

## **Developing Character in the Church**

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I kept seeing a teaching vision of a man who had one strong leg and one withered leg. He used a staff to help support himself upright. I couldn't help but think this looked a lot like Jacob after he had wrestled with God, prevailed, but had been touched in his thigh causing the sinew to be withered.

The Spirit said to me, "The reason the Charismatic Renewal has been so loose in its morals and weak in the fiber of its character is that it is imbalanced concerning the Law of Sin and Death and the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. The Church has prevailed sufficiently to receive the revelation that man cannot save himself by his own efforts in the flesh. It knows that it must switch its dependency from the arm of flesh to the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ in order to be saved. This is the door that allows them [both good and bad] into the sheepfold of the grace of God. On this leg, the Church is very strong."

"Once in the sheepfold, however, the Church does not know how to properly employ the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus to purge them from infirmities of the flesh. This is precisely where the Church is lame. On the one hand, the Church hesitates to revert back to the arm of flesh, or willpower, to overcome these things. On the other hand, it does not know how to employ the power of the Spirit to accomplish the desired changes in its character and habits.

The progress of the Church has been greatly impeded by it being caught in the middle by the tension created by these two methods. That lack of progress has caused repeated failures by unpurged flesh and has allowed the enemy to bring great reproach upon the Kingdom of God."

"The coming revival at the Prayer Center will not only be accompanied by signs and wonders to draw the masses to Jesus, but will be My fountainhead whereby the Church at large will receive a fresh revelation of how to employ the power of the Spirit to produce the character of Jesus in the Church. That character will be Spirit born and Spirit molded. The fruit of that character will be true holiness."

**A New Door Is Upon You**  
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The day is coming, coming soon, where My Presence, just My Presence, will be the catalyst upon which the miracles spring forth. And what is birthed in the Spirit cannot be quenched, for I have a plan, says the Lord, and you have been walking in that plan longer than you think, and a new door, a new door is upon you now. The door is not locked, the door is opened. Few have entered this room, primarily, for a lack of knowledge, primarily for a lack of knowledge.

Oh yes, the treasures in this room, as you behold the treasures in this room, all that you have ever seen with the natural eye will seem as nothing, and nothing from that natural realm will ever satisfy again.

The foundation had to be wide, the foundation had to be deep, and the foundation had to be strong, **for at this door is where the hordes of hell gather, because at all costs, none must enter here.** But the foundation has been laid and I find courage here. I find courage in this place, says the Lord, and hunger that cannot be quenched, except with My best. Stay firm on the foundation and walk into this next room with Me. Your eyes will soon see that which you have desired. Be blessed; you are greatly loved, says the Spirit of Grace. You are greatly loved, says the Spirit of Grace.