

THE CYCLE OF LIFE: ALL THINGS CONNECT

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. **James 1:23** For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: **James 1:24** For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. **James 1:25** But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, **this man shall be blessed in his deed.**

John 8:30 As he spake these words, many believed on him. **John 8:31** Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If** ye continue in my word, **then** are ye my disciples **indeed** (ἀληθῶς); **John 8:32** And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. **John 8:36** If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free **indeed** (ὄντως).

Psalm 119:45 And I will walk at liberty: **For** I seek thy precepts.

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; Because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, **To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to them that are bound;**

Proverbs 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Proverbs 4:19 The way of the wicked is as darkness: They know not at what they stumble.

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, **there is liberty.** **2 Corinthians 3:18** But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

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Acts 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you **to God, and to the word of his grace**, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

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Deuteronomy 17:2 **If** there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant, **Deuteronomy 17:3** And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded; **Deuteronomy 17:4** And it be **told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and inquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel:** **Deuteronomy 17:5** **Then** shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die. **Deuteronomy 17:6** **At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.** **Deuteronomy 17:7** **The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people.** So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.

Deuteronomy 17:8 **If** there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within thy gates: **then** shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the place which the LORD thy God shall choose; **Deuteronomy 17:9** And thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and inquire; and they shall shew thee the sentence of judgment: **Deuteronomy 17:10** And thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of that place which the LORD shall choose shall shew thee; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee: **Deuteronomy 17:11** According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall shew thee, to the right hand, nor to the left.

There are a series of applications of this (& other texts):

- Obviously, this is **only** for believers → those who are regenerate, born-again people!
- Assuming you are **not** a fool **or** a gossip
- Evil / wrong has happened
- You hear about it / it comes up in conversation

[You could simply drop it]

Proverbs 20:3 It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: **But** every fool will be meddling.

Proverbs 26:17 He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife **belonging not to him**, Is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.

- You make diligent inquiry
- You find it to be true
- You find it to be certain
- You have multiple witnesses = all sides of the story

Proverbs 18:13 He that answereth a matter **before** he heareth it, It is **folly** and **shame** unto him.

Proverbs 18:15 The heart of the prudent **getteth** knowledge; And the ear of the wise **seeketh** knowledge.

Proverbs 18:17 He that is **first** in his own cause seemeth just; **But** his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.

Deuteronomy 19:15 One witness **shall not** rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: **at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.** **Deuteronomy 19:16** **If** a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong; **Deuteronomy 19:17** **Then** both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days; **Deuteronomy 19:18** And the judges **shall make diligent inquisition:** and, behold, **if** the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother; **Deuteronomy 19:19** **Then** shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you.

- You have **eliminated bias**

Their bias: why are they saying this? Telling you this?

Your bias: why are you interested in this???

Proverbs 26:20 Where **no wood** is, there **the fire goeth out:** So where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth. **Proverbs 26:21** As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; So is **a contentious man** to kindle strife. **Proverbs 26:22** The words of a talebearer are **as wounds**, And they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. **Proverbs 26:23** Burning lips and a wicked heart Are like a potsherd covered with silver dross. **Proverbs 26:24** He that **hateth** dissembleth with his lips, **And** layeth up deceit within him; **Proverbs 26:25** When he speaketh fair, believe him **not:** **For** there are seven abominations in his heart. **Proverbs 26:26** Whose **hatred** is covered by deceit, His **wickedness** shall be shewed before the whole congregation. **Proverbs 26:27** Whoso **diggeth a pit** shall fall therein: And he that **rolleth a stone**, it will return upon him. **Proverbs 26:28** A **lying tongue hateth** those that are afflicted by it; And a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

- You recognize your limitations

Don't have enough info

Can't have enough info

Examples:

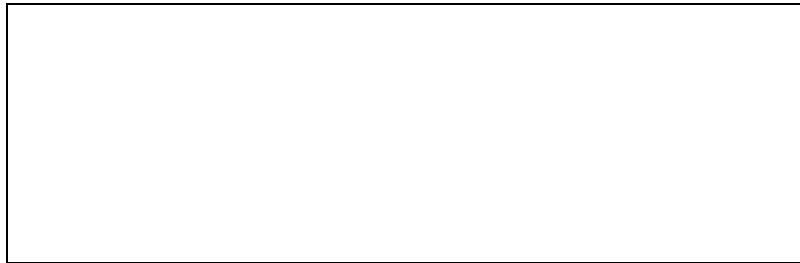
1. When Jim Duncan got me in trouble!

2. Pastor Kowach / PK:

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Something happens to our minds, like our minds are playing tricks on us...!

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Deuteronomy 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deuteronomy 6:6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

Deuteronomy 6:7 And **thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.**

Deuteronomy 6:8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

Deuteronomy 6:9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

1. Who?

- **Thou / you (singular)**
- **Parents OK but...?**

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Deuteronomy 11:18 Therefore shall ye lay up **these my words** in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. **Deuteronomy 11:19** And ye shall teach **them** your **children**, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

2. What?

- **Teach**
- **From...to...! (someone to someone)**
- **From parents to children**
- **From mature to immature**
- **From superior to inferior**
- **We are to teach the Word to our children**

3. How?

- **Diligently** (implied)
- **Intentionally**

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4. When & Where?

Maybe it is best to notice what the text does NOT say!

Christian school	SS teachers	Christian camps
Miracle service	Family altar	Family camps

So then: When & Where?

- The normal activities &/ processes of life
- Day to day
- Normal stuff of life

This, of course, is the best form of pedagogy: using a child’s natural curiosity, impromptu questions, real-life activities & events, obvious implications & applications, and what are called “teachable moments!”