

The New Testament Church
Mentoring More in 2024 – Session 2 – You are His Workmanship
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I Learning begins in the heart of the Individual – and this is the heart of mentoring (discipleship)

A. Teaching and Learning in the Home and Church

1. Ephesians 6:1-4 – in the home
 - a. Coaching – *paidea* – to come alongside
 - b. Admonishing – *noutheteau* – adjust, correct with meekness
2. Matthew 28:18-20 – in the church
 - a. Enrolling as a pupil
 - b. Accepting admonishment from God (often through people)

B. How we receive Truth – Romans 12:2

1. Maintain a humble heart - observation
2. Receive the engrafted Word – meditation (rolling it around in our minds)
3. Practice its truths (Romans 6) – obedience (putting it into action)

II Where do we begin? – one of the first steps is knowing we are owned by God

A. God created each individual – Genesis 2:9

1. Our spirit is created to have a relationship with our Creator
2. Our soul is our personality – mind, will, emotion – uniting invisible and visible
3. Our body is made from the dust of the ground – it is marred by sin
 - a. Romans 12:1 - We are to give our bodies to our souls and spirits to serve the Lord – *that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.* – Our bodies are to be our servants, yet marred by sin
 - b. 1st Cor. 3:16 – *Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?* (the context and Greek word for “you” is plural – corporate)
 - c. 2nd Corinthians 6:19 – *... do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?* (the context and Greek word here is singular)

B. What difference does it make when we know we are God’s property?

1. Ephesians 2:1-10 – *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*
 - a. From the foundation of the world, God predestined our calling (our spirit and soul)
 - b. Our works (fruit from what Christ does in us) come *after* – His workmanship
2. The great philosopher John Locke put it this way in 1689:
For Men being all the Workmanship of one Omnipotent, and infinitely wise Maker; All the Servants of one Sovereign Master, sent into the World by his order and about his business, they are his Property, whose Workmanship they are, made to last during his, not one anothers Pleasure.
3. If our spirit, soul and body are His property, and we are to steward them by first giving them consciously to the Lord each day, we must also make a distinction that our bodies may not always function as intended, but we will remain content (Keep my mind)
4. Ponder this song, *I am not My Own*, written by Sky Peterson (see video clip), and arranged by Keith and Kristyn Getty – it is a song for this year of mentoring!