

POSITIVE ENERGY – Part 2

1/10/24

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- Comment – Continue with a series
- Title – Positive Energy – Part 2
- Last week, we talked about 3 sources of positive energy
 - 1 – The breath of life..... 2 – The Spirit in man..... 3 – The Spirit of God
- Last week, I quickly mentioned 5 basic premises – without elaborating upon them
- Tonight – I decided that it might be helpful to mention more about those 5 basic premises

1. We are born with positive energy

- 1 Cor. 2:11 for what man knows the things of a man, except by the spirit of man which is in him?
- Gen. 1:31 God saw everything that He made – and indeed it was very good

2. We are immediately receptive to negative energy

- Gen. 3:1-6 the serpent influenced Adam and Eve
- Gen. 6:5 the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually
- Gen. 8:21 although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth

3. There are factors which cause our energy level to be positive or negative
4. It is important to recognize how dangerous negative energy is to person
5. It is important to understand how to grow and to maintain positive energy

- Five factors which cause energy level to be positive or negative

1. Heredity	4. Conscience
2. Environment	5. Experiences
3. Reasoning skills	

1. Heredity – (positive energy or negative energy)

- John 1:14 the Word became flesh – we beheld His glory – the glory as the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth

2. Environment – (positive energy or negative energy)

Exod. 20:4-5 sins of the father – 3rd and 4th generation
 1 Kings 15:3 Abijam became king over Judah – walked in all the sins of his father
 John 5:30 as I hear, I judge – because I seek the will of My Father who sent Me
 John 6:38 I came down from heaven to do the will of Him who sent Me

3. Reasoning skills – (positive energy or negative energy)

Isaiah 1:18 the Lord – “come let us reason together”
 Acts 24:25 Paul reasoned about righteousness, self-control and the judgment

4. Conscience – (positive energy or negative energy)

Following are excerpts – “Journal of Medicine and Life” titled “Conscience and Consciousness: A Definition” which was posted at nih.gov (National Institutes of Health) on March 25, 2014.

“The meanings of the two terms “conscience” and “consciousness” are often confused and are misunderstood by many people.”

[Under a section called Consciousness] – “ ‘Consciousness’ is the function of the human mind that receives and processes information, crystallizes it and then stores it or rejects it with the help of the following:

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| 1. The five senses | 3. Imagination and emotion |
| 2. The reasoning ability of the mind | 4. Memory |

[Under a section called Conscience]: “We must remember that the mechanics of ‘consciousness’ are complex and intricate, whereas the workings of ‘conscience’ are much simpler. The concept of ‘conscience’ (as commonly used in its moral sense) is the inherent ability of every healthy human being to perceive what is right and what is wrong, and (on the strength of this perception) to control, monitor, evaluate and execute their actions . . . Conscience is the ‘highest authority’ and evaluates information to determine the quality of an action: good or evil, fair or unfair and so on. Consequently, conscience ranks higher than consciousness.”

John 8:9 the scribes and Pharisees – convicted by their conscience
 Rom. 2:15 work of the law written in their hearts – their conscience bearing witness
 1 Tim. 1:5 pure heart – good conscience – sincere faith
 1 Tim. 4:2 speaking lies in hypocrisy – having their conscience seared with a hot iron
 Titus 1:15 even their mind and conscience are defiled
 1 Pet. 2:19 enduring grief – because of conscience

5. Experiences – (positive energy or negative energy)

Ezek. 18:4-20 consequences – based upon personal behavior
 Matt. 4:1-11 the devil tempted the Son of God