

WORDS FROM THE WORD – Secret

PART 5

"secret" **sôd** (*sode*) a **session**, that is, **company** of persons (in close deliberation); by implication **intimacy, consultation**, a **secret**: [From **to sit down together**, that is, **consult**] [21x]

- The word...means properly a "couch" or "cushion," on which one reclines...as a divan...a divan, or circle of persons sitting together for familiar conversation; or of judges, counsellors, or advisers for consultation, as the word "divan" is...used in Oriental countries.

Psalm 25:14 The **secret** of the LORD *is* with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

NT – "secret" **kruptos** (*kroop-tos'*) **concealed**, that is, **private** [root indicates by **covering**] (also translated hid (-den))

Matthew 6:4,6,18 – GIVING, PRAYER, FASTING

(4) **That thine alms** (compassionateness) **may be in secret**:...(6) **pray to thy Father which is in secret**:...(18) **appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret**:...and thy Father which seeth **in secret** himself shall **reward** thee openly.

Ephesians 5 – (2) WALK IN LOVE...(8) WALK AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT...

(11) And have no fellowship (share in company; co-participate) with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather **reprove** (prove to be wrong) *them*. (12) For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them **in secret**. (15) WALK CIRCUMSPECTLY

CONTEXT: Paul is talking about Tongues in the church and says he would rather speak 5 words with understanding (v.19)

1 Corinthians 14:23-25 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in *those that are* unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad? (24) But if all **prophecy**, and there come in one that believeth not, or *one* unlearned, he is **convinced** of all, he is **judged** of all: (25) And thus are the **secrets** (concealed; private; covered) of his heart made **manifest**; and so falling down on *his* face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

- "prophecy" (v.24) – **to foretell events, divine, speak under inspiration, exercise the prophetic office**
 - When we proclaim the Word of God, it's like we know the insides of our wicked hearts
- "convinced" **elegchō** (*el-eng'-kho*) **to confute, admonish** [also translated convict and reprov'd in Eph. 5:13]
 - "confute" - prove (a person or an assertion) to be wrong.
- "judged" **anakrinō** (*an-ak-ree'-no*) properly **to scrutinize**, that is, (by implication) **investigate, interrogate, determine**
- "manifest" (v.25) – **shining, apparent**

- The Word of God SHINES a Light on the SECRETS – the CONCEALED, HIDDEN, COVERED UP motives and thoughts and attitudes! AND THEY ARE UGLY!
- NOTE: the REACTION! Falling on our faces before God because He SEES and KNOWS and still DIED FOR US!

CONTEXT: THE TRUE VIEW OF THE MINISTRY

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 Let a man so account (**take inventory**) of us, as of the **ministers** of Christ, and **stewards** of the mysteries of God. (2) Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found **faithful**.

- “ministers” – **oarsman** – ARE YOU AN OARSMAN?
- “stewards” – **house manager; overseer**
- “faithful” (v.2) – **trustworthy**
 - God has entrusted us with His Word, His Truth to handle it and use it and live by it
 - Just like I am entrusted with a budget and individuals

1 Corinthians 4:3-5 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man’s judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. (4) For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. (5) Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will **bring to light** the **hidden things** of darkness, and will make manifest (**apparent**) the **counsels** of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

- THE JUDGE is the LORD
- I am JUDGED by many people at work, but what matters is the one who has the power to PROMOTE or FIRE me
- “bring to light” **phōtizō** (*fo-tid'-zo*) **to shed rays; to shine; to brighten up**
 - NOTE: the darkness hidden INSIDE vs. the Light that exposes it
- “counsels” - **volition**, that is, (objectively) *advice*, or **(by implication) purpose**
 - GOD will see through the OUTER to the INNER motives

The Light of the Gospel

2 Corinthians 4:1-6 Therefore seeing we have **this ministry**, as we have received mercy, we faint not (**weak; fail**); (2) But have **renounced the hidden things** of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. (3) But if our gospel be **hid**, it is hid to them that are lost: (4) In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. (5) For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. (6) For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- What is “this ministry”? **SEE 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.

- Our ministry is CHANGING into the image of the LORD – humble, meek, forgiving, holy (unreachable except as we DIE TO SELF)
- A Christian's theme: "AS WE HAVE RECEIVED MERCY..." dot...dot...dot...

"renounced" **apeipomēn** (*ap-i-pom'-ane*) **to say off** for oneself, i.e., **disown** [1x]

- "OFF WITH YOU, DISHONESTY!"; "OFF WITH YOU, CRAFTINESS!"; "OFF WITH YOU, DECEITFULNESS!"
 - Craftiness – trickery – TWISTING the TRUTHS of GOD
 - Deceitfulness – adulterate – UNFAITHFUL to GOD's image
- "hid" **kaluptō** (v.3) (*kal-oop'-to*) **to cover up** (literally or figuratively)
 - This world needs to see CHRIST...in US! OFF with anything that would DIM the LIGHT that has the power to SAVE!
 - In verse 6, Paul compares our NEW BIRTH to the CREATION of LIGHT: LET THERE BE LIGHT, and there was LIGHT and it was GOOD!
 - **Is there anything obscuring the LIGHT of JESUS CHRIST in US? IF SO, RENOUNCE IT! OFF WITH IT!**

CONTEXT: THE UNIVERSAL GUILT OF MANKIND

Romans 2:12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;

- Transgressing God's law is transgressing God's law but there is a difference between doing so with knowledge and doing so out of ignorance

Rom 2:13-15 (For not the hearers of the law *are* just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. (14) For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: (15) Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while **accusing** (plaintiff) or else **excusing** (defendant; give account of oneself) one another;)

- The **plaintiff** is the person bringing a lawsuit to court, by filing a plea or motion. ... The other party in a lawsuit is the **defendant** or respondent (the one who responds). The **defendant** is the person being sued or the person against whom the complaint is filed.

Rom 2:16 In the day when God shall judge the **secrets** of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

- God knows the hidden, concealed, private TRUTH of our motives

Pastor Ray Stedman writes some sobering, convicting words at the conclusion of his message entitled "[The Secrets of Men](#)":

Christ will be the judge, we are told. The Gospel will be the prosecuting attorney. The charge will be the **secrets of the heart** that no one knows about but you -- and God. Samuel Johnson once said, "**Every man knows thoughts of himself that he would not tell to his**

dearest friend." That is true, isn't it? And you know it is not so much the thoughts that come to our mind, because these are often temptations we are powerless to stop, but it is the reception we give them. We sometimes open the door and welcome them, don't we? Instead of driving these thoughts away when they come, we usher them into our living room, and set them down, and ask them to be comfortable and stay with us, and we invite them back again and again; we allow them to dwell there. These are the secret things that we don't want to tell anybody about -- even our dearest friend. Let me tell you part of the secrets of my own heart, if I may. I catch myself, every now and then (and I have for years), trying to figure out a way to perform a certain sin (which is particularly alluring to me) without paying the consequences. Don't look so shocked, because you do the same thing! I have worked out many ingenious ways by which I can make it "look good" to men, so nobody will blame me if I do this. It is amazing, the variety of ways that a matter can be approached to make it look acceptable to others. But the thing that stops me dead in my tracks is that, though I know I can make it look good to others, God knows my evil heart. And, someday, the thing that I can make look good to men will be seen in all its filth and depravity in his sight, and I will have to acknowledge that this is what it was all the time. Because I know that God knows the secrets of my heart, I am continually checked on this thing.

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