

Complexes

"And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know. But if any man love God, the same is known of him" (I Corinthians 8:2-3).

Listen what the Prophet of God Bro. Branham said about it:

Men just educate themselves till **they educate themselves away from one another. They get complexes that, "I'm a little bigger than somebody else, little better than somebody else, and know a little more than somebody else."** (*Rom. 12:16*). **You don't get no complex by the Blood of Jesus Christ; you get love. You get love, not a complex.** You just got your arms around everybody, and it's a **basis of love through the Blood** (*Rom. 5:5-9; I John 1:7-10*). The Blood cleanses. [1]

There's another little **door called pride**. Oh, what horrible, little black devils are all pinned up in that heart of pride, **thinking you're better than somebody else** (*I Cor. 8:1-3*). "Well, I wouldn't send my children over there. They don't dress right. The people who go there isn't in my class." **If Christ is Lord in your heart, we're all one class, because of one Spirit we're all baptized into one Body** (*I Cor. 12:13*).

Pride, feels just a little complex you have. Oh, you don't want Jesus to touch that because it would degrade your social standing in the community. I'd rather degrade my social standing in the community than to rub my name off of the Lamb's Book of Life. But they won't let Him in. That little pride holds Him out. [2]

Then when **we feel that we're somebody, that's when we're nothing.** (*Matt. 19:1-10*). [3]

Friends of mine they had twins and another girl, making three children. And the twins were staunch Christians. **One little girl, going to school, she got a complex.** The girls tell her, "Well, why don't you smoke like we do? You think you're better than we are? Why don't you go to dances?" Now, they didn't go to dances, nor neither did they smoke or drink. **And they made fun of...** The healthier girl, she said, "Humph, let them jump in the river. **I'm the one serving Christ.** They don't want to, let them go ahead."

But the other one, she begin to think, "Oh, maybe I could do something." (*II Tim. 2:7-8; II Cor. 10:3-5*). **And she built a complex, got nervous. She went insane.** They had her in an institution two years. And so, they were trying to doctor her, by give her all kinds of stuff and treatments and everything. It didn't work right.

Then I visited her in the institution and kept talking to her. Oh, but the grace of God... Just in a few minutes the **Holy Spirit began to move in**. He said, "Margaret, you don't know me, but all your life, since you've been big enough to know about boys, you always had in your mind you were going to marry a preacher." And she started to smile. That caught. And I've seen the Holy Spirit had it. And then I said, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, it's over." [4]

Someone asked: *I am saved and have been baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, but how do I get away from a stubborn spirit that I can't seem to break away from?*

Well, my Christian brother or sister, whoever it may be, now, most times when you find **people that's got stubborn spirits, it's usually a complex that causes this, either they have inherited it from a mother, father, uncle, aunt, or grandmother, grandfather, somebody like that**. And the first thing you know, I'd chase that spirit right back by discernment and find that there was a **granddaddy**, there was a grandmother, there was somebody else back down there, **and you inherit that by nature**.

Stubbornness is not of God. And now, **the only way to get away from that is you have to have faith to overcome that, that's if you are a Christian (Gal. 2:19-20)**. You are a son or daughter of God, whichever you may be, **and you will never be able just to stand and rebuke it and rebuke it and rebuke it**. It's just like tantalizing a rattlesnake; he's laying there ready to bite you. **If you will just ignore him and walk away from him, he can't hurt you**.

So when you feel that you got a stubborn spirit, lay the thing on the altar, and believe God that the thing is dead and you will never have it no more, and go on and don't even pay any attention to it no more, and the thing will leave you. Resist the devil and he will flee from you (I Peter 5:6-9); that's "get away quickly." So that would be my advice how to overcome it. **We overcome the devil by faith (I John 5:4). That's what we overcome all evil, is by faith.** [5]

And many times we **hit little strains**, and I know you do, too, and **little disappointments**. But think of them I have, **the disappointments I have**, when sick mothers on the phone, saying, "'O God...' 'Lord Jesus, I pray that You'll send him.'" And just hung up the phone from another one, and here, and here, and here, and all around the world. You know how it is. And that's not easy when somebody on the end of the phone, with a sick baby, or sick husband, or dying wife, praying for you to come. Now, you can imagine.

No wonder I'm a neurotic. It's enough to make one. **But I have done this one thing, instead of getting a complex. I've tried to hold steady, by keeping my eyes on Calvary and moving on, just as He would have me to do (Psalm 16:8-9). And many of my mistakes, I pray that God will forgive**

me of things, that maybe I should have went one place and didn't go. I'm just human, and **subject to mistakes** (*Gal. 6:1-3; I John 1:8-10*). [6]

You know, usually people build up that kind of a complex, you know, just on hearing something (*II Tim. 2:23-26*). [7]

Here recently **I was going to just quit preaching. The people wouldn't hear me. They just kept on doing the same thing, and I got discouraged. I built a complex.** O God! [8]

I let the sick lay. **I want the Lord to tell me where to go and not to. That's wrong. I had built myself a complex, because the people didn't hear my Message.** And God forbid that I'll try to compare the life of now like Moses, but it's exactly what Moses did. **The people wouldn't listen to him when he come to deliver them** (*Exod. 4:1-17; 2:11-15*), so he just left them alone and went into the wilderness, but God turned him around. **And he had long forgotten the suffering people.**

Will you do this one **favor for me now**, you brethren? Pray that God will place into my heart that something **that I lost out there in that complex. It's so easy to build a complex.**

I had an interview the other day with my Brother Way, standing here in front. A good man, **but built himself around a complex, another kind of a complex**, did the same thing. Brother Way, you can so easily do it; **it's you just get a little something in your mind, keep thinking that way.** Go back and check it with the Scripture, and see if it's right or not, and then go from there on. Yeah. **Don't lose the feeling of the people.** See? You must remember they're not made out of sawdust. **They are flesh and blood, human beings and a soul.** [9]

And this morning, when making my confession of having complex, I referred to Brother Way also as having a complex, **which is certainly normal among all people**, and at a moment after that, Brother Way was stricken in a heart attack and dropped dead in the floor. And God had called back his life to him again. So I say that in honor of Jesus Christ, who it is the same God.

This morning I had preached at length, way over my time, and tired and worn. And there could be two things. He either got tired, **or when I spoke of having a complex**, not just to mess my brother up, as we'd say it. **I was making my confession of having complex.** And I guess if I'd ask, in this audience of people, **"How many in here knows you have complex?" practically every hand would go up.** [10]

If you want to get somewhere with God, never let an arrogant spirit ever come around you. Don't let no malice come in. No matter what anybody does, if they are wrong, **don't you never build up a complex**

against that person. See? You be sweet and kind. Remember, God loved you when you were in sin. And **if the Spirit of God is in you, you love the other person when he's in wrong** (*Matt. 5:43-48*). See, just pray for them, and love one another.

Above everything, love God (*Matt. 23:34-40*) **and love one another** (*John 13:34-35*). **And be humble with God and around one another**, and God will bless us, and it's hard telling what He will do (*I Peter 5:5-7*). Usually when a church begins to get in numbers and get to getting a little bigger, or something like that, then they get away from that real thing, **the real thing.** [11]

Another question: *If the case may be that the devil is placing thoughts in your mind about a certain thing, how may it be overcome or got rid of?*

Take the very vice versa from it. If the devil makes you think that you are... If you know you're a Christian, and he tries to make you think you're not a Christian, just take the versa, say, "I am a Christian." As long as your experience matches in God's Word say, "I'm a Christian." Anything else, the same way.

God grant you overcoming, ever who you are. May your thoughts just go right back the other side and say, "I am a Christian; **I am a believer. Satan, you have no hold on me.**"

When a person realizes **he has an inferior complex, or some sort of complex,** how may he overcome this? Should it be if he was the only child caused this in his early youth?

Take exactly the opposite. If you're always wanting your way, and that one little brat that wants to always have everything your way, turn right back around and give everything you got the other way. **If you're selfish and you want to hold everything, then start giving away what you got. See? Do whatever--just go the vice versa. That's the way to overcome anything is an antidote.** [12] God bless you!

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- [2] "I Stand At The Door And Knock" (57-1208), par. E-24-25
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- [5] "God Being Misunderstood" (61-0723E), Q-No. 137, par. 46-48
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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]