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Spirit, Soul And Body - #2

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We are reviewing the earlier teachings that we have been receiving, being reminded that we cannot live our lives with regret about the past. We become limited to a certain space with no hope or expectation for the future, knowing that God is for us and that the greater one is on the inside of us along with everything that we have need of dwells there through Jesus Christ and the Father. Don't live your life in regret.

2 Cor 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." KJV

1 Thess 5:23 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." KJV

Heb 4:12 "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." KJV

We have to understand the importance of spirit, soul and body, the different parts each plays in our lives and what each of these things mean. By learning to renew our minds, we begin to realize that at the time of salvation we received everything that we would ever have need of.

The spirit part of man never dies, it lives forever and ever for eternity, there is nothing of darkness in the spirit of man. The soulish part of man is where our mind, emotions, will or conscience, imagination and maybe our personality resides. This is where the battle is raged, the soulish part is always moved by what our eyes are seeing and our mind is hearing, the things that we hear from all manner of different sources. Our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost and our spirit is where the seat of God is. The body contacts the physical senses and our soul will contact the realm of our intellect or feelings or emotions. We can speak words to people that will either

effect their soul and emotions, putting them down or lifting them up and usually we get a response just by the way they look at us.

Rom 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." KJV

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*conformed means to be shaped by outward pressure, think without God involved, no renewing of the mind,

*transformed always means a change, example of butterflies changing their bodies, taking form and time is always involved

2 Cor 3:18 "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." KJV

Rom 12:2 " Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you." MESSAGE

All of these scriptures listed above tell us that the responsibility is ours, that we have a part to play and we must do certain things in order to renew our minds. If we are conformed to the ways of the world and doing what they would have us to do and how they are trying to get us to believe, that is not the way we should be going, we have a choice to make, will we do things their way? or will we do things Gods way? Think about getting God involved in everything we do. The renewing of our minds is a continual process, like anything in the natural that has to be refurbished from time to time.

Our soul always sees the impossibility that we can't, that we are unable to do anything, the soul of man will never believe Gods report, because it is always moved by adversity, when we begin to discern between the spirit, soul and body we will understand when the scriptures say that we walk by faith and not by sight, because faith is a spiritual force, it is the nature of God. We walk by faith because we have chosen to renew our minds. By renewing our minds we can be transformed to a

measure that we are not limited to, the boundaries that the world would try to put on us, saying that we won't experience the goodness of God. By renewing our minds that is how we draw out of the reservoir on the inside of us and we begin to start thinking like God thinks. It is a great thing to know the scriptures but an even greater thing to be a doer of the scriptures. It is the doer that is blessed, those virtues to walk in victory are here but we begin to draw on them by the renewing of our minds.

Phil 1:22-24 "But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. 23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: 24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you." KJV

Paul even reminds us that he has mixed feelings as to what he should do. He is living in his body but he has a desire to be with Christ, but he realizes that he still has an important job to do.

How do we renew our minds? A believer can be depressed but yet there is victory on the inside. They are living out of their souls but when they start living out of their spirit and let the spirit take over, depression and sadness will change to victory. Take the limits off, don't live your life in regrets.

Joshua 1:8 . "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." KJV

Joshua is taking over the children of Israel after Moses passed on, four times it is mentioned to Joshua that he will have to be courageous, meditating the words that Moses has given to him, so that he will be able to do the job that is before him.

*meditate means to murmur, speak and study, thinking about the good things of God, His word becoming real to us. Don't be worrying about details allowing them to take over our thought life

We cannot be a doer of the word of God or a small portion of that word, unless we are meditating the word, we are incapable of becoming a doer without meditating. Why? because we do it in our own strength, when we begin to meditate our minds become renewed and we start thinking like God thinks and believing the report of the Lord. The key to our success is meditating the word, it is not the only way to renewing our minds, but is probably the best way. The strongholds that we have developed over the years are hard to be broken. Thoughts have to be broken, changing lies into truth because of teaching over the years. You will begin to see

changes as you continually meditate the word, it is a process and takes time. As you begin to meditate the word these four principles will come into effect giving more time to think about what the word is saying to you. 1) Apply the word, 2) ponder how it applies 3) will it change a situation 4) begin to agree with it.

We will be learning how to the walk in the spirit and not get into the soulish realm in the future.