

NOBLE MARITIME *Ministries*

Yes, You are Homogenized!

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I love it when God confirms a new understanding through the teaching of others on a parallel track! It seems everywhere we turn these days, we are hearing a similar message: We humans are “homogenized”. It is unproductive to work, for instance, on our physical health separately from our spiritual or soul life (mind, will and emotions). We have more control over our health than I had ever realized.

Recently I met a doctor/researcher who reported that **our thoughts are not only electrical but every thought creates specific chemistry that affects specific organs.** This immediately brought to mind the scripture: “*Envy causes the rottenness of our bones but a merry heart makes like a medicine.*” (Prov 14:30) In the Amplified Bible it reads: “*A calm and undisturbed mind and heart are the life and health of the body, but envy, jealousy, and wrath are like rottenness of the bones.*” Amazing! No wonder we are instructed to take every thought captive to the obedience [agreement] of Christ (2 Cor 10:5).

We can actually believe/think our way to an early grave or long miserable life by accepting and dwelling on thoughts that undermine hope; and “hope deferred makes the heart sick” (Prov 13:12). I began to see verses addressing this throughout the Scriptures!

We witnessed this concept recently when a woman came to us for ministry. She has spent lots of time, money and effort passionately pursuing all Christ has for her self, marriage, family and business. As a health care professional and passionate Christian, she has made huge progress overcoming her traumatic, adopted and dishonored beginnings, but there remained a couple of unresolved issues that greatly hindered abundant life for her.

One issue was deep anger that, of course, affected every area and relationship in her life.

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News:

- Julie & Betsy have their own part time jobs, have started college courses from home, and continue helping us with NMM. They are a blessing! Julie’s creation of our first DVD presentation of the Boat Retreat program was a huge hit!
- Lots of guests continue to come through our “retreat house”. Hospitality & prayer ministry are the main “modalities” for NMM ministry at the present time.

*Enjoying
a meal
(and
view) on
the deck
with
guests*



- Neil is still in constant pursuit for the right ministry retreat vessel. His search has taken him to Seattle WA, Long Beach CA & Sidney, B.C. Canada this month.
- It has been a busy month for travel, training and conferences, which is good to keep us connected to the body of Christ and effective in our ministry:

---International Fellowship of Ministries – Seattle
---Trinity Western University seminar with Dr. Melody Rhodes – Langley, B.C. Canada
---Theophostic Prayer Ministry “*Dealing with Difficult Cases Seminar*” – Vancouver, WA
--- Care Givers Forum – Colorado Springs, CO. It was super encouraging to be with a large group of ministers whose primary focus is ministering to clergy/leadership and to discover that many of these highly trained and experienced counselors use Theophostic Prayer Ministry, a highly effective tool, with quick and **lasting** results, as we do.

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The other serious issue was physical and internal problems. Here is part of what she shared about her retreat with us:

"At age 54, I was still troubled with underlying negative emotions that kept coming up at odd times and seemed to be so out of proportion. Being in the field of nutrition, I am aware that emotions can be very detrimental to one's physical well-being, especially long term... As a believer I had worked through many issues with intense prayer, ministry and the help of God's Spirit, over many years. This brought some help, but never really addressed the deep nagging unanswered questions.

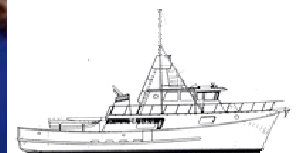
"With the help of Theophostic Prayer and the team at Noble Maritime Ministries I was able to take a look at long standing unanswered questions, and the many counterfeit and substitute thoughts that had blinded me to the truth. There were even places where I was totally unaware of where I had accepted and believed lies.

"To simplify, my heart and spirit were instructed with the truth from God's Spirit and I found some answers and freedom that my heart has been yearning for for years. Now I am sooooo sure that I am loved, I have a God ordained destiny, and I'm able to function from a loving relationship with my God, not an angry "why haven't you....?" attitude toward God. It is amazing to be free of anger and know that it was founded in lies that the enemy had built.

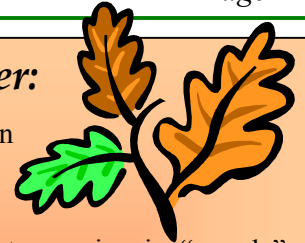
"The Great News: Soon after, when I visited my health professional, we discovered all the concerns that my body was grumbling about had taken a serious turn for better! In fact, some of the challenges had been removed all together, i.e. stubborn parasites that had been a problem for a long time were totally gone! Hooray! God answered and I am truly free, and healthier too! This ministry is very important to every Christian, every single one!!!!!"

"We pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health as your soul prospers" (3 Jn 2)

Neil, Kathy and crew



Prayer:



- ✚ For the Lord's direction in the right ministry vessel for boat retreats.
- ✚ Our advisors insist that to survive in "people" ministry, we must get away from people *regularly* and *geographically* (get away from our home, which is also our place of ministry). We are trusting God to provide a way to do that - possibly lead a person to underwrite that extra budget item.
- ✚ Anointing for business as Neil continues organizing & developing a boat program that is self-sustaining.
- ✚ We need experienced business, legal and administrative assistance!
- ✚ Professional website help
- ✚ We are focused in our giftings so please bless our computers. ☺

Remember to encourage not only your pastor, but also those who are "pastor to the pastors". Here are just a few stats about clergy:

90% feel inadequately trained to cope with ministry demands.

80% believe pastoral ministry affects their families ***negatively***.

45% have experienced depression and/or burnout, requiring a leave of absence.

70% do not have someone they consider a close friend.

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