

PPT Soul Care Series
Learning to Possess Your Soul

“God’s Word is a Mirror”

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are taken from the NKJV.

Man was made in God’s Image

Gen 1:26 – 27 “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

- God made man in his likeness
- Man like God is a triune being – created to rule in the earth
- Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Spirit, Soul and Body

Man was made to have Dominion

Psalm 8:3-6 “When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,
What is man that You are mindful of him,
And the son of man that You visit him?
For You have made him a little lower than the angels,
And You have crowned him with glory and honor.
You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under his feet,”

- Man is to represent God and to be a ruler in the earth

Spirit, Soul and Body

1 Thessalonians 5:23 “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your **whole spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.”

- Man is unable to understand himself aside from the word of God
- The real nature of man is found in the Bible

God’s Word is a Mirror

James 1:23-27 “For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”

- Look into the mirror of the Word of God.
- Pay attention to what you see.
- The x-ray of God’s Word
- Be a doer of the word

- God's Promise: "You will be blessed in what you do!"

"If anyone among you thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world."

Sin Cuts Off the Life of God

Ephesians 4:18-19 "having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness."

- The only way to recover from rebellion is rebirth

The Word of God is Living and Powerful

Hebrews 4:12 – "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

- We cannot truly know our inner being aside from God's Word
- The x-ray of God's Word

The body – the outward – relates to the world

The soul – self focused – the self-life

The spirit – God focused

The three main functions of the spirit are worship, fellowship and revelation.

The three main functions of the soul are the will, intellect (mind) and emotions.

- The soul entertains ideas and shuffle around with concepts
- The soul determines the direction of the life
- The soul can rebuff the spirit

Revelation belongs in the spirit

Proverbs 20:27 "The spirit of a man is the lamp of the Lord, Searching all the inner depths of his heart." (NKJV)

"The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly." (KJV)

- The spirit has direct revelation knowledge
- The spirit directly receives the truth from God
- The soul deals with concepts, ideas, processes and reasonings

The Reborn Spirit becomes a Channel

John 7:37-39 "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive..." (KJV)

- From inner most being flows rivers of living water
- This transformation of regeneration creates this marvelous change that the person becomes a channel for this life to flow out of him

Worship God in Spirit and Truth

John 4:23-24 “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

- Spirit relates to God in Worship
- Worship, Fellowship and Revelation
- Soul must receive life from the spirit

What are you going to wear this week?

Ephesians 4:22-24 “Regarding your former way of life, you were taught to strip off (cast off) your old man, which is being ruined by its deceptive desires, to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new man, which was created according to the likeness of God in righteousness and true holiness.”

- You are made in God’s likeness.
- Through Jesus Christ you have the power to decide how you will live your life. The old way or God’s way???