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One Significant Lesson I Learned from the Course

Lessons come in many forms. There are those lessons that are direct and to the point, and there are those that may be implied or indirectly grasped and realized through purposeful in-depth self-reflection in introspection. There was not a significant lesson I learned in the sense that gained something new in my spiritual toolbox, but there was a vital lesson learned in the way of experiencing this truth be reinforced throughout this class. God the Holy Spirit continually reinforces my desperate need of him to cause me to understand and keep me in the way of his Truth. Even as I am unable to initiate the process of salvation through my fallen will or bring myself into a saving knowledge of the truth, even so, I am unable to keep myself saved through my will, power, and might. Subsequently, I am also unable to guard my mind against error without the Holy Spirit's divine enablement.

Jesus said in the latter part of John 15:5 that without him we can do nothing. I stand exposed continually experiencing this reality. I must frequently call upon the Lord to cause me to hold fast what I have been given to understand of the Word of God in the face of opposing viewpoints. I am not to be committed to this principle regardless of what I hear, but I am to yield to the truth of the Bible when I am given to see that it is present. Nonetheless, I am mindful that I am not to receive an alleged truth of Scripture as truth if it contradicts other established Scriptural truth. I am conscious that I am not equipped to do this of my own. I am grateful to the Spirit of Truth for reminding me of my need for his gracious keeping power.