

When our spirit was born again, we received five spiritual senses like we received when we were born the first time. We now have two lives in us or two natures in us. Our natural created life is called our soul; our soul is so closely related to our body or our flesh that most believers are not even aware that they have a spirit. It is only when God touches their spirit that they become aware of it, but most of the time their spirit is in a state of sleep where their soul is not aware of it. Our soul has five senses that operate through our body and most believers live according to these senses.

The basis of a walk with God is the Lordship of Jesus over our spirit, which enables our soul and body to be submissive to it. But unless we are aware of the Life of the Lord in us, we cannot walk according to it. In order to walk with God we have to be aware of the Spirit of God.

The life of God is the light of man. Our spirit is the lamp of the Lord, when Jesus saved our spirit he commanded light to shine in it. The eyes of our spirit were opened up and we received an understanding or revelation of the Lord. We became aware of His love and joy and peace and all the attributes of His Spirit in a measure. Our spirit has eyes and ears, a sense of smell, taste and touch. When our spirit was quickened we tasted of the Lord that he is good.

Our spirit is the part of us that God has joined himself to, it is through our spirit that we become God conscious. Our spirit has to be developed so that the life of God in it may grow and expand. All the attributes of God in us are to be continually growing. His love and faith

in us are to be continually growing. It is as we sow to the spirit that we reap of the Spirit the life of God.

The problem is that if we sow to the flesh, we reap death which is separation from the life of God. When our flesh is active our spiritual senses diminish. We have two lives in us and we are living by the one or the other. It is only when our soul and body are in submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ over our spirit that we can begin to train our spiritual senses to be aware of the Lord.

Without holiness or purity of heart we cannot see the Lord. The beginning of this purity is having a broken spirit or being poor in spirit. God is near to those who have a broken spirit before Him. A broken spirit is a spirit that desires to be pure; it is the spirit of repentance, it is a spirit of contrition (it is a breaking of something that has been hardened). It is a spirit that desires to know the Lord that hungers after him.

Through the mercies of God we are to offer our bodies to him as a living sacrifice, we are to offer to him our soul or natural created life. It is not only the lusts of the flesh, but our soul desires that break connection to the life of the Lord in our spirit, so that we are not aware of the life of God in it. This is why our soul has to come into submission to the life of the lord in our spirit, so that these desires always take a second place and do not cloud our spirit from its communion with the Lord.

Our body is dead because of sin; it cannot inherit the kingdom but must be changed. Our flesh is a veil that keeps us from seeing the Lord. As long as the lusts and desires of our flesh is active, it clouds our awareness of the Lord. We are always going to have a human-consciousness, a self-consciousness, a body-consciousness, a world-consciousness, a religious-consciousness, a natural family-consciousness, that will wipe out the divine-consciousness(the deep awareness of the Lord), until we die out to them.

When our spirit is active and communing with the Lord, we can become so focused on the Lord, that we are no longer aware of our self, or body, or circumstances or the world around us. Our spirit becomes strengthened or energized through its awareness of God, and our soulish or fleshly senses recede.

Everything that God does follows the pattern of Jesus' experience: death, burial, resurrection, and glory. The more we die out to the things of this life, the more we become alive in our spirit.

Unless we learn how to keep our spirit pressing into God, by feeding it and exposing it to the things of God, our soul and body will keep bringing us down.

We need to have a deep awareness of what is going on in the spirit realm. Our focus must not be on this world or the things of this life. If we do not have the vision of what God has set before us we will perish. Our soulish senses will take the ascendancy and we will walk in darkness.

Until our awareness of the Lord increases and His vision for our life, we are going to be focused on our problems and other people's problems until we become preoccupied with them.

As we become aware of the Lord's presence with us and of his great love for us, we will stop trying to meet our problems alone, and will come into a perfect trust and rest in the Lord.

We are living in the days of the Lord's manifestation; these are the days of destiny, when the lord shall be glorified in his people. We need to be aware of the Lord's authority and the Lord's victory for us. We will become overwhelmed with our battles if we are unaware that the Lord has already fought the battle and won it for us.

Once we become aware of God's choice of us, that we are the called of God, that he has given us His Spirit as a deposit in our heart to lead us into our inheritance, then we can begin to tune into it.

When God quickened our spirit he opened up our spiritual eyes, now all we have to do is learn how to dial into Him. Awareness is a matter of tuning in. David in the midst of wars and tribulations, said, I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. It is as we become aware of the Lord, that we are able to tune out all those things that come to cloud our relationship with him.

What God has made available to us, will not profit us unless we are aware of it. Once we understand our position in the Lord, then we

will begin to experience it in our life. This is the beginning of faith. We have been crucified with Christ and raised to sit in heavenly places. We are to reckon ourselves dead to sin, and to this world. To pursue after the lusts of the flesh or the things of this world is an empty thing. Only the Spirit of God can satisfy us, so we reckon ourselves dead to this world, we no longer focus upon it.

Awareness is the key of overcoming temptation. It is the key of overcoming anything that harasses us, any habit that has brought us into captivity. As long as we are unaware of the Lord and his presence, we fight our battles on our own and become defeated. It is only as our spiritual senses begin to awake, and we become aware of the presence of the Lord that we have access to his strength to resist anything that steals our joy or takes our focus off of him.

Unless we learn how to develop our spiritual senses through practice, our focus and thinking will be on a human level so that all that we are aware of is human things. Our focus and thinking can be so trained and directed so that we live with an awareness of the Lord 24 hours a day, when we sleep we will still be aware of the Lord. We will be able to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.

When we think on a human level, we mind earthly things, and our soulish senses take ascendancy. When we reckon ourselves dead in Christ, we will begin to be aware of the Christ in us so that we will begin to have the vision of God's will for our life.

An awareness of the Lord is what makes the difference between success and failure. The people in the bible who made it were those who were aware of the Lord, those who learned how to tune into God. The people who failed were aware of everything but the Lord.

In order to develop an awareness of the Lord, there are some things that will have to fade out of our focus and some things we will have to learn how to dial into. We have to be given to everything that will produce an awareness of the Lord, for this is the key of the overcoming life. Whatever we do we need to have a focus on the Lord. When we worship we have to focus on the Lord and not just sing songs. When we read the word, we need to see the Lord in the word and focus on what He is saying to us personally in it. We need to learn how to wait on the Lord and listen to Him, God has many ways of communicating with us but we have to learn how to tune into Him. We need to ask him for discernment to be able to sense His presence, to sense what He is saying. When the Lord becomes everything to us then everything else will fade into insignificance.

As we learn how to develop in our spiritual senses, our soulish senses will no longer take ascendancy; we will no longer be focused on circumstances, problems or the battle. There is a great contest for our focus, when God gets our attention where we are continually focused upon him; the door opens through our focus to be filled with all the fullness of God.

Greater is he who is in us than he who is in the world. When we magnify the Lord and he becomes great in our sight, then others will begin to see His greatness in us.