

MANIFESTING OUR SPIRIT

We need to learn how to step out of our soul and into our spirit. We have to be able to discern the difference between our soul and our spirit.

Before our spirit was made alive to God, our soul was our natural human life that we lived in. We basically lived unto ourselves with no conscious awareness of God.

When our spirit is made alive unto God we need to learn how to be aware of it. Our spirit is the part of us that joins to the Lord and gives us a conscious awareness of God.

Our spirit is like a branch that is connected to the vine. The life that is in the vine flows into the branch, which enables the branch to manifest fruit.

When the fruit of the Spirit is being manifested in our lives, our spirit is being manifested. Our spirit comes to the forefront of our consciousness and the life of God that is flowing into it is clothing us or surrounding us. The life of God is flowing into our spirit passing through our soul and body out into the world, manifesting the life that is inherent in the kingdom of heaven.

When we are consciously aware of our spirit, we are aware of the eternal life of God that is infilling it. Through the infilling of the Spirit we are enabled to walk in the spirit. If we have life in the spirit, then we can walk in the spirit. Our spirit is the part of us that is God-conscious.

Our soul is the part of us that is self-conscious and world conscious. Self is the part of us that causes all the trouble. Unless we learn how to walk in the spirit, we are going to walk after the flesh. The

flesh is that union of soul and body that acts independently of the Lord. These actions can be either good or bad, but are on a human level that falls short of the glory of God, which is God's nature and abilities.

Before our spirit was enlightened, we naturally walked according to the flesh, and our mind or brain is like a computer which has been programmed to think a certain way, according to the way that we lived. Therefore certain things we encounter are like triggers (that which causes patterns of thought), that cause us to respond a certain way.

When people were nice to us we responded by being thankful of nice to them. When people treated us badly we responding by getting hurt or angry or getting a negative attitude towards them. Attitudes are part of our spirit. So when people spoke negative things to us we respond in the same spirit, speaking negative things back to them. This is living in our soul, the consciousness of self that takes everything personal. It is subjective and when self gets hurt, threatened or offended it responds in self-justification, or putting the other person down by magnifying negative character traits in the other person.

In order to understand the manifestations of self, all we need to do is put the word self before another word in order to get a clearer picture of the self-life. Self-will, self-justification, self-righteousness, self-love, self-pity and so forth, there is a whole list that we can develop, in order to help us understand better the manifestations of self. We could call them the self-family. Self or the flesh is that union of soul and body that acts independently of God, where people live in their own little world where everything revolves around them. It is all about me, myself and I. We can hear it in their conversations. Just listen to all the times they say the word I in their conversations.

When we are living in our soul we also respond to situations and circumstances that happen in the world in either a positive or negative

way. We are viewing what happens in our life according to our view point and not God's viewpoint or perspective. When good things happen we respond with being happy. When things are not going our way we respond by getting angry or upset. When we desire something and it does not happen we are disappointed. When we desire something and it happens we get happy.

When we are living in our soul, we are living by self-will. When things are contrary to our will, we respond negatively. When things happen in accordance with our will, we respond positively. This is living in our soul. And when something happens to cause us to get offended, we need to learn how to step out of our soul and into our spirit.

When we are living in our soul, that means it is out in front, we are conscious of our self or the world and that is our first consideration and not the Lord. All the manifestations of self are a result of living in our soul.

It is only as we learn how to live in our spirit that we are able to manifest our spirit and release the divine nature and the abilities of God that flow through it.

Manifesting our spirit is a spiritual discipline of communing with Him. We have to learn how to draw from the Lord and release the life of God in our words and actions.

The discipline of the Christian life is becoming aware of the presence of God. Without him we can do nothing, through him we can do all things. So we discipline ourselves to have a meeting with God, to have an encounter with God, to become aware of his presence inside of us.

In order to manifest our spirit we have to be aware of it and its different senses, and keep the life of God flowing into it. We have to learn how to drink of the spirit and then walk in what we are partaking of, and then we have to learn how to minister the spirit.

In order to manifest our spirit we have to learn how to exercise it and build it up. Once our spirit is built up we will find it rising up inside of us and manifesting in the course of our everyday life. The word manifest means to show or demonstrate plainly.

The manifestation of our spirit occurs when we are God conscious. We are aware of the Spirit of God on the inside of us in a flow of His Spirit into our spirit. We are more aware of God, than ourselves, we are more aware of our spirit than our soul; our spirit comes to the forefront of our consciousness.

In order to manifest our spirit, we have to first locate it. When we speak in tongues we immediately become aware of our spirit because we are praying in the spirit, or speaking from our spirit. If we do not have the ability to speak in tongues, we can speak words in English from our heart. Thank you lord, I worship you, I praise your name. We are speaking with heartfelt appreciation to God. We are speaking from our spirit.

Our spirit is linked to our voice, our spirit needs a voice. We need to release our spirit with our voice. When we feel the power of God in our spirit, we need to learn how to voice it; this is why our spirit wants to speak, it wants to come out. To manifest our spirit is to allow it to become visible through our mouth and our actions.