



In His incarnation, Christ Jesus preached and taught about the Kingdom of God.
IT WAS THE GOOD NEWS HE BROUGHT! ... Because it was what God intended for His people from the very beginning.

Lord Jesus our King and High Priest sacrificed His life that we might come into His kingdom and know of its **marvels and wonders** ... its **abundance and power** ... it's **peace and joy** ... it's **truth and it's way** of life.

The words of Christ, the Good Shepherd – Luke 12:32 ...

Matt. 6:33 - Our priority is to seek after the government and rule of God in our lives
...



"No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:62

Migrating Into The Kingdom of God

“My kingdom is not of this world.” ~ Jesus (John 18:36)



“They are not of the world just as I am not of the world.”

Jesus (John 17:16)

MIGRATE: move from one habitat (environment) to another.

This migration is a group of people Lord Jesus called THE CHURCH...

(Today's church context incorrect) ...

- CHURCH – called out of a system of disorder into ORDER
- Out of one government structure into another ...
- out of dis-unity into common unity ...

2 Peter 1:4 - by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these **you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust**

(divine nature) HOLINESS is required to enter and experience the Kingdom Life ...

Heb. 12:14 - Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

(NO MAN EXPERIENCES THE KINGDOM AND THE PRESENCE OF GOD WITHOUT HOLINESS)

THE WORLD... a dark tiny, limited place ...

THE KINGDOM ... a bright and glorious place full with abundance & no lack

A SHIFT IN PARADIGMS – from one thinking system to another

WITH OUR IDENTITY BEING IN CHRIST...

1 John 2:6 - whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

(we are to live in the same way Christ lived in the earth)

**Let's look at what has been our PRIMARY HINDRENCE
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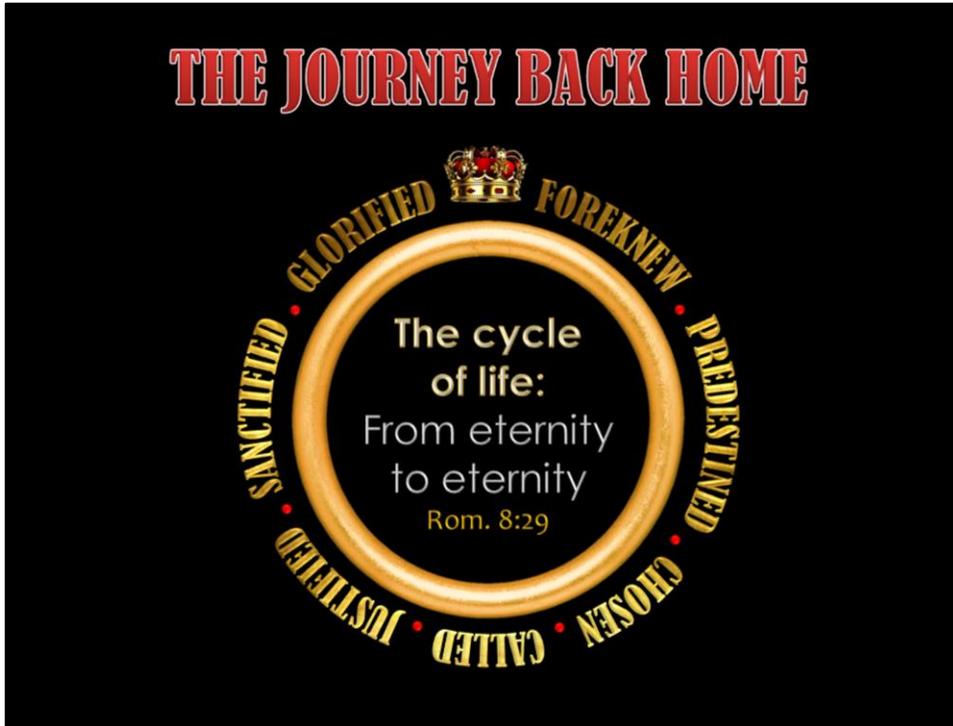
2 Timothy 3:1-5

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

2 Tim. 1:7 - For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

If ever there was a time in the history of the world to stand firm on the word of God ... it is NOW!

THE JOURNEY BACK HOME



Rom. 8:29 - For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Our Compass To Direct Our Journey



And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.

John 8:29

OUR ENTIRE JOURNEY DEPENDS ON THE KNOWLEDGE OF AND PARTICIPATION IN **OBEDIENCE.**

OBEDIENCE IS THE VERY ESSENCE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS...
... AND THE SECRET TO CONFORMING TO GOD'S WILL.

THE LIFE WE RECEIVED IN CHRIST ... IS A LIFE OF OBEDIENCE.

Remember that it is disobedience that reversed the flow of life and created this broken world.

Disobedience is the root of all sin and misery in life

With ABSOLUTE OBEDIENCE comes the fulfillment of all the promises of God.

Adopting The Kingdom's Perspective on Community

(Dismantling old mindsets & Constructing A Kingdom Mentality)

14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; 15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. 16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

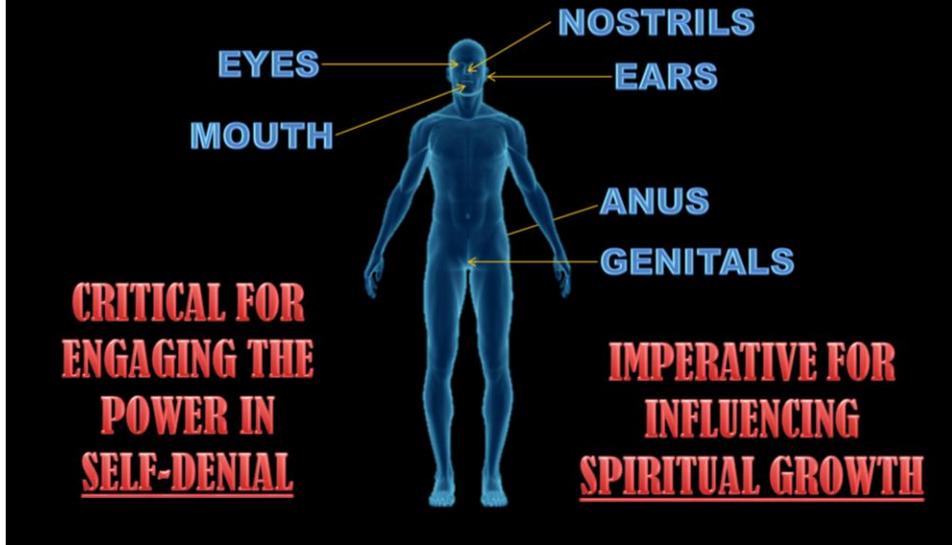
The love of Christ COMPELS US ... to judge according to the NEWNESS we gain from being IN CHRIST.

We know that we are in Christ when, we PRACTICE righteousness ... i.e...

... by applying TRUTH that glorifies God in the natural sphere of our lives ... THROUGH DISCIPLINE!

... and by applying TRUTH that glorifies God in the spiritual sphere of our lives ... THROUGH SACRIFICE.

Engaging The Process: Guarding The Gates of The Temple



The Temple of is Holy ...

EYES:

John 2:16 – The lust of the eyes ...

Psalm 19:8 - *The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.*

Eph. 1:18 - *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,*

Matt. 6:22-23 - *"The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness.*

EARS:

Mark 4:24 – Take heed how you hear ...

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. ~ **Prov. 4:23**
(NIV)

How do we guard our hearts?

Phil. 4:7 - and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your

hearts and minds **through Christ Jesus.**

SELF-DENIAL = THE POWER TO OVERCOME THE WORLD
THERE IS NO SPIRITUAL GROWTH WITHOUT SELF DENIAL!

HOW DOES ONE GET THAT DEPTH OF PEACE ...
... found only in Christ Jesus.

John 14:27 - ²⁷Peace I leave with you, **My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.** Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

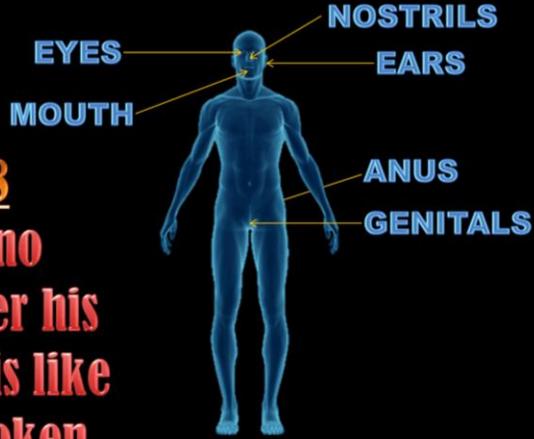
How does one come to that place of supernatural peace?
...NOT WITHOUT GUARDING THE GATES ...

Luke 9:23 - Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 14:27 - And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

GUARDING OUR GATES ... AS TO WHAT WE LET OURSELVES BE EXPOSED TO IS
PERHAPS **THE MOST IMPORTANT PRACTICE** WE CAN ENGAGE IN IN DAILY LIVING.

Guarding Your Temple Gates



Prov. 25:28

He that hath no rule (control) over his own spirit (Life) is like a city that is broken down and without walls (unprotected).

1 Cor. 9:27 - But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Being Led By The Spirit of God

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

1 Corinthians 2: 12-13 (NKJV)

Isaiah 28:10 – precept must be put upon precept and line upon line.

THIS IS HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES AND LEADS US ...

The holy spirit is the ONLY Teacher that knows the mind of God ...

1 Cor. 2:10 - ¹⁰But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

Romans 8:5 - ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set **their minds on** the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, **the things of the Spirit.**

SPIRITUAL THINGS ARE THE THINGS OF THE SIRT.

The things of the spirit are – THE WORD OF GOD (revealed by the spirit).

John 6:63 - *The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you--they are full of the Spirit and life.*

NOT JUST THE WORD OF GOD BUT THE MIND of God ... GOD's THINKING BEHIND HIS WORD...

When god gives us His Word ... He also gives us His thoughts about it...

There is NO other way to know God's thought behind a scripture except through revelation ... by the Holy Spirit.

WE CAN READ GOD'S WORD ... EVEN HEAR GOD'S VOICE ..

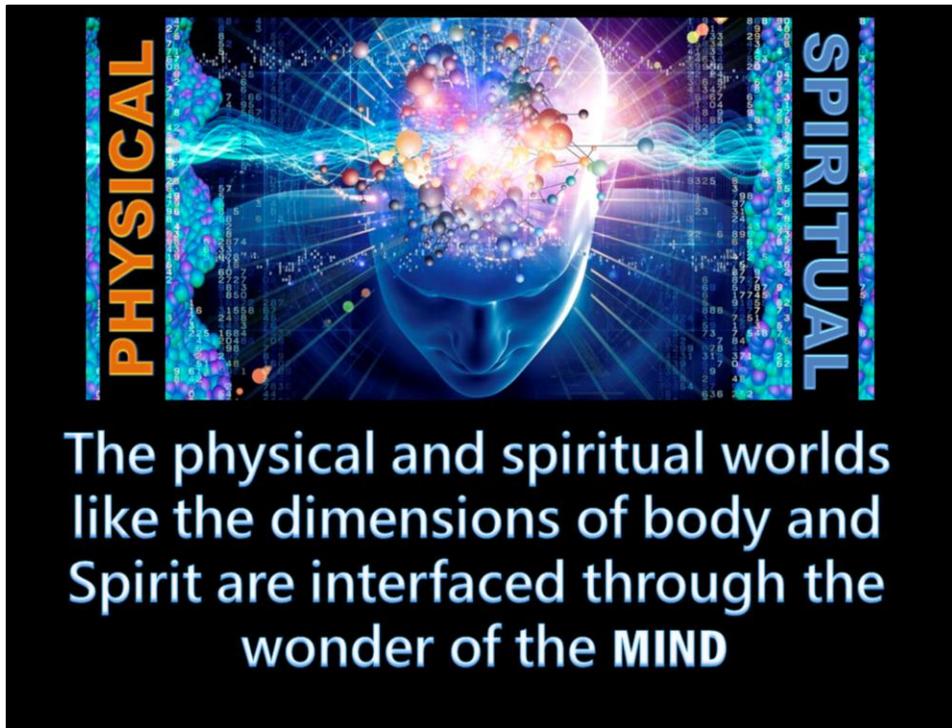
BUT IF OUR THINKING IS OF A CARNAL MIND ... WE CANNOT ARRIVE AT THE MEANING OF WHAT GOD IS ACTUALLY SAYING.

IF WE DO NOT HAVE THE INPUT OF THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT ...

... NO UNDERSTANDING THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES BY "COMPARING SPIRITUAL THINGS WITH SPIRITUAL THINGS" ...

... **THEN WE ARE LEFT ONLY TO INTERPRET BY THE WISDOM OF MEN.**

Lack of understanding of how the holy spirit teaches has left the BOC with all kinds of doctrine that has leant to its DIVISION...



Man is an embrace of two dimensions which makes up his two natures...

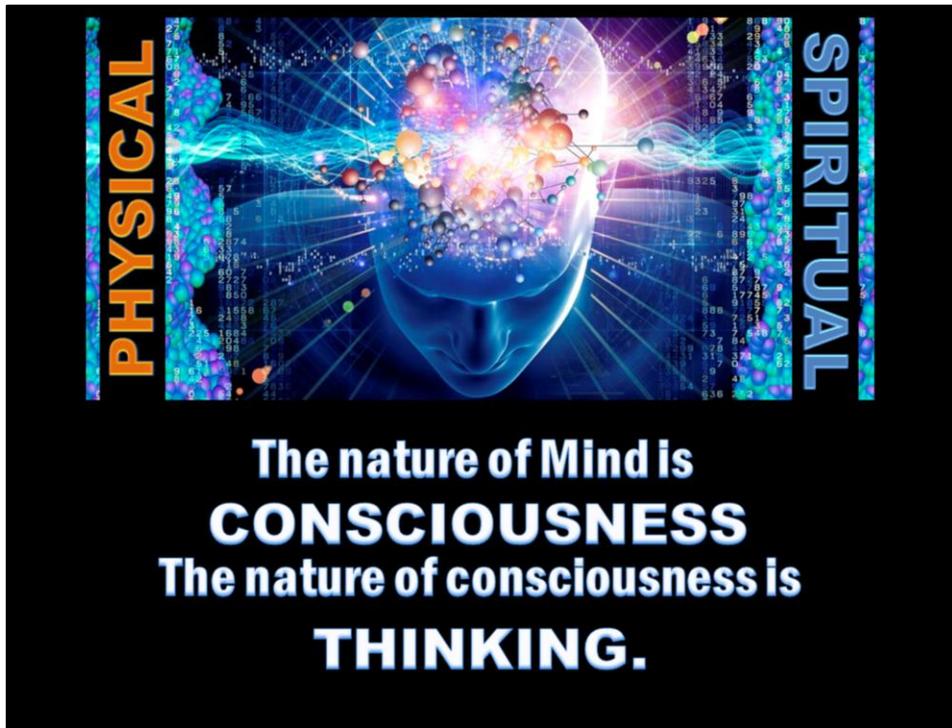
Therefore the MIND is what shapes all of life ...

The mind however is shaped by what comes through the gates of the body.

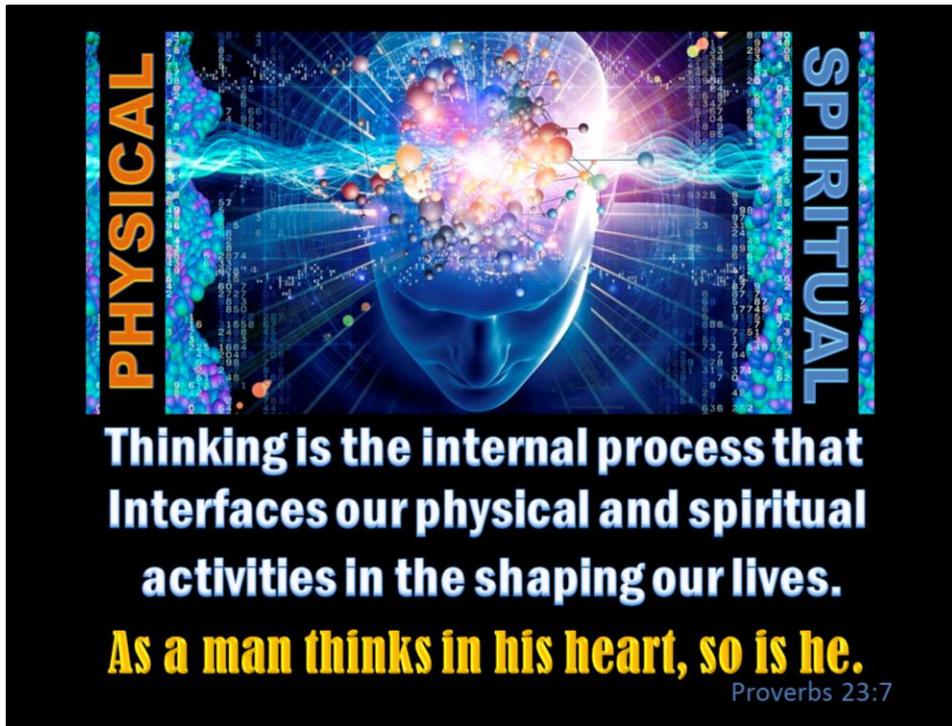
1 Tim. 6:5 - Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

Rom. 8:6 - For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

We have 2 minds... the goal of a successful and fruitful life is to have them function as ONE



Thinking is originally a spiritual process which became corrupted through division.

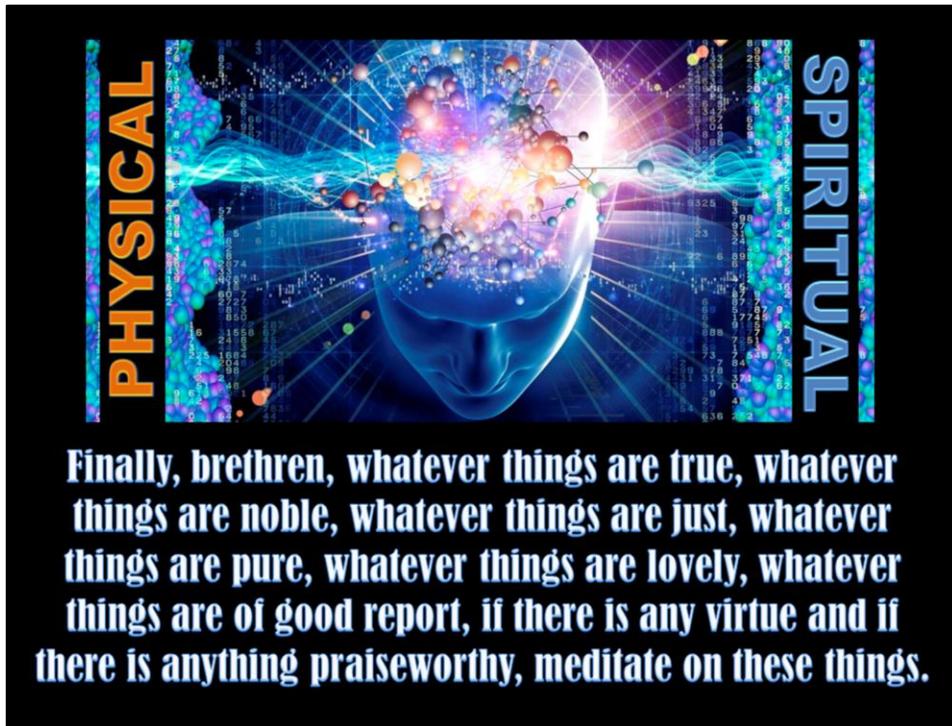


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- Process thoughts
- Imagine / fantasize / murmur / grumble / complain ...

Psalm 119:11 - we must hide Gods world in our heart ... that we will not sin.
(feed the world of God into our hearts ... to renew our minds)

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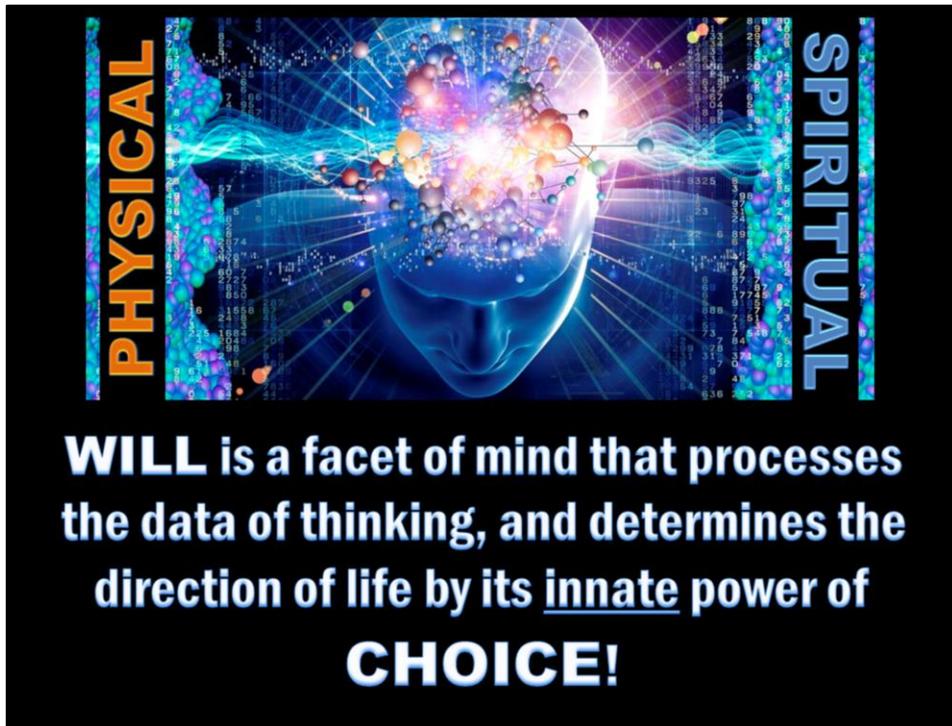


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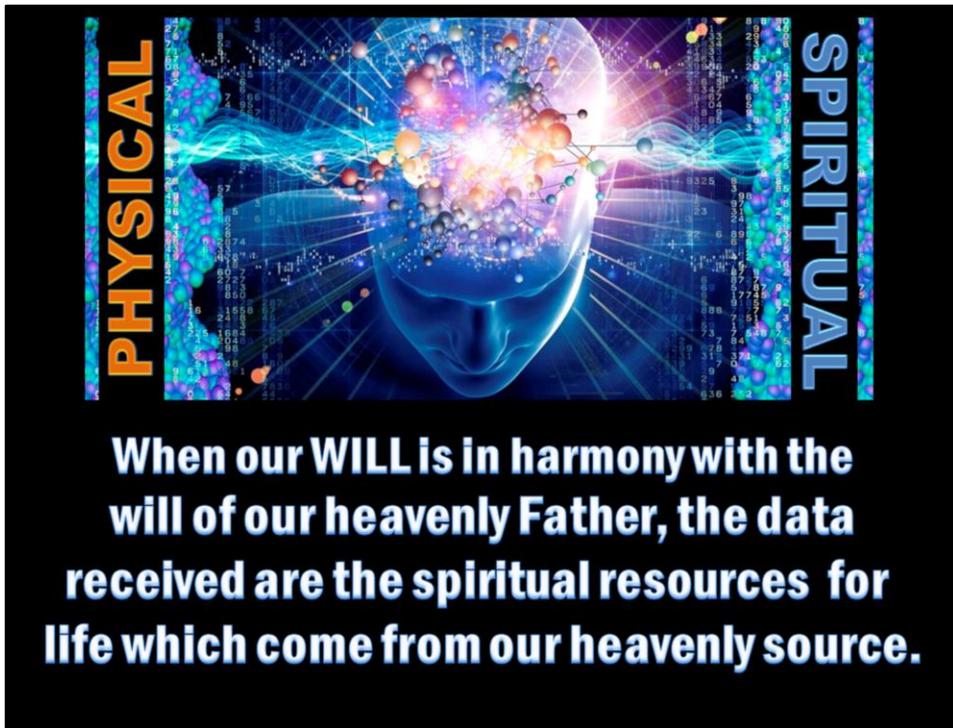
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Will is the power of the mind...

Will is the place of control in our life...

God administrates the affairs of His kingdom in the earth through our will...
(but it has to belong to Him ... not us)

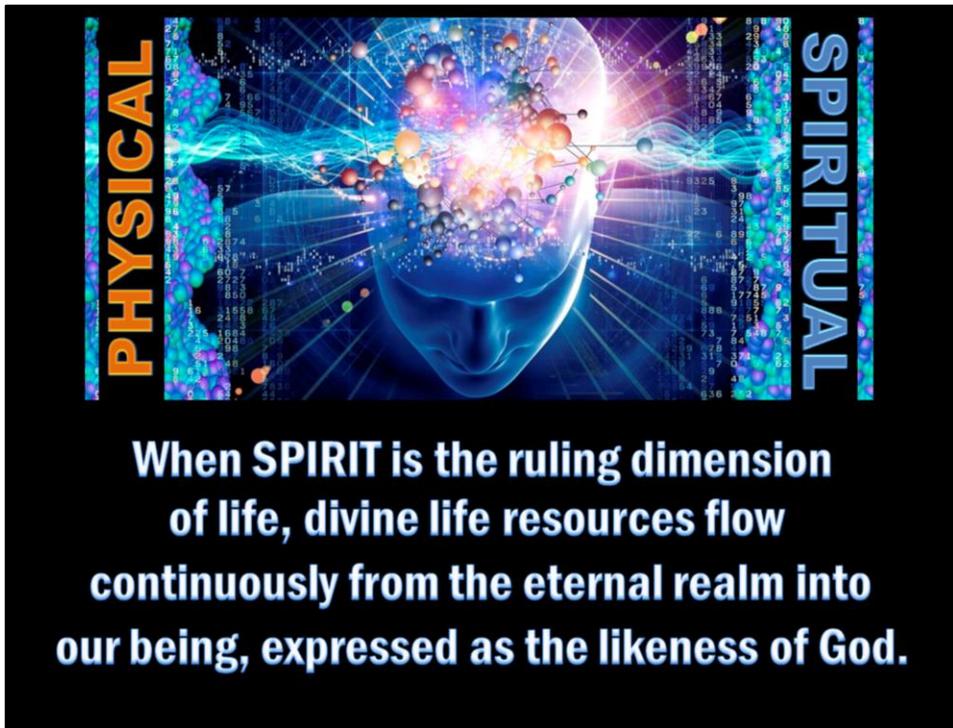


Our will becomes in line with the will of God when there is singleness of mind.

Once double mindedness exist, our will is under control by self (ego).



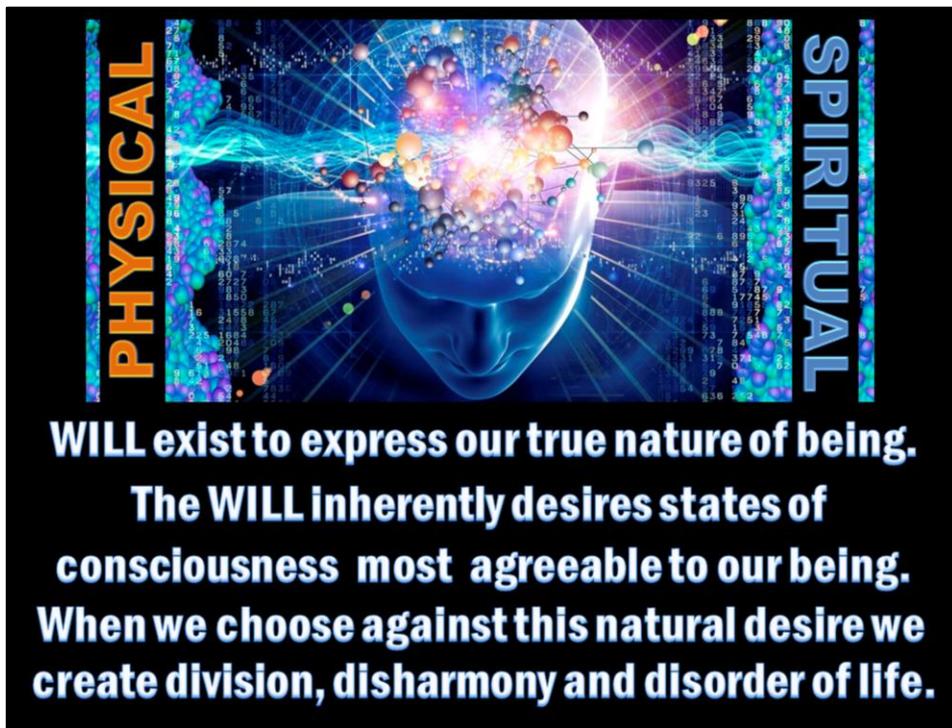
**Our WILL can only be in harmony with the
will of God, when SPIRIT is the
ruling dimension of life.**



Divine life elements are: **love**, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and **self-control**.



When our WILL is disharmonious with the will of God, the flow of divine resources are hindered. Man has no option but to receive life resources through physical source.

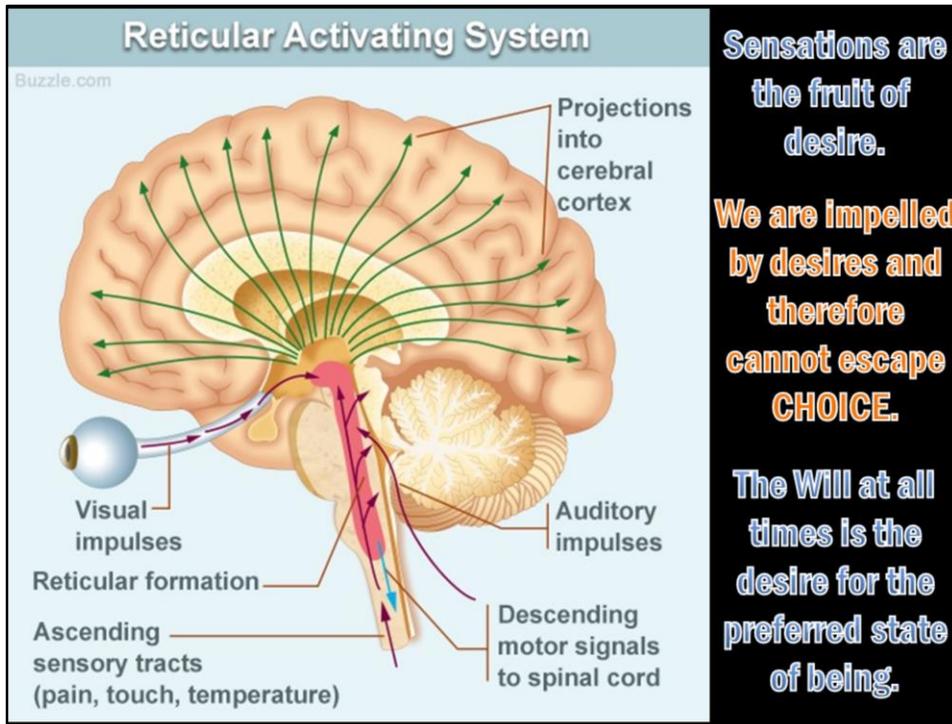


Will is ever striving to be. it is where the drives to BECOME happen.

The will at all times is desirous of its naturally preferred state of being

When we choose preferences contrary to the our natural (spiritual) preferences, we create a state of division, causing double-mindedness, which creates an unstable life.
– in all our ways ... unable to receive anything from God. (James 1:)

GOING BACK TO OUR MODEL AS IT RELATES TO ... **HAVING 2 MINDS...**



We have an inner eternal nature (spirit) and an outer temporal (physical) one.

The physical or natural nature responds to the external world by?? (5 senses)

The internal (Spirit) functions by?? (faith)

We relate to the outer world by the objective or CONSCIOUS mind. The brain is the organ of the conscious mind.

The cerebral spinal system of nerves is what puts us in conscious communication with every part of the body. (temple)

This system of nerves responds to every sensation of the 5 senses. (RAS)

Sensations are normal ... and very natural!

(click)

They are the fruit of desire.

FACT: Man naturally submits to functional desires or appetites in day to day living OR we cease to have a normal existence (Life).

NO ONE IS FREE FROM THESE URGES.

(click)

These desires are necessary because they bring about the coordinated activity of the WHOLE BEING.

Only those **INHERENT DRIVES** which cause sensation are realized as desires. Flesh and spirit have their own inherent (**naturally built-in**) drives that produce the desires of their nature.

Romans 8:5 - Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. (Gal. 5: 19-21) / (Matt. 15:19)

When the conscious mind thinks correctly based on God's truth, when thoughts sent through the cerebral spinal system are constructive and in harmony with divine law, SENSATIONS are pleasant and harmonious and allows us to harness our inner spiritual power.

It is therefore by WRONG THINKING, that we relate to all destructive forces in life that can bring about lack and limitation, sickness and disease and every other discord of life.

(Click) – the will at all times ...

i.e. – which rules our lives (flesh/spirit) determines our will. i.e – Our will is always for that which rules our lives.

The will naturally prefers that which is more agreeable to it.

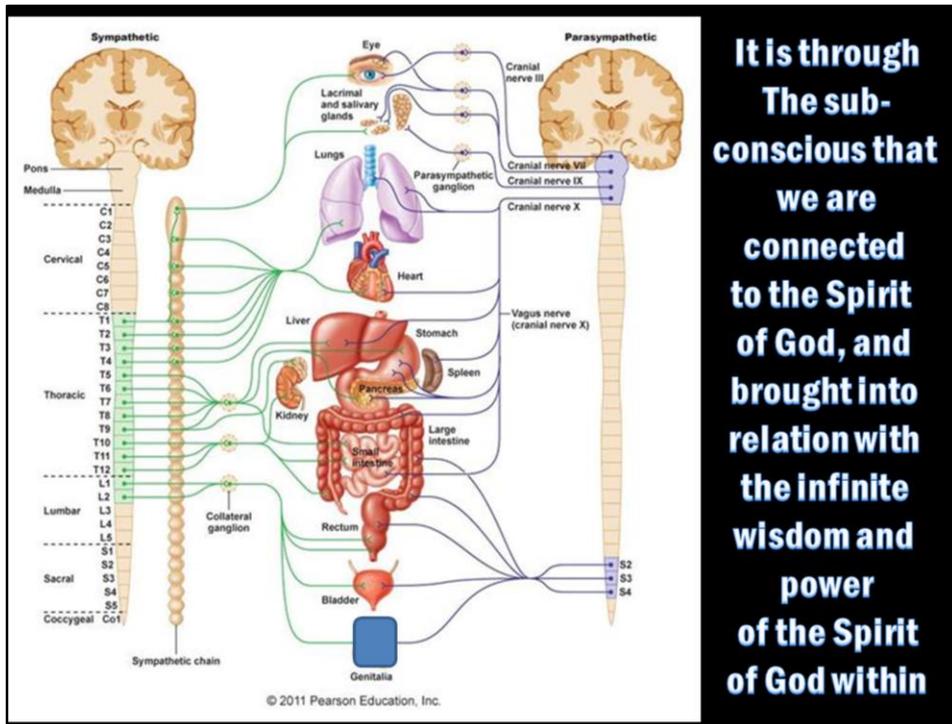
CHOICE: We must use the freedom to choose as a motivation to preserve the state of God-consciousness.

i.e. – the very possession of that power (choice) is our motivation to seek after the things of the spirit – to keep our minds set on things above and not on things of the earth. –

The power of CHOICE is to be our motivation to build and preserve our spiritual wellbeing. – THE GREATEST POWER GIVEN TO MAN ...

It ought to be a great incentive to keep our hearts on the Kingdom within! (had we no will to choose)and was left to just be blown like a leaf in the wind ... what would like be like?)

(Click for Next slide – spiritual/physical function)



We relate to the world within by our SUBCONSCIOUS mind. - The solar plexus is the organ of the subconscious mind.

The sympathetic system of nerves presides over all subconscious (subjective) sensations.
(love, joy, peace, fear, guilt shame) – respiration – imagination ... ALL subconscious phenomenon.

(CLICK) ... It is through the subconscious that we are connected to the Spirit (or will) of God, and brought into relation with the infinite wisdom and power of the Spirit of God within.

The subconscious mind is what the bible refers to the heart of MAN. Out of which flows the issues of life...

This is the origin or sickness and disease, lack and imitation, poverty and lack and every other malady of human living.

It does choose right or wrong like the conscious mind.it just accepts whatever the conscious mind allows.

The great secret of life is the coordination of these 2 centers of our being, and the

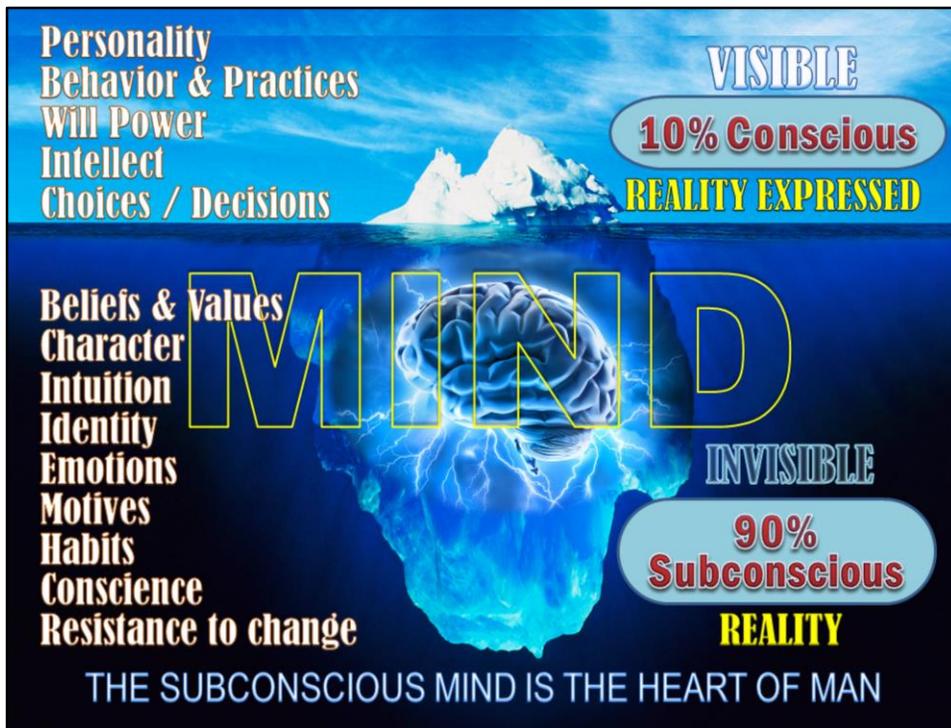
understanding of their functions.

It is when we can bring the conscious and subconscious mind into conscious corporation that we can connect the infinite (spiritual) and the finite (physical), functioning as one whole human being.

The SECRET is understanding Romans 8:13-14:

13. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.



The conscious mind ... is relative to our external or physical life

The Subconscious mind ... is relative to our internal or spiritual life.

- The internal character (spirit) is invisible to the physical senses and yet it is responsible for the behavior of the external reality that is observed, directly or indirectly, by humans...
- The implication of this is that the invisible inner world is the creative potential and therefore more important than the external world known to human senses... (which is why we must live by spirit as true sons ...)

Man creates his own reality, by configuring his own heart (out of it flows the issues of life)



Which Paradigm Rules Your Life?

<p>Influenced by</p> <p>THE KINGDOM (Matthew 6:33)</p> <p>THE HOLY SPIRIT (Romans 8:13b)</p> <p>GOD (Acts 17:28)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">SPIRITUAL</p>  <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">NATURAL</p>	<p>Influenced by</p> <p>THE WORLD (James 4:4)</p> <p>THE FLESH (Romans 8:13a)</p> <p>THE DEVIL (1 John 3:10)</p>
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The brown side representing the world...

- ... sickness and disease (**PHYSICAL, MENTAL, SPIRITUAL**)
- ... lack and limitation
- ... poverty and struggle
- ... personal and inter-relational problems

Matt. 26:41b - The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is **weak**."

We must recognize ... THE WEAKNESS OF THE FLESH!

WHICHEVER WAY WE CHOOSE TO LIVE ... THE FRUIT OF OUR LIVING WILL REFLECT IN THE BODY.

The fruit of our living, or the expression of our lives becomes visible in the only place that it can ... IN THE BODY ... IT'S OUR ONLY CONNECTION TO PHYSICAL REALITY.

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DISCONNECTED

AWARENESS

Of the natural self

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No Turning Back
Keep Moving Forward

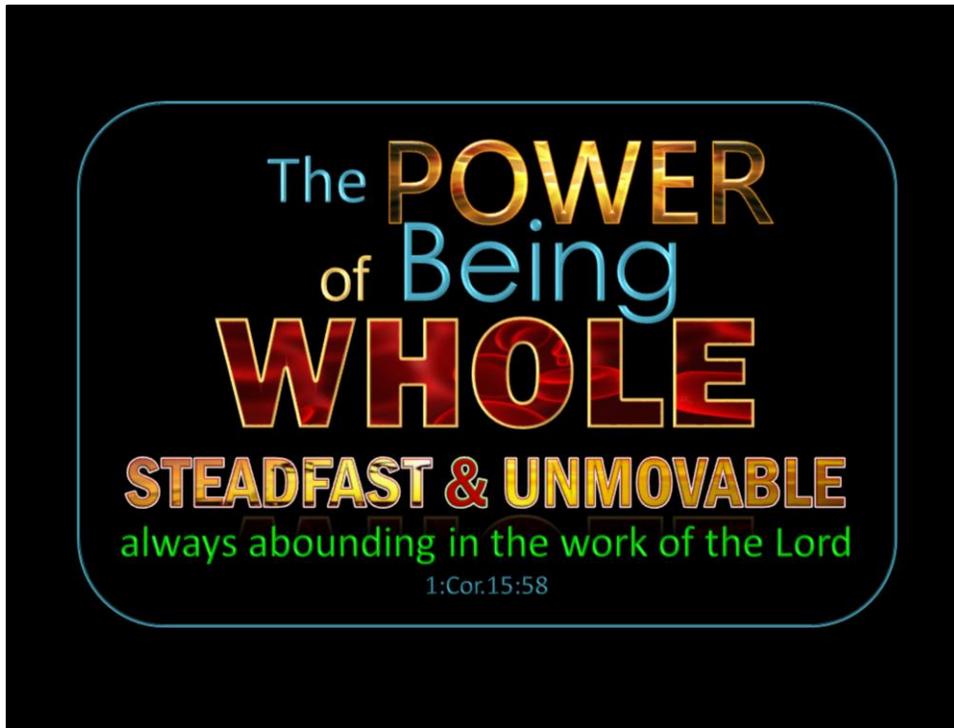
— The Price of —
DISCIPLESHIP

13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:13-14

Moving forward is the only way we can finish ...

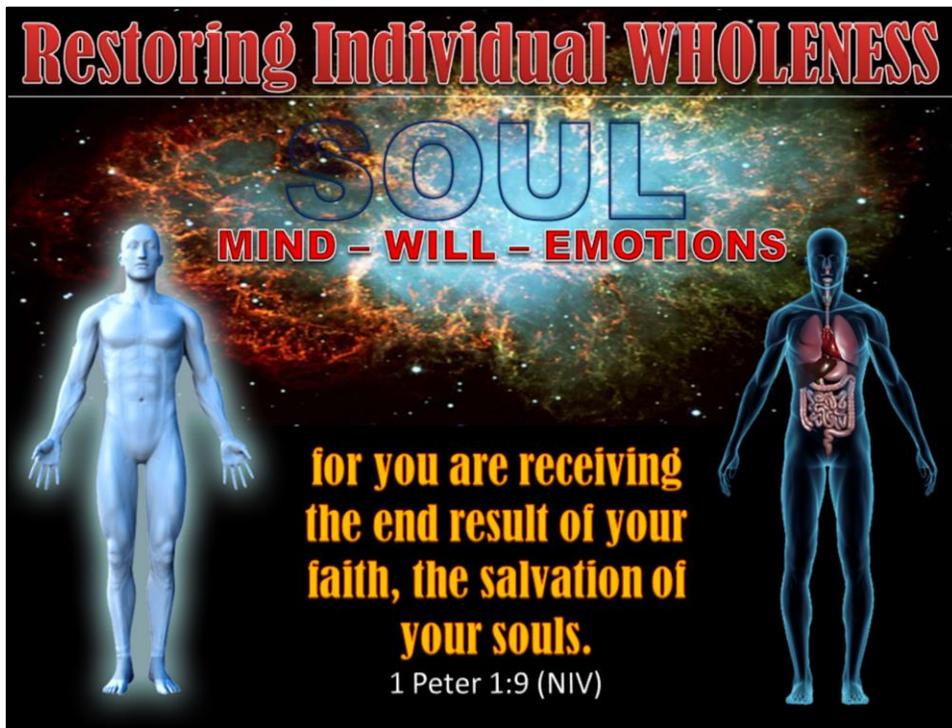
Must move forward correctly ...

Matt. 16:24-26- 24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself (daily), and take up his cross, and follow Me. **25** For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. **26** For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? **Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?**



Being whole requires that we believe because ... being whole requires we live by truth.

In His humanness, Christ carried the fullness of the Godhead ...
In our humanness, we carry the fullness of Christ ... (which is the fullness of the Godhead).



1 cor. 6:17 - But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

NOTE: - The sanctified mind discerns the real beauties of holiness, but the power of discerning and judging about common and natural things is not lost. But the carnal man is a stranger to the principles, and pleasures, and acting of the Divine life. The spiritual man only, is the person to whom God gives the knowledge of his will.

TWO APPONENTS FIGHTING FOR YOUR SOUL ...

Soul is MIND

THIS IS WHY TRANSFORMATION INTO THE NEWNESS IS BY THE RENEWING OF THE MIND.

2 Peter 2:11 - Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

Romans 7:23 - But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

How do we walk after the spirit?

Romans 8:1 - *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Gal: 5:25 – if we live in the spirit we will gain everlasting life.
If we live for the flesh ... corruption.

WE MUST CHOOSE ONE OR THE OTHER ... (and remain loyal)

Gal. 5:17b – if we choose the flesh we cannot do the will of God

Romans 6:12-13 – following the flesh will enslave us (+ remain double-minded)

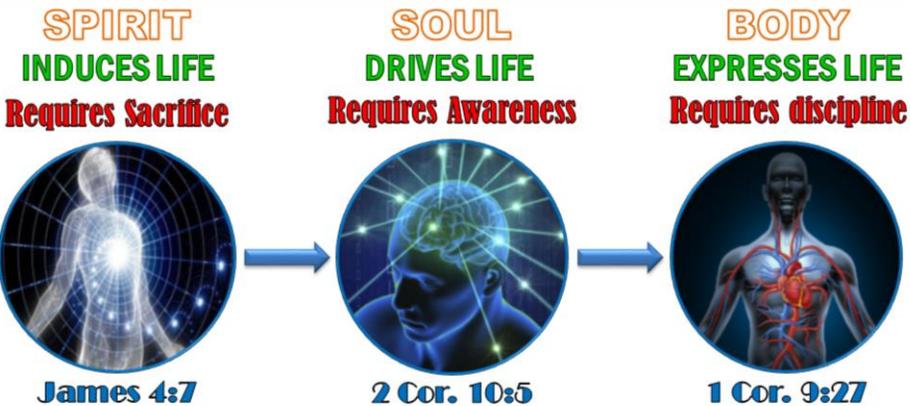
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How are we led and able to walk by the Holy Spirit?

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Engaging The Maturing Process



You shall sanctify yourselves therefore and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. You shall keep My statutes and practice them; I am the LORD who sanctifies you.

Leviticus 20:7-8 (NKJV)

This is our restored position (from body, soul, spirit)

LIFE emanates from Spirit (**Jn. 6:63 / James 2:26**) – Without spirit, there is no life.

Eph. 4:22-24 - that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,²³ and **be renewed in the spirit of your mind,**²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

James 4:7 – (**submission**) Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

2 Cor. 10:5 – (**obedience**) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

1Cor. 9:27 – (**Discipline**) But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

K.P. - Physical Discipline is necessary for spiritual effectiveness.

The requirement for developing the spiritual posture acceptable to God is SACRIFICE.

SACRIFICE is necessary for maturity ... without sacrifice, there is no maturity.

Awareness:

When God created man, He made him to walk in the consciousness of his Spirit. Until man walks in that consciousness again, no man or woman will ever live as God intended them to live.

Gen. 2:25 - and they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Gen. 3:7 - Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.