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# **SPIRITUAL PARENTING**

## **PART 1**

### **CHAPTER 08**

## **How You Give DNA Out**

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## Spiritual Parenting Part 1

### Chapter 08 - How You Give DNA Out

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In the last section we looked a little bit at the different kinds of DNA and especially spiritual DNA. We also looked previously at physical and psychological DNA, and I will be mentioning these terms a lot again as we move on with the subject.

We ended by looking at ways of dealing with these DNA's, and we just touched on the subject of spiritual parenting. But this is such a vast subject, and one of the most misunderstood subjects, so I need to give a very clear teaching on this.

I have laid out bits and pieces here and there along the way over the years. Over time I have gained a bit more experience in it, so I think I have a little bit more knowledge to share with you now.

So instead of giving you old materials, I am going to be reteaching what I did back there and adding all the new stuff as God shows it to me.

John 8:31 says these words.

*Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed in Him, If you hang onto my word, then you are really my disciples. And you will come to know the real thing, and that reality will set you free.*

If you have never heard that Scripture it is because you have never read it in my version. You will not see anything like it in any of the other versions. The original version said,

*You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.*

I have changed this though, because I believe that it is a better interpretation. It also helps me as a foundation for what I am going to teach in this section.

## How Spiritual DNA is Communicated

We just touched on spiritual DNA previously, but I want to look at it in more detail now. I want you to try and understand what spiritual DNA is and how it is communicated. Because if you don't understand that, you can't even begin to understand spiritual parenting.

How does spiritual DNA show itself in us? We know how the physical DNA shows itself, because it shows in our physical characteristics and in many other areas. Spiritual DNA however is something much deeper, so I am going to try and help you to identify it.

I would like to ask you this question now. Have you ever sometimes just felt like you don't really know who you are? Have you felt like maybe you were somebody else? Things just come out unexpectedly and you think,

"Where did that come from? It is very uncharacteristic of me. Come to think of it, it reminds me of somebody else."

You see we pick up characteristics from others that sink down deep inside of us and actually bring changes within us.

We learned that the disciple picks up from the master teacher or trainer everything that the trainer pours into the disciple. He or she picks it up until they start to become like the master. It is the discipling process.

## How You Release Spiritual DNA

How is spiritual DNA transmitted though? Well Jesus gave us a hint in the Scripture that I shared. He said,

*If you hang onto my word...*

The original version says,

*If you remain in my word...*

The Greek there can mean many things, but it can mean *to hold onto and to cling to*. It is an abiding. So what Jesus is saying is,

“If you just hang onto my words, then you will really become my disciples.”

That is a very interesting concept of discipleship, because you would think that being a disciple means that you act just like your discipler. But Jesus said,

“If you hang onto my words until they find a resting place within you, then you will become my disciple.”

He is speaking about logos words here, not rhema words. He is speaking about the written word or the spoken word that has been recorded; the literal word itself. This means that spiritual contents can be transmitted.

We have learned in many other places, that there are two ways that we release what is in our spirits. Those ways are through words and actions.

### **Through Spoken Words**

Words are the first way in which we communicate what is deep in our spirits. How you speak the words can sometimes make a big difference. It may not just be the words you speak, but how do you transmit them from your spirit?

Because the way you transmit them from your spirit, will determine how much of your spiritual DNA you are actually communicating outwards to others.

### **Through Action**

And then of course bodily actions reinforce what we say. Some of us expressive kinds cannot talk without using our hands, because our bodily action emphasises what we are trying to say.

So when I preach, if I stand up and speak words in a soft monotone, I doubt that you will get much of my DNA. I need to put more into it and release something out of my spirit.

I need to put expression into it. I need to put action into it and make it come to life. When I do that, you will sit up and take notice and you might say,

“Wow, I’m impressed. That’s great. Let me go and think about what I heard here. Let me go and hang onto those words.”

If you do that, you have taken the first step towards distilling from those words the spiritual DNA that was communicated in them.

So, as the one who is receiving DNA, you receive from those words. But if you want to communicate your DNA, you will have to be assertive, bold and confident.

You may have to speak louder and with more expression, so that you release something dynamic from your spirit. When you do that, then people may be more likely to sit up and take notice and listen. If they don’t listen and hang onto your words, they will receive nothing from it.

So this is not an automatic thing. Don’t think that because you have been listening to a preacher for years, you have picked up anything spiritual. It won’t necessarily happen, unless they had something spiritual to give of course.

## **Through Written Words**

I learned that this doesn’t only happen with spoken words, but it can also take place with written words. Through the years, before I had a chance to listen to many good teachers or preachers, I was just stuck in a local church listening to my boring pastor.

We didn’t have the Internet in those days. I didn’t have much input available, so I turned to books and I found some good Bible teachers at that time.

One of the people who really impressed me was a guy who had already died. He was a Chinaman by the name of Watchman Nee. He didn’t even write English. He wrote in Chinese and they translated his stuff.

I wasn’t even reading directly what he wrote. I was reading translations, but there was something powerful in his words.

## **Picking Up Watchman Nee's DNA**

The teaching that he gave challenged me. He spoke about the crucified life, about putting it all on the cross for the Lord and about living your life totally for the Lord.

That challenged me and stirred me, and I hung onto his words so strongly that I began to preach his words. He gave such good illustrations that I had to re-use them in some of my preaching.

Some of my later disciples and spiritual children went to read some of his books because I had spoken about him. They said to me,

"Hey, it looks like Watchman Nee copied you. He used all the same illustrations as you."

I said, "No that is not true. I copied him."

I did add my own touch to it, but I did pick up a kind of a DNA from Watchman Nee that would bring a challenge on people. It would bring a death process in them, to bring them to the cross and to deal with things in their lives.

So when I began to preach and teach, particularly on the fivefold ministry and the prophetic, people would receive my teaching. And often they would plunge immediately into a death process.

Do you know what was the strange thing? They never met me. They read my words, listened to or watched me. In those days they couldn't even watch videos because it wasn't that easy to do on the Internet.

What I picked up from Watchman Nee from hanging onto his words became implanted into my spirit. So as I began to give out that same stuff in great exuberance and confidence, that DNA began to go out. It started to affect people and began to change their lives.

You can now pick up my DNA, if you read my books and hang onto my words; if you really apply them and they mean something to you. You see, you have to believe a person's words before you can receive anything from them.

It is no good just listening to them. We have heard words all our lives. We have heard our parents speaking to us, but their words went in one ear and out the other.

So not all words affect us. It will only happen to the words that we choose to listen to, receive, believe and embrace.

### **Jesus' DNA Sets You Free**

Jesus said if we receive His words and hang onto them, we will experience a new reality; the real thing. He was speaking here about something much deeper. He was hinting at a spiritual thing, and I believe that ultimately it refers to that spiritual DNA. He said,

*You will come to know the real thing, and that reality will set you free.*

What will it set you free of? If you are to experience a new DNA, what is it you need to be set free of? The old DNA, because you are already riddled with old stuff and it is controlling you.

It is part of you, and it has come as a result of all the things you hung onto, believed and embraced over the years. I will explain it more as we go on. A new DNA will set you free from the old DNA.

## **CHAPTER 09**

# **How You Receive DNA**

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We receive DNA the same way that we release it. How do we do that? We release it through words and actions.

So now how do we get that stuff to come into us? I have a lot to give out and I release it through words and actions, but how do I get it in? Well you need to take words and feed them inwards.

### Receive from the Word

My wife Daphne produced a teaching many years ago called *Bulldozing Through Spiritual Problems*. It became a very popular concept.

In this teaching she explained how we can take the Word and feed it inwards through a bulldozing process of repetition and bombardment. You do that until that Word finds a resting place in you. You need to break through the barriers.

If you do that often enough, the Word goes in and stays. After a while you will find, as you are just sitting doing nothing, the Word starts coming up from inside of you. You might think,

“Where did that come from?”

It didn't come out of the air let me tell you. It came out of all the stuff that you bulldozed in there. If you have been bulldozing a load of nonsense from the world, guess what is going to come out?

Have you noticed something? When you sit down to try and get spiritual and get into the presence of the Lord, what you watched on TV last night comes out in crystal clear color.

You might say, “I don't want to think about that Lord. I'm trying to think about you.”

It comes up though. Why? Because that is what you have been feeding in, especially if you really enjoyed the movie and thought,

“It was awesome.”

You got so wrapped up in it that you almost became the leading character.

It seems so innocent, but you know what? You just fed someone else's DNA into you. Now you want to come into the presence of the Lord and what comes up? All that stuff you put in there.

## **Receive from Another Believer**

We can receive Jesus' DNA that way, but we can't always get DNA directly from the Lord. I will be explaining shortly the different levels. We can however get the spiritual DNA that somebody else has already received and developed.

We look at people we admire; those who have risen up in ministry, that are powerful leaders and are accomplishing great things for God. So often you may look at that person and think,

"I wish I could be like that. I wish I could have what they have."

Then we pray and say,

"Lord, please give it to me also."

You may never see the answer that prayer, but some people do seem to get it. Some people stand up and preach exactly like that preacher almost word for word.

Their voice even sounds the same. In fact if you close your eyes you may think it was the other guy preaching. Sometimes they even have the same anointing.

How did that happen? If you repeat someone else's words and use their expressions, it is just a matter of time before you start to see something happening inside of you.

If you watch a person and copy their actions, after a while you start to feel like you are that person. You'll find yourself using some of their quirky little expressions. Perhaps you will start to walk in the strange way they do, with their hands in their pockets of whatever they do.

I can pick out the DNA of students that I know from a mile. Let me tell you that you didn't get that in one day. You picked it up from someone, by admiring that person, by listening to them and by copying them.

Is that bad? No it is actually one of the best ways to pick up someone's DNA.

## **The Power of Imitation**

In the early days when I had many spiritual sons and daughters, I remember one person in particular. He was Swiss and he wanted to preach my stuff in his language. So he sat down and listened to my messages over and over again, then he tried to preach them exactly like I preached them.

Do you know what happened? He suddenly began to get an amazing Teaching Ministry. He sounded just like me. He carried the same anointing and authority and I could see my spiritual DNA in that person.

Later on he got disgruntled with me and was led astray to someone else. He decided to follow them and lost it all. It was pretty sad.

We can receive good things from one another, but there is usually a price to pay. You must listen, you must be open to receive what the person shares, and you must open your heart. If you keep your heart closed you will pick up absolutely nothing.

If you admire that person, you speak their words and use their expressions. If you preach like them and pray like them, you become them.

Who do you pray like or preach like? I may never have met your spiritual parent, but I can tell you how they pray and how they preach, because that is where you got it from. You didn't even realize it, because you admired that person and liked the way they did it.

You see it in the world all the time. You can see singers copying one another.

You need to realize that it is a spiritual thing. All of these things, like all talents, come from the spirit. And within the

spirit lies that DNA. When you open yourself up to receive from that person, you start to become that person spiritually and you pick up that DNA.

## **Communication in Spirit, Soul and Body**

You need to have contact with that person spirit to spirit. There is a function in the human spirit which I have taught on plenty of times called communion. Communion is the ability to interact with another human spirit.

The Bible uses the word fellowship or *koinonia*. We think of fellowship as just being a party or some kind of social. But *koinonia* is something far deeper than social. It is spiritual communion or being in one spirit.

Certainly when we come in the spirit, we are one spirit in the Lord. But as we open our hearts to one another and communicate with one another in the spirit via the spiritual function of communion, we actually link our spirits together.

There is also social interaction. When we do that, we don't link our spirits together. We link our souls together. We link our thoughts and we share our ideas. We link our emotions, feelings and wills together and communicate with that person soul to soul.

Then of course we have physical communication. In intimate relationships that is a bit closer. Without that though, we still do have a level of physical communication when we lay hands on someone.

Those communications all have different effects and I will get back to them shortly.

## **You Act Like Your Spiritual Parent**

As you make contact with a person spirit to spirit, spiritual DNA begins to get passed down. And you often begin to act like that person automatically. This is in fact normal.

Do you remember when Jesus upset the Pharisees? They said to Him,

"Abraham is our father!"

He turned to them and said,

“If Abraham was your father you would act like him.”

He said that, because that is what children do. They act like their parents. Why? Because they pick up a spiritual DNA from their parents. It's natural, normal and it happens automatically.

So for you to say, “This person is my father,” but you don't act like them, you are not telling the truth. That person is not your father. If that person is your spiritual father, his or her DNA will be seen in you.

You might say, “So you are saying that a woman can be a spiritual father?”

We will get to that. The important thing is that spiritual DNA has an effect on you.

As we communicate spirit to spirit, there comes an interaction in the spirit and a conception takes place. The same thing happens in the soul and in the body. We will look at this more shortly.

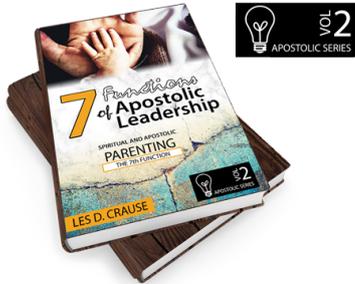
None of these things happen automatically if you don't receive them. You have a choice. Nobody can impose their will on you and nobody can force their DNA on you. They can offer it freely and they can communicate it outwards. However it is up to you to say,

“I want that. I value it, I'm receiving it and I'm taking it.”

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