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*A Man & His Soul – Buddy Hulse*

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SOUL; That which pertains to the person of a man, his entire personality, desires and affections. i.e.' THE REAL YOU

Man was created with body, mind, soul and spirit, each with its divine but unique, God-ordained function. Gen. 2:7 "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living SOUL."

The Bible has lots to say about each, but God places PRIORITY on the SOUL. Matt. 16:26 "What doth it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and loose his own soul?"

### **THE QUESTION; Do you/I have a PRIORITY of the SOUL?**

COMPARE/CONSIDER;

- 1) Our 24hr day and the BODY Time/effort devoted to our body (necessary) ; Eat, Drink, Rest, Wash, Exercise, Clothe, Medicate, even Decorate the body, etc.
- 2) Our 24hr day and the SOUL, what the Bible says;

Matt. 6:31-33 "Therefore do not worry saying, What shall we eat or what shall we drink or what shall we wear? For all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you." i.e.' Seek the PRIORITY of God first.

THE PROBLEM; The least hunger, fatigue, or sickness we address it!! What about the needs of the SOUL?

- 1) Do we have a hunger of the SOUL, a hunger/thirst for righteousness, a hunger for God/His word 24/7?

Ps. 42:1 "As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my SOUL for You, O God." Paul; Phil. 3:7-8 "But what things were gain to me, these things I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord for whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish that I may gain Christ."

### **IS THERE AN ABSENCE OF A REAL HUNGER/ PASSION FOR GOD IN OUR LIVES?**

The song; Michael English;

Draw me close to you, never let me go, I lay it all down again, to hear you say, that I'm your friend. You are my desire. No one else will do. Cause no one else can take Your place, to feel the warmth of your embrace. Help me find the way. Bring me back to you.

You're all I want. You're all I've ever needed. You're all I want. Help me know You are here.

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## WHY THE PRIORITY OF THE SOUL?

- 1) The body is temporal and the SOUL is eternal. 2 Cor. 5:8 "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."
- 2) The Soul is where we enjoy an intimate relationship with Holy God and other godly relationships. Holy God; Ps. 35:9 "And my SOUL shall be joyful in the Lord. It shall rejoice in His salvation." CONSIDER; Woman at the well/Jesus, Jesus/disciples, Paul/Timothy: ALL were at SOUL level. CONSIDER; David/Jonathan, soul vs David/Bethsheba, body
- 3) Jesus died for the SOUL of man, not the body.
- 4) The SOUL is how we love God. "Mark 12:33 "With all our heart, our mind and our SOUL and with all thy strength."
- 5) You have more control over the SOUL than the body; 2 Cor. 4:16 "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day."

## THE CARE OF MY SOUL;

- 1) Do we rest in Him? Matt. 11:29 "Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."
- 2) Consider the importance of your family physician vs. your pastor. He provides those around us that CARE for our SOULS. Heb. 13:17 "Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your SOULS, as those who must give an account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you."
- 3) Eat right; John 4:24 "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work." Job 23:12; I have not departed from the commandment of His lips. I have treasured the words of His mouth. More than my necessary food.
- 4) Plenty of exercise; Deep Knee bends; Dan. 6:10 "Daniel kneeled 3 times a day" 1 Tim. 4:8; "For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come."

## THE DISCIPLINES OF THE SOUL;

- 1) Guard your heart and mind; Phil. 4:6-7 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God, and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."
- 2) Recognize the ENEMY of the SOUL; 1 Peter 2:11 "Beloved, I beg you, as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lust that WAR against the SOUL."
- 3) Study; Paul to Timothy; 2 Tim. 2:15; "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of God.
- 4) Put on the WHOLE armour of God; Eph. 6:13 "Therefore, take up the whole armour of God
- 5) God is the protector and defender of our SOUL; Ps. 33:20; "Our SOUL waits for the Lord, He is our help and our shield." "Waiting" is evidence of trust and obedience.

## EXAMINATION OF OUR SOUL;

- 1) Content of our prayers; needs of the body mostly.
- 2) Conversations with those we love; Surface or Soul level, even in presence of GREAT need??  
One of the saddest verses in bible; Ps. 142:4 "Look on my right hand and see, for there is no one who acknowledges me, refuge has failed me, NO ONE CARES FOR MY SOUL."

Ask) Is your spouse your SOUL-MATE or your BODY-MATE?

Ask) Is your conversations with your spouse at the SOUL-Level or surface-level?

Ask) Is your conversations with The Father about your body or your SOUL?

SOUL-TALK is a form of supernatural conversation that God desires us to have with Him and those we love.

Whatever I can do without the Spirit is Self-talk. Whatever I can do ONLY with the Spirit is SOUL-TALK.

Ask) How do you develop SOUL-TALK? Press in with those you love and be ready to LISTEN, sensitive to their needs. ASK CARING QUESTIONS. Discuss what is apparent to you, fear, anger, resentment, brokenness, but do it compassionately. Also learn to celebrate progress.

The goal of Heaven for you/me is that we grow closer to God the Father and to each other. We do that by cultivating the SOUL of ourselves and those we love.

IF ONLY OUR EYES SAW SOULS INSTEAD OF BODIES HOW DIFFERENT WOULD OUR IDEA OF BEAUTY WOULD BE.