

# CHRISTIAN INSTINCTS -DISCOVERED DURING A...! 2COR. 12:7-10

A crisis / crises reveals our instincts:

<b>1. We pray!</b>	<b>They drink, gamble, run, do drugs...!</b>
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**2 Corinthians 12:7** And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, **there was given to me a thorn in the flesh**, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. **2 Corinthians 12:8** **For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.**

**Psalm 55:17** Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: And he shall hear my voice.

**Psalm 65:2** O thou that hearest prayer, Unto thee shall all flesh come.

**Psalm 145:18** The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, To all that call upon him in truth. **Psalm 145:19** He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

**Thoughts:**

- We pray!
- We pray instinctively! No premeditation!
- We pray from the depths!
- We pour out our hearts to the Lord!
- We pray to our Heavenly Father!
- We pray believing God will hear and answer our prayer!

<b>2. We listen!</b>	<b>They talk! They can't stop talking! Usually about themselves!</b>
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**2 Corinthians 12:9** **And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**James 1:19** Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be **swift** to hear, **slow** to speak, **slow** to wrath:

**Proverbs 10:19** In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: **But he that refraineth his lips is wise.**

**Proverbs 13:3** He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: **But he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.**

**Proverbs 17:27** He that hath knowledge **spareth his words:** And a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. **Proverbs 17:28**

**Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: And he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.**

**Proverbs 21:23** Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue Keepeth his soul from troubles.

**Ecclesiastes 5:1** **Keep** thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. **Ecclesiastes 5:2** Be **not** rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: **therefore let thy words be few.** **Ecclesiastes 5:3** For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; **and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.**

**Isaiah 30:7** For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: Therefore have I cried concerning this, **Their strength is to sit still.**

**Isaiah 30:15** For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; **In returning and rest shall ye be saved; In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength:** And ye would not.

**Psalm 46:10** **Be still, and know that I am God:** I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

**Psalm 1:2** But his delight is in the law of the LORD; And in his law doth he meditate day and night. **Psalm 1:3** And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, That bringeth forth his fruit in his season; His leaf also shall not wither; And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

**Romans 10:13** For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. **Romans 10:14** How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? **and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?** and how shall they hear without a preacher? **Romans 10:15** And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! **Romans 10:16** But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? **Romans 10:17** **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**Thoughts:**

- We listen!
- We become a Christian by listening!

- We listen a lot!
- We listen **more than** we talk – **far more than** we talk!
- We listen to God!
- We listen to His word!
- We listen to His word daily!
- We listen to His word silently!
- We listen humbly, obediently!

<b>3. We get it!</b>	<b>They don't get anything!</b>
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**2 Corinthians 12:10 Therefore (Διὸ)** I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

**2 Timothy 2:7** Consider what I say; **and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.**

**Luke 24:25** Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: **Luke 24:26** Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? **Luke 24:27** And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, **he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.**

**Luke 24:32** And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, **and while he opened to us the scriptures?**

**Luke 24:44** And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. **Luke 24:45** **Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,**

**Psalms 119:18 Open thou mine eyes, That I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.**

**Acts 16:14** And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: **whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.**

**Acts 26:18** To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

<b>These are the greatest experiences:</b>		
<b>An aha moment!</b>	<b>Lights come on!</b>	<b>Things just click!</b>
<b>Eureka!</b>	<b>Eye opener!</b>	<b>Light bulb moment</b>
<b>Epiphany!</b>	<b>Breakthrough!</b>	<b>Discovery!</b>
<b>Everything falls into place!</b>	<b>The fog lifts!</b>	<b>The clouds part!</b>

**Deuteronomy 29:29** The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

**1 Samuel 24:22** And David sware unto Saul. **And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.**

**1 Samuel 26:25** Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail. **So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.**

**Ephesians 4:32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, **even as** God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

**Romans 8:37** Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

**Philippians 4:13** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

**Psalms 103:19** The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; And his kingdom ruleth over all.

**Proverbs 6:20** My son, keep thy father's commandment, And forsake not the law of thy mother: **Proverbs 6:21** Bind them continually upon thine heart, And tie them about thy neck. **Proverbs 6:22** **When** thou goest, it shall lead thee; **When** thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; And **when** thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

**Psalms 51:3** For I acknowledge my transgressions: And my sin is ever before me. **Psalms 51:5** Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; And in sin did my mother conceive me.

<b>4. We move on / forward!</b>	<b>They get stuck!</b>
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