

A Parable of Car Maintenance

- Oil **lubricates** the engine
- Fuel gives the **power** to run the engine
- Battery gives **starter** the power to start the car
- Electricity gives the **spark** to ignite the fuel
- Radiator and Antifreeze **cools** the engine
- Tires create **traction** needed to stay on the road
- Brakes create the **friction** to stop the car.

Elements Needed

- Without **lubrication** an engine will seize up
- Without **fuel** the engine has no power
- Without a **battery** the engine won't start
- Without **electricity** (coil) fuel can't ignite
- Without **coolant** an engine will overheat
- Without **traction** car will slide off road.
- Without **friction** we can't stop the car.
- We can praise and thank God that we can take dominion over all of these things to have cars, trucks, airplanes, trains, and boats.
- God created the physics and chemistry to do it all.

The Material into the Spiritual

- Everything we have just described that brings dominion in the material domain
- Will also bring dominion in our spiritual and emotional domain.
- There are areas of our heart and soul that need:
 - Lubrication
 - Power
 - Cooling
 - Traction and Friction
- Just as the material creation supplies us with them so also the Scriptures supply them for the spiritual

Physics & Chemistry

● Friction & Traction

- Tires, Brakes, Shoe Soles,
- Rubber; Metal & Ceramics

● Lubrication

- Engine, Hard Drive; Transmission, Door Hinges,
- Oil, Graphite

In Our Image & Likeness

● Friction & Traction

- Zeal, conviction, Diligence, Commitment, Contending Earnestly, Fighting the good Fight, Holding to the Truth.

● Lubrication

- Compassion, Mercy, Love, Pity, sympathy, patience, endurance, forgiveness

● **When Sin entered the World Problems Arose**

- Don't want lubrication if we need traction.
- We don't want zeal, contending when we need mercy to a repentant sinner.

Friction Needing Lubrication

- Bitterness
- Anger
- Impatience
- Frustration
- Cynicism
- Indifference
- Distrust
- Pessimism
- Apathy
- Callousness
- Insensitive

The Heat and Friction of Emotions Gone Awry

Spiritual & Emotional Friction

- *enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying Gal 5:19*
- *full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; Rom 1:28-32*

Spiritual & Emotional Friction

- *a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, and constant friction between men of depraved mind 1 Tim 6:3-5*
- *For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. Titus 3:3*

In the Image of God- Lubrication

- Compassion
- Mercy
- Love
- Sympathy
- Compromise
- Kindness
- Meekness
- Forgiveness
- Forbearance

**Calming, Soothing, Peaceful, Leading to
Reconciliation**

Spiritual & Emotional Lubrication

- *Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Mt 11:28-30*
- Obedience to the gospel will give lubrication and soothing where it is needed and it will also bring friction and traction of faith and conviction where needed.

Spiritual & Emotional Lubrication

- *Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering; 13 forbearing one another, and forgiving each other, if any man have a complaint against any; even as the Lord forgave you, so also do ye: 14 and above all these things (put on) love, which is the bond of perfectness. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body; and be ye thankful. Col 3:12-15*

The Balance of Friction and Lubrication

- *Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and railing, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you. Eph 4:31-32*

In the Image God - Friction

- Zeal
- Godly Sorrow
- Repentance
- Godly Fear
- Love for Truth
- Devotion
- Godliness

**The Heat and Friction of leading to
Steadfastness and Faithfulness**

Proper Spiritual Maintenance

- *But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 2 Peter 1:5-8*
- *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 meekness, self-control; against such there is no law. 24 And they that are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts thereof. Gal 5:22-24*

Friction of Guilt Lubrication of Forgiveness

- *When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. 4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah 5 I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah 6 For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely in a flood of great waters they shall not come near him. Ps 32:3-6*

The Traction of God'

- The traction that led back to God
- *Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"*
Acts 2:37
- The traction that led to destruction
- *When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth.*
Acts 7:54-55

- Each sermon designed to create friction / lubrication.
- reproved, rebuked and exhorted, our response leads to peace and contentment or to guilt and frustration.
- Our good decisions are like adding oil while our rebellion adds sand.
- The emotions of submission, contrition, repentance, confession and forgiveness soothe and calm the heart.
- The emotions of guilt, wrath, rebellion, and bitterness cause great stress and unhappiness.
- Only faith and submission lead to peace and harmony in our relationship with God.

