

## Is it the Enemy or You Who are the Problem?

Over a number of years I've come to agree with the old adage, "You are your own worst enemy". I constantly have the revelation or understanding in various events in my life, that I'm the problem. I'm the one causing trouble for myself and I'm the one stopping myself from maturing as a son at the maximum rate possible.

In addition, I'm more of a problem to myself than the enemy is to me. I know that goes against the teaching we've received in the distant past, but it's my testimony – it's my experience that I pass on to my readers.

I'm the one responsible for much, if not all, the problems and issues in my life, because:

1. I don't fully bring my soul and mind under the oversight of my spirit.
2. I sometimes give-in to my emotions.
3. I sometimes give-in to my soul.
4. I sometimes allow negativity to destroy my peace and rest, and to become a source of stress.
5. I sometimes submit to disappointments and regrets which produce negativity in me.
6. I don't live fearlessly out of my identity as a son. I do it well, sometimes, but not perfectly.
7. I sometimes submit to types of thought patterns which allow the enemy to influence my thoughts.
8. I make some decisions on the spur of the moment, which turn out to be detrimental to one degree or another.
9. I don't always operate out of the wisdom, knowledge, understanding and discernment that the King is able to supply for my life.
10. I'm not totally in alignment with the Trinity in my thinking and my attitudes.
11. Father's heart and mind haven't fully replaced my own.
12. I open the door to the enemy, giving him access to my life and to my family, by the decisions I make and the thoughts that I entertain.
13. I haven't immediately said "No" to issues such as fear, pride, bad attitudes, etc. That hesitancy failed to 'close the door' quickly.
14. I don't always hear clearly with my spirit because my soul and emotions shut down my spiritual senses.
15. I sometimes choose my options, rather than the advice that Father gives me.
16. Sometimes I don't choose my attitude in a situation, but allow my soul to determine what I do and say in response.
17. I sometimes react instead of responding to situations.

These are all ways that problems and issues develop in my life. Each of them were caused by myself – no one else. If I could live perfectly, so all those were positive actions, not negative ones, I would have very little trouble in life,

In the past, before being trained by Father in the things of the Kingdom, I had religious mindsets that caused me to be an enemy to myself. These are no longer any issue for me as I've been deprogrammed and reprogrammed and had my spiritual foundations deconstructed and reconstructed. But, in the past:

- a. I thought I had to be perfectly holy for God to look with favour on me – WRONG thinking.
- b. I thought I had to be perfectly holy for God to assist me positively in my life – WRONG thinking.
- c. I thought that sin stops Father from protecting me – WRONG thinking.
- d. I thought that sin stops Father from assisting me in my life – WRONG thinking.
- e. I gave too much credit to the enemy for the issues in my life, instead of looking into myself and ‘plugging the holes’ – WRONG thinking.
- f. I gave too much credit to the enemy for the issues in my life, which demonstrated my weakness, emboldening him to carry out more attacks – WRONG thinking.

These naive ideas (which come from the religious spirit) wreak havoc in people’s lives, as they mess with their mental stability, produce fear, feed doubt, and prevent them from living as a son. All those outcomes then result in the escalation of problems and issues in people’s lives. Our King thinks differently to us:

*“Look carefully with eyes of the Spirit, and you will see that you have supernatural help behind the scenes. Never doubt the length I will go to for your protection and prosperity in all things. These are days when you can rejoice in knowing that I am with you and for you,” says the Lord.*”<sup>1</sup>

Notice that there’s no proviso in his short message, so our sinfulness or lack of holiness doesn’t enter into his support. He’s always for us – it’s the enemy that’s against us. In addition, we allow the enemy to override his goodness and love, by our thinking and religious mindsets.

There are more than these two sets of points (above), but they’re sufficient to show the breadth of issues that make me the main problem for myself, not the enemy.

This is not news to our King, because he knows us, ‘inside and out’. In fact, he’s already schooled us on this issue of putting blame on the enemy, when we’re the problem:

*“The challenges of these days for you are not to gain victory over the enemy as much as to recognize when you step out ahead of me in presumption or take steps as a result of your own logic and personal bias. You must quiet your flesh and allow spiritual discernment to lead. Do nothing in your own strength and understanding,” says the Lord.*”<sup>2</sup>

So, as our responsibility is to rule our personal kingdoms as kings, while making our decisions in partnership with the King, what’s his wisdom to reduce the problems that we create for ourselves?

Here’s a few of his helpful pieces of advice:

*“Troubling times create troubling circumstances. This is a time to trust me in every situation, and know that I will direct your steps. Refuse to dump down in discouragement and fear, which can be contagious, so protect yourself from going down with the crisis of others,” says the Lord.*”<sup>3</sup>

*“It is time to fix things that have been broken and ignored. You have procrastinated with the hope that it would just go away or fix itself, but neither of those options have been fulfilled. You must take the necessary steps in order to bring resolution,” says the Lord.*”<sup>4</sup>

*“You are about to enter a new phase of existence, but there are things that need to be finished before you can forge ahead. Make the best use of your time and opportunities to deal with issues that would hinder you in the future,” says the Lord. “I will give you discernment, wisdom and guidance to do all that is necessary.””<sup>5</sup>*

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1 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (Jan. 22, 2024) [ft111.com/smallstraws.htm](http://ft111.com/smallstraws.htm) [ARCHIVE: [ft111.com/straws2024.htm](http://ft111.com/straws2024.htm)]  
 2 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (Jan. 19, 2024) [ft111.com/smallstraws.htm](http://ft111.com/smallstraws.htm) [ARCHIVE: [ft111.com/straws2024.htm](http://ft111.com/straws2024.htm)]  
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“Your physical and spiritual well being depends on what you decide in every situation. Give careful consideration to your thoughts and intentions, and choose righteousness,” says the Lord.”<sup>6</sup>

And some Spirit-supplied wisdom to go with them:

“You have been through a patch where everything seems difficult, if not impossible to accomplish, but you have learned some lessons in this period of time. You have learned that frustration only makes things worse and that patience is a virtue. And, that *if you will quiet your soul, you can find the Spirit and get divine help and guidance.*”<sup>7</sup>

Getting the balance right in what we decide to do and what we say is a constant struggle for myself and for all sons. We’re the problem, and we must get that truth. In addition, we mustn’t allow ascent to that to produce depression or the like in our lives. The solution is to live the Kingdom life, instead.

Focus on who you are, instead of trying hard to please ‘God’<sup>8</sup>. It’s when we’re trying to do what we think he wants, that we have all the problems and very few solutions. The key is to live out of our identity as sons, standing in the authority we have to say “No” to anything that’s out of alignment with Father’s heart, mind and desires (i.e. what’s unrighteous), and make love – that’s Father’s type of love, not *agapē* love – to be the guiding principle that determines what we do and say.

Mike parsons knows all too well what the keys are to enjoying life, living in the freedom provided by the new Covenant, by being himself in relationship with Father:

*“Don't try and go down some rabbit trail, where you're trying to be someone else or do something that you don't feel comfortable with, or really isn't you, unless God specifically gives you direction to do. So generally, all he's saying is, "Well, let's walk together today and let's see what happens. Let's see what you'll discover that's in alignment with my heart". Because Jesus outworked the Father's heart...*

*"Just be you and the rest of it will take care of itself. If you just stick to being you, and enjoying being you, but enjoy being you with me. Don't do it on your own"...*

*It's your relationship with the Father that will unveil lots and lots of opportunities to outwork the Father's heart through who you are. Therefore, it's not like, "Oh, you've got to evangelize today" or "You've got to do this today" or "You've got to do that today"... I don't have to do any of those things, particularly if they're not aligned to the Father's heart for me.*

*Today I just need to be me and see if being me gives me an opportunity of legislating into something because I feel that's the Father's heart, then I'll do so. And, I can do it whether I'm cognitively<sup>9</sup> doing it or not because my spirit can do things that my soul is connected to, but doesn't need to be aware of. I think that's what gives me so much opportunity to enjoy life, because I'm not doing this, this, this, this, this, this, this, and this every day – cognitively doing it. I'm just being me.”<sup>10</sup>*

There’s so much freedom, liberty, peace and joy in life if we do things the Kingdom way – the way Jesus of Nazareth showed us – and in so doing, we shut down the enemy’s ability to bring chaos and trouble to our lives. Of course, when we do things the Kingdom way, we do get a backlash from him. But standing in our authority, we don’t need to let those ‘phase’ us, because Father is in charge and he’s always working to bring good out of whatever happens.

Finishing off, Father has shown me over the past year that negativity in my live negates what he’s wanting to do in me and with me. As a result, I often have to remind myself of the following two facts:

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7 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (Jan. 20, 2024) [ft111.com/smallstraws.htm](https://ft111.com/smallstraws.htm) [ARCHIVE: [ft111.com/straws2024.htm](https://ft111.com/straws2024.htm)]

8 – ‘God’: I use this term in inverted commas because ‘God’ is the generic term people use, while I don’t any more. I have an intimate relationship with the members of the Trinity, so I refer to each of them by name, out of relationship. From my oneness with them, I collectively refer to them as The Trinity.

9 – Using your mind to do things.

10 – Mike Parsons “Discovering Your True Destiny: Embracing Opportunities to Be Yourself” (19-1-2024) [youtu.be/C1r7n1j8l4U](https://youtu.be/C1r7n1j8l4U) [1:14-3:50]

- The members of the Trinity are always positive, so I need to be positive to be in alignment with them, &
- It's all about him, not about me.

Those two confessions, which I use to refocus myself on occasions, are a couple of other keys which assist me to move away from being a problem for myself.

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