

C. Conviction and Altar Calls

Reflection: Are you able to know when the Spirit is convicting you of something that needs to be brought before God? Have you made it a consistent practice to read the Bible and when something is pointed out to you to allow the Lord to deal with it then?

Follow UP in the Word through the Week...

Monday: John 3:19-21. What is the context of these words spoken by Jesus? Who was Jesus speaking to? What is the Light in these verses and how has that had an effect on your life?

Tuesday: 2 Timothy 4:1-5. Timothy is instructed to “rebuke and reprove” in his preaching of the Word. What has been your response to the Word being preached and presented to you in this way?

Wednesday: Titus 1:7-9. Overseers in the church are given as part of their duties to rebuke or reprove as well. What is the context and content of that rebuke? How would you respond to this?

Thursday: Hebrews 12:5-6. What do we learn about the Father and His discipline here? What do we learn about the value of discipline in our lives and its importance in others lives as well?

Friday: James 2:8-9. What are we “convicted” of in this passage and what are the circumstances surrounding it?

Saturday: Revelation 3:14-22. Pay close attention to verses 19-21. While Jesus is especially hard on the church of Laodicea, what do you notice about His invitation to them in verses 19-21? What does He say about Himself and how can that impact your life with Jesus?

John 16:1-8 **When You Live with Conviction**

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- A. “Prove the World Wrong about Sin”

“The gospel of Jesus Christ must be the bad news of the conviction of sin before it can be the Good News of redemption. The truth is revealed in God’s Holy Word; life can be lived only in absolute and disciplined submission to its authority.” Charles Colson

“Conviction is the work of the Spirit in which one grows in awareness of one’s lost condition. Through convicting grace the Spirit works to awaken the realization of how deeply one is personally trapped in intergenerational patterns of sin, unable to break free.”

Thomas Oden, *Life in the Spirit*

“And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be **exposed**. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.” -John 3:19-21 ESV

“But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is **convicted** by all, he is called to account by all, the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.” -1 Corinthians 14:24-25 ESV

“But when anything is **exposed** by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.” -Ephesians 5:13-16 ESV

“We can distinguish the good from evil because we have a moral sense bred into us. This is what Paul meant when he said humans both obey God's law and know themselves in violation of it by virtue of the law “written on their hearts” (Romans 2:15). Remember, we accept that the conscience is written on the heart not because the Bible makes it so by saying it, but because the Bible reports that God made humans this way. Human experience teaches that there has been from the beginning of time a moral law that all people and all cultures can know.”

Charles W. Colson, [The Faith: What Christians Believe, Why They Believe It, and Why It Matters](#)

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.” -Psalm 51:10-12 ESV

B. A Continual Work

“During the entire time that sanctifying grace is continuing to work-throughout life-the believer is daily called upon to confess, repent, and pray for forgiveness.” Thomas Oden, *Life in the Spirit*

“As for those who persist in sin, **rebuke** them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear.” -1 Timothy 5:20 ESV

“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; **reprove**, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. But as for

you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.” -2 Timothy 4:1-5 ESV

“For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to **rebuke** those who contradict it.” -Titus 1:7-9 ESV

“Training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Declare these things; exhort and **rebuke** with all authority. Let no one disregard you.” -Titus 2:12-15 ESV

“And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when **reproved** by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” -Hebrews 12:5-6 ESV

“If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are **convicted** by the law as transgressors.” James 2:8-9 ESV

“Those whom I love, I **reprove** and discipline, so be zealous and repent.” Revelation 3:19 ESV

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.” Revelation 3:20-21 ESV