

PART IV: Condemned

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LAST WEEK'S PRACTICE.

Last week we continued to build our trellis, which now has four parts. 1) recognize our changes in emotions regarding money. 2) Have a moment to give thanks for God's blessings. 3) Make a practice to seek first the Kingdom of God. 4) Do an act of generosity.

- Would anyone like to shares with how you did with the practice of generosity?
- Would anyone like to tell an anecdote or short story about the practice to encourage the rest of the group?
- Who would like to tell us how they have done with the 9 guides of an emotionally healthy community? Which one are you practicing?

SUMMARY.

This Sunday we were learning about six reasons why each of us could be suffering from ruin, poverty, scarcity, and debt.

God is a loving God and wants to bless us. And he is also a just God, and many of the economic situations we go through are consecuencias due to our own actions.

- What did the Holy Spirit speak to you (or got your attention) about Sunday's teaching?

Proverbs 26:2

- Why do you think it's so important to know that curses always come for a reason?

Proverbs 28:13

- What would be the blessing of confessing and turning away from sin? What would be the consequence of not confessing and turning away from sin?

PRACTICE AS A COMMUNITY.

The last few weeks we have been building a latticework in our lives so that money is not the god of our lives (mammon). But it is useless if we are doing the same practices as before. The lattice is of no use because our very actions destroy it.

Today we are going to identify what practices you may be doing that are bringing curses into your life.

1. First.

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you in this practice and lead you to all truth

2. Second.

- Read Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 15

3. Third.

- Now read the six curses of the economy
- Idolatry
 - Anything that is above God. Money, work, pleasures, family, etc.
- Judge and criticize
 - Any time we are saying something about someone who is not present. Gossip, a complaint, a comment, etc.
- Adultery and Fornication and sexual immorality
 - Any sexual act outside the context of marriage. Pornography, sex before marriage, sex without marriage, etc.
- Stealing
 - Any act that takes away from someone what belongs to them. Not paying taxes, taking money from someone without them knowing, getting paid for a job you didn't do, etc.
- Anathema
 - Possessions that do not worship God. Dream catchers, lucky objects, the lottery, chains/shirts/objects with demonic images or signs, etc.
- Avarice
 - The desire to want to have wealth at any cost. Working extra hours, buying things that cannot be paid for, wanting to appear, satisfaction that comes from possessions, etc.

4. Fourth.

- Now personally and honestly, make a sign that you think you struggle with

5. Fifth.

- Now write what decision you will make to "confess and turn away from this sin" (Proverbs 28:13)
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the wisdom and strength to make this decision