do this remediation, one thing at a time. He's never in a hurry, even though we may be. In the meantime, we should remain as much as possible in his presence during the day, allowing him to instruct us and to refresh us with his love. Here's his instructions on this:

*“**Consider your vulnerabilities** -- those places in you that can be exploited. **You must protect yourself to keep others from taking unrighteous advantage of you. You can do this by hiding yourself in Me,**” says the Lord. **“When you walk in the Spirit, you will have the necessary discernment to see trouble before it comes.”**”<sup>2</sup>*

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1 -- Mould is a fungus.

2 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” June 25, 2023) [ft111.com/smallstraws.htm](http://ft111.com/smallstraws.htm) [ARCHIVE: [ft111.com/straws2023.htm](http://ft111.com/straws2023.htm)]