

# Spirit Soul and Body III

## Living by the Spirit

**Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)** *For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.*

**Romans 8:1 (NKJV)** *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.*

**Romans 8:14 (NKJV)** *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

### I. Spiritual Maturity is Gods will and comes from the Holy Spirit

**\*\*\*John 14:16-17 (NKJV)** *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*

#### 1.) Helper

**John 16:7 (NKJV)** *Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.*

**Helper:** g3875. παράκλητος paraklētos; an intercessor, consoler: — advocate, comforter. Summoned, called to one's side, esp. called to one's aid.

**Romans 8:26 (NASB 2020)** *Now in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words:*

**1 Corinthians 2:11-12 (NASB 2020)** *For who among people knows the thoughts of a person except the spirit of the person that is in him? So also the thoughts of God no one knows, except the Spirit of God. Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God.*

#### 2.) Teacher

**John 14:26 (NKJV)** *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

**John 16:13 (NASB 2020)** *But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.*

#### 3.) He joins with our spirit.

**John 3:6 (NASB 2020)** *That which has been born of the flesh is flesh, and that which has been born of the Spirit is spirit.*

**Romans 8:16 (NLT)** *For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.*

**Ephesians 1:13 (NASB 2020)** *In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation--having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of the promise,*

**Sealed:** g4972. σφραγίζω sphragizō; from 4973; to stamp (with a signet or private mark) for security or preservation.

**Ephesians 4:30 (NASB 2020)** *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

### II. Hindrances to spiritual growth

**\*\*\*Ephesians 4:25-31 (NASB 2020)** *Therefore, ridding yourselves of falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE OF YOU WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, because we are parts of one another...*

**What grieves the Holy Spirit is unrighteousness! You do not want this to happen, the Holy Spirit is your Helper!**

**1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (NASB 2020)** *And I, brothers and sisters, could not speak to you as spiritual people, but only as fleshly, as to infants in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to consume it. But even now you are not yet able, for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like ordinary people?*

**\*\*\*Hebrews 5:14 – 6:1 (TLB)** *You will never be able to eat solid spiritual food and understand the deeper things of God's Word until you become better Christians and learn right from wrong by practicing doing right.*

**1 Peter 2:1-2 (NASB 2020)** *Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, and like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,*

### III. The Word of God?

**Hebrews 4:12 (AMP)** For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.

**2 Peter 1:20-21 (NASB 2020)** But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture becomes a matter of someone's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, **but men moved by the Holy Spirit** spoke from God.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NASB 2020)** All Scripture **is inspired by God** and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man or woman of God may be fully capable, equipped for every good work.

#### The Word is our Spiritual Lifeline

**1 Peter 1:23 (NASB95)** for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, **through the living and enduring word of God.**

**1 Timothy 3:14-15 (NASB 2020)** I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; but in case I am delayed, I write so **that you will know how one should act in the household of God**, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

**\*\*\*Ephesians 4:12-13 (NASB 2020)**...for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **to a mature man**, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

**Galatians 2:20-21 (NASB 2020)** I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."