

# School of Prayer—Confession—Part 1: Conviction

## Introduction:

- First step of confession is to respond to conviction
- When we are exposed to Light and Truth, without heart defenses, we see clearly, and are made aware of discrepancies between His character and our character (Isaiah 6 moment)

## Conviction: Work of the Holy Spirit

- Scriptures bear witness
- Pay attention to way the Holy Spirit has chosen to speak to you and impart His ways

## Convict Concerning Sin—Righteousness—Judgment

**What it isn't:** a guilty conscience—sense of shame—dread of divine judgment—a knowledge of right and wrong—mental assent.

- **Romans 3:23**

**Conviction of sin**—elencho—to convince someone of the truth—to reprove—the Holy Spirit exposes evil and reproves our heart—convincing us of the need of salvation. We begin to hate evil when we are exposed to the truth, beauty and goodness of God. Holy Spirit opens our eyes to see sin and our heart to receive grace.

**Sins of omission:** a sin of omission is a sin committed by willingly not performing a certain action; failing to do as instructed. (James 4:17—Luke 6:46)

**Sin of commission:** sin resulting from action performed; willful action violating God's commands (Humanity's first sin was—commission)

## Conviction of Righteousness

-Because He goes to the Father—and we are no longer face to face.

-He wants us to be Holy/as He is Holy

-If we are His Habitation—do we reflect His Presence?

## Conviction of Judgment

- What if its not about losing your salvation—but forfeiting your destiny/reward
- Sin has been judged in Christ—but we will give an account of our stewardship
  - **Jude 1:15**—execute judgment upon all—convict ungodly of ungodly deeds/ ungodly way/ungodly words
  - **Romans 8:1, Romans 14:12, II Corinthians 5:10**

## Difference between conviction and condemnation:

**Condemnation:** accuses us before god—to cause us to view our problem without a means for solution. Designed to shame/separate; focus is on the problem.

**Conviction:** A godly sorrow with ability to turn our hearts toward repentance; conviction leads us to life-and away from evil. (Isaiah 30:18)

- **How do we interrupt conviction before it leads to repentance?**
- **What is the ultimate fruit of conviction? (II Corinthians 7:9-11)**

**I Corinthians 14:24**

**I Thessalonians 1:5**

**II Timothy 4:2**