

**I. Review of Previous Sessions**

**A. The Significance of the Holy Spirit**

**B. The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Believer**

**C. A Different Spirit with You**

**D. The Word and Spirit Connection**

1. *The Spirit works primarily by the Word of God.*
2. *To the level our minds are renewed by the Word, the Holy Spirit will be able to lead us into greater accuracy in following God's plan.*
3. *The person who has not renewed their mind to the Word, will be given more to feelings and emotions, confusing them with the leading of the Spirit.*

**II. Understanding How the Spirit Works**

**The Division of Soul and Spirit**

*The necessary process of being led.*

**A. We are a triune being, spirit, soul, and body.**

1. **Our body is connected to feelings.**
2. **Our soul is connected to intellect and emotions.**
3. **Our Spirit is connected to God.**

**B. Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) – *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.***

**Hebrews 4:12 (Aramaic Bible In Plain English)** – *For the word of God is living and all-efficient, and much sharper than a double edged sword, and it pierces to the separation of soul and spirit and of joints, marrow and of bones, and judges the reasoning and conscience of the hear*

**Hebrews 4:12 (GWT)** – *God's word is living and active. It is sharper than any two-edged sword and cuts as deep as the place where soul and spirit meet, the place where joints and marrow meet. God's word judges a person's thoughts and intentions.*

**The Word of God as the sword of the Spirit divides and separates soul and spirit.**

1. *To be led of the Spirit, the feelings, impulses, and impressions of the flesh must be divided away from our spirit.*
2. *The more our SOUL REALM is divided from our SPIRIT, the more accurately we will be led.*
3. *The more skillful we are in discerning the things of the SOUL/FLESH vs things of the SPIRIT, the more developed we become in being led by the Spirit.*

**C. Development in the Spirit life is learning to yield to the Spirit.**

1. **Separated from emotions and feelings.**
2. **Not moved hastily by how we feel.**
3. **Not moved by people or the majority.**
4. **Yielding to the Word of God and the inward witness of the Spirit.**

**D. Things of the Spirit come through the renewed mind.**

*The Spirit leads us through our mind as it has been renewed by the Word.*

**Philippians 1:9-11 (NKJV)** – <sup>9</sup>And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in **knowledge and all discernment**, <sup>10</sup>that you may **approve** the **things that are excellent**, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>**being filled** with the **fruits of righteousness** which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**Note:** It is God's will for every believer to be filled with fruits of righteousness. Fruits of righteousness increase and abound in our life as we APPROVE things that are excellent (God's Way of Doing). WE are able to approve things accurately as we increase in KNOWLEDGE and DISCERNMENT. The renewed mind gains KNOWLEDGE by the Word – and the SPIRIT brings discernment, the inward witness.

**Philippians 1:9-11(GWT)** – <sup>9</sup>I pray that your love will keep on growing because of your knowledge and insight. <sup>10</sup>That way you will be able to determine what is best and be pure and blameless until the day of Christ. <sup>11</sup>Jesus Christ will fill your lives with everything that God's approval produces. Your lives will then bring glory and praise to God.

**Philippians 1:9-11 (AMP)** – <sup>9</sup>And this I pray, that your love may abound more and more [displaying itself in greater depth] in real knowledge and in practical insight, <sup>10</sup>so that you may learn to recognize and treasure what is excellent [identifying the best, and distinguishing moral differences], and that you may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ [actually living lives that lead others away from sin]; <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God [so that His glory may be both revealed and recognized].

**Philippians 1:9-11 (NIV)** – <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup>so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

1. **Through the Word, I gain knowledge regarding the things God approves of and disapproves of.**
2. **The Holy Spirit will take that knowledge of scripture and put it to work in me, enabling me to make the necessary changes for God to transform my life.**
3. **This is the process of the Spirit leading me through the renewed mind.**

***Note:** Now that I know God's thoughts and will pertaining to the issues of life, I yield to the Word and Spirit, allowing the Holy Spirit to empower me for change.*

***Note: My cooperation is required.** The person who has been enlightened by the Word and has no desire for change is in a dangerous place of deception. Either they are not born again, or they are rebelling against the Holy Spirit as God's agent of change.*

#### **E. The danger of having an unchangeable heart.**

1. **Hebrews 3:12 (NKJV)** – *Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God*

**Hebrews 3:12 (GWT)** – *Be careful, brothers and sisters, that none of you ever develop a wicked, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.*

**Hebrews 3:12 (NLT)** – *Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning*

*you away from the living God.*

**Notice – This is addressed to brethren – brothers and sisters**

**What is this evil heart?** *It is a heart (The inward man) that is still dominated by the FLESH and refuses to be SEPERATED AWAY from the SPIRIT by God's Word.*

*This is the person who hears the Word, sees the will of God in the Word, and yet they refuse to allow the Word to divide their SOUL and SPIRIT – so they can refuse their flesh and obey the Spirt.*

2. **Romans 8:6-9 (NKJV)** – *<sup>6</sup>For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. <sup>8</sup>So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.*

**What is a carnal mind?** *It is a mind that refuses to be renewed and transformed by the Word and Spirit. It is a mind that is determined to follow after things he has put an approval upon – yet God disapproves. It is a natural mindset that should have been SEPERATED apart from his born-again spirit, but instead, this person is determined to stay connected to a mindset that disagrees with God's way of doing things.*

### III. Closing Thoughts

- A. Every born-again person should have a desire for transformation.
- B. It is the responsibility of every believer to take advantage of every tool made available to them for the renewing of the mind.

**C. We should be quick to agree with the Word of God at all times.**

*This means, His Word has the right to stand against my personal desires in the flesh. I submit to His will above my own will in the flesh.*

**Prayer for separation of Soul and Spirit**

*This is a summarized prayer/confession from Pastor Craig Fields.*

*I sever everything that came from the realm of my soul, and it did not come from my spirit.*

*I sever everything that is of the permissive will of God vs the perfect will of God...and I command those things to fall away from me and be severed from my emotions.*

**Pastor's Note:** *There are things that have become attached to my emotions that are from the realm of my flesh. By faith, I can take dominion over these strongholds. The Spirit of God will help these to fall off – allowing me to be FREE – and yielded to God's perfect will.*