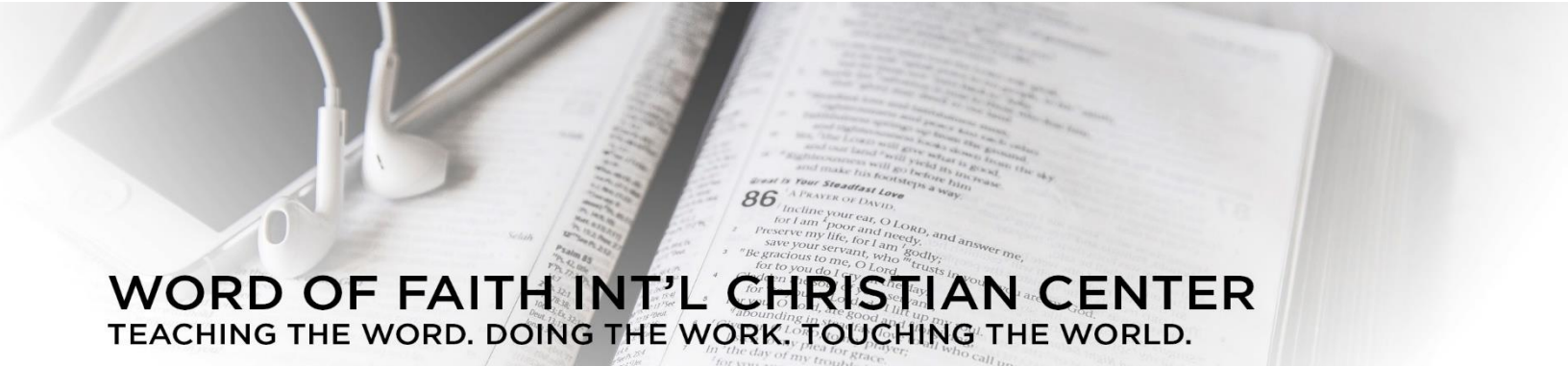




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How Things Work, Part 1

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Introduction Summary

There are six laws that govern how things work in this earth. In this study, we will look at three of them, the law of sowing and reaping, the law of liberty and the law of love. Understanding these will help you know what to do when challenges arise.

Text: Jer. 3:15

- I. It's valuable to know how a thing works so you can fix it when it breaks down.
- II. A minister does his listeners a disservice to teach that God is their problem and that a person can receive the good promises of God without doing anything.
- III. A law is called a law because it works every time, no matter what you think about it.
 - A. The Greek word for law is *nomos*, meaning a *principle* or *regulation*.
 - B. There is natural law and spiritual law (laws from God).
 - C. We're not referring to the ten commandments.
 - D. God's laws supersede any other type of law.
- IV. There is a difference between the Old Testament (OT) and the New Testament (NT).
 - A. The NT completes the OT. The OT is used to warn Christians (1 Cor. 10:11).
 - B. In the OT God's people did not have the Spirit of God in them.
 - C. In the NT, Christians have God's Spirit dwelling in them (2 Cor. 5:17).
- V. Anything directed to us today will be found in both the OT and NT.
 - A. The sabbath day is found in both the OT and NT (Exo. 20:8; Col. 2:15-16). Since Jesus defeated satan, no man places one day above another.
 - B. Tithing: Abraham gave tithes to Melchizedek (Mal. 3:8-10; Heb. 7:8).
- VI. In the OT Israel had poverty, sickness and death when they became a "woke" society.
- VII. God gave them the law so they would know what is sin (Rom. 3:20).
 - A. God gave pastors to give information and comprehension (Jer. 3:15).
 - B. When I took pilot's lessons, they wanted us to learn everything about the aircraft to equip us to "*work*" a problem that may occur.
 - C. The law of Moses was given *until* the seed would come (Gal. 3:19).
 1. God spoke of Abraham's seed (Gen. 22:16-18; 2 Cor. 4:4).
 2. Jesus is the seed (Gal. 3:16).

- VIII. You should spend most of your Bible study time in the NT (in Christ, in Whom, in Him).
- A. The OT didn't make man righteous.
 - B. The NT completed the job and made man righteous (Gal. 3:23-29).
 - C. The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the line of demarcation between the OT and NT.
- IX. There are six laws/commands that describe how things work. Here are three of them.
- A. The earth works by the law of sowing and reaping good or bad seed (Gal. 6:7).
 1. You can plant a seed that won't spring up until 30 years later.
 2. Some seed you sow will spring up in nine months, like pregnancy.
 - a. The male sows the seed, the female bears the child (Gen. 1:26-28).
 - b. There are no hybrids; A man has never and will never have a baby.
 - c. God's power is available to bring a person's life in line with Scripture.
 - d. That law produces on both the negative and positive sides.
 3. Everything that happens in your life is the result of a decision you made.
 - a. Being angry led me to make a wrong decision (Pro. 3:5).
 - b. The Word will save you when you act on it (Jam. 1:21-22).
 - c. You can go along thinking all is well. Then something will go wrong and you will wonder why, if you never act on the Word (Jam. 1:23).
 - d. A man walks away not knowing the fine details (Jam. 1:23-25).
 - B. There is the law of liberty, the Word (Jam. 1:25). It's the (perfect) **master law**.
 1. The word *liberty* means *freedom*. It's the totality of the Word.
 2. All the other laws are attached to the Word and flow from the law of liberty.
 3. The Word works to set you free every time in every way (Rom. 1:16).
 - C. There is the royal law (James 2:8).
 1. It's also known as the law of love.
 2. Another name for it is the *law of Christ* – the anointing (Gal 6:2).
 3. As you *continue* in the law of liberty—**the master law**, you learn the fine details, and you will be blessed in what you do (Jam. 1:25).
 4. You can look into the law of liberty and not walk in the fulness of it.
 5. None of the laws work without the law of liberty and the law of love.
- X. The perfect law of liberty is the Word of God. Knowing the parable of the sower in Mark 4:14-20 helps you apply the Word, the law of liberty, when trouble comes. Here, we see five ways satan tries to get Christians to doubt.
- A. Affliction: This refers to horrific circumstances.
 - B. Persecution: This is pressure brought against you from weak minded people.
 - C. Cares of this world: When the hard strategy doesn't work, satan will go soft and try to *distract* you.
 - D. Deceitfulness of riches: This is chasing riches in place of the Word (Hag. 1:6).
 - E. Lust of other things: This is anything else you feel you must have besides God.

Closing summary

Understanding God's laws helps you to enjoy a life of victory. Giving attention to these laws will give you a strong foundation upon which to build your faith in God's Word.