

SPIRITUALLY ALERT

Each and every day we have to wake up spiritually, today while it is yet called today, is the day the Lord has made !-let us rejoice and be glad in it! When we wake up in the morning, if we are not excited-and jump out of bed-our spirit is still asleep-our spirit has to wake up to! Our spirit has to be awakened to God.

Our spirit has to be activated-awakened in its communication with God. We have to consciously open up our spirit to God. If we don't learn how to walk in the spirit, our spirit may not wake up until we come to church and begin to worship. If we don't have a walk with God, we may sleep all week and then when we come to church on Sunday we come into contact with a spiritual atmosphere which wakes up our spirit, and we begin to feel God moving in our heart. This is because we are still basically living unto ourselves and not the will of God.

The will of God is first of all a state of heart, a spiritual condition-out of which The Spirit of God begins to work in our heart to desire and to do His good pleasure.

Our spirit has to wake up, to begin to desire and to hunger for God. Once our spirit is awake, it must be sustained and fed. Our spirit is nourished and strengthened in its contact with God. When our spirit is awake, then our soul is conscious of the life of God.

The best way to locate our spirit is to begin to pray in other tongues, so that our spirit begins to make contact with God, and then it will overflow into the conscious level where our soul is conscious of the life of God.

If our soul is being clouded or oppressed by the things of this world-we can dial out the conscious level and reach into the realm of

the Spirit until our spirit is strengthened enough- where the things that our soul is aware of, that are contrary to God, lose their power of influencing the things we do and say.

If we learn how to watch and pray, then if temptation comes we will not enter into the power of it. The weakness of the flesh will not overcome us. We will not be following the Lord afar off. We will be able to possess our souls in the patience of the Lord. The word of God promises us if we will walk in the Spirit, we will not fulfill the desire of the flesh. The word not is a double negative, which means no-never. We will be able to rule our spirit, bringing our soul into subject to it, and in every circumstance be pleasing unto the Lord. Allowing the Spirit of God to rule and reign in our lives, glorifying the Lord.

God delights in every movement of our spirit toward Him, and this is a key to understanding the Christian life, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. In and of ourselves there is nothing we can do to please God; it is His Spirit in us moving, bringing everything in our heart into submission to Him. And this faith is His faith which is a gift of God. It is a mystery-without Him we can do nothing, but through Him we can do all things-we give Him all the Glory!-the crown He gives us we give back to him, we love Him because He put it in our heart his very own divine love to love Him back with. Our basic discipline is to expose our heart-turn our heart to the Lord. Exposure to His Glory is what motivates us and changes us!

Eph5: ¹³But all things (a totality-the whole) *that are reprov'd* (to convict-to show to be wrong, the manifestation of the truth, to show by proof or evidence) *are made manifest* (eyes to see) *by the light* (to shine, to sound, the life of God-his glory): *for whatsoever doth make manifest* (the opening of our eyes to see) *is light.*

We start out in darkness, and unless we begin to walk in the light His Spirit reveals to us, darkness comes back upon us. It is only as our spirit is communicating with him, that we can stay free from the darkness and deception of this age.

¹⁴*Wherefore* (for-which, therefore) *he saith, Awake* (command to begin now, to arise from sleep-for the spirit to be awake) *thou that sleepest* (continuous action, to fall asleep spiritually), *and arise* (command to begin now, to stand again, to come into existence, to be spiritually alive) *from* (out of) *the dead* (one slain)(to be spiritually asleep, secure and unconcerned in sin or indolent “not showing any interest or making any effort” and careless in the performance of duty), *and Christ* (anointed)*shall give thee light*(1-to shine upon 2-thine own).

A personal relationship with God involves a walk with God-we are following on to know the Lord.

A walk with God requires some basic disciplines in our life. The Lord is seeking worshipers; we will never be able to walk with the Lord unless we learn how to 1- worship the Lord. 2 -how to wait upon lord 3- how to meditate upon His Word 4- how to pray. 5-and how to communicate His Spirit to others.

Each and every day can be lived in the Spirit where we can walk in at least a measure if not all that the Lord has for us that day- If we remember that we have to wake up spiritually by spending a couple moments in the morning worshipping the Lord. We have to open up our spirit to the Lord, to stir ourselves up into the realm of the spirit. Meditate on at least one verse of scripture so that our spirit has something to reach into, and spend a couple moments listening-waiting on the Lord for direction for the day.

¹⁵*See* (command-continuous action, to be able to see)*then* (thereupon-now) *that* (in what manner) *ye walk* (the whole of our activities, to be occupied with and follow) *circumspectly* (diligently, accurately, exactly, perfectly), *not* (conditional negative) *as fools* (not walking as God expects one to walk), *but as wise* (skillful, expert), ¹⁶*Redeeming* (continuous, make one's own-the moments that pass by) *the time* (kairos moments-seasons of opportunity), *because* (for this reason) *the days* (time)*are evil* (abounding in trouble, evil which corrupts, negative spiritual influence).

A walk in the Spirit is a flow of the Spirit, God moving in our heart to desire and obey. As we learn how to be aware of His presence, His Spirit can be in everything we do and say. The key is in keeping an awareness of His Spirit during the day.

¹⁷*Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding* (the assembling of individual facts into an organized whole, the mind grasps concepts and sees the proper relationship between them, to put the puzzle together) *what the will* (the results of his determining) *of the Lord is.*

As we learn how to keep our spirit right toward God, to keep our eye good-then our whole being will be filled with light. Our spirit functions mostly on the subconscious level, it has to do with our intentions and attitude. We need to have an attitude of brokenness-total dependence upon the Lord, repentance, humility. We need to have an attitude of gratitude and worship and joy. We should be able at all times to feel the strength of the lord in our spirit. Our spirit should be continually drawing on the Lord and released in the things we do and say. We need to learn how to continually keep our spirit in tune with the Lord. If we will spend time just praying in tongues, we can begin to discern the movements of our spirit. We need to begin to be aware of the difference between our spirit and our soul.

Baby Christians operate in the realm of the soul; I call it having a religious spirit. Until we learn how to keep our spirit active in the Lord, our soul will not magnify the Lord, but operate in independence of His Spirit.

¹⁸*And be not drunk* (continuous intoxication) *with wine, wherein is excess* (beyond reasonable limits); *but* (on the contrary) *be filled* (command continuous, wholly occupied, to put in as much as can be contained, a full supply, a quantity that satisfies, to supply abundantly the thing called for, to permeate-saturate- stretch- to take over, to penetrate and permeate completely-the whole of our life and activity so that His Spirit takes over) *with the Spirit*; ¹⁹*Speaking* (continuous, utter sounds emphasizing speech) *to yourselves in psalms* (the song sung-what God has done) *and hymns* (how great something is) *and spiritual* (singing in the spirit)*songs* (that which is sung), *singing and making melody* (continuous, the making of music, instrument of music) *in your heart to the Lord*; ²⁰*Giving thanks* (continuous, to praise God showing oneself grateful, being well pleasing in His sight)*always* (at all times)*for* (in behalf of) *all things* (totality-whole)*unto God and the Father in the name* (meaning in and through him) *of our Lord Jesus Christ*; ²¹*Submitting* (continuous, unification of motives-love) *yourselves one to another in the fear* (reverence) *of God*.

Our will is more closely related to our spirit than our soul or body. We can set our will and determine we are going to do certain things and our spirit will respond. Once our spirit is awake it is alive unto God, it starts communicating with God and drawing upon the Life of God.

Our will is not that closely related to our soul or our body. If we set our will to overcome an addiction, like smoking-the soul and body will fight against it.

When our spirit first becomes alive unto God, there are areas of our soul that are still dead to God. The soul goes through a process of death, burial and resurrection-where our soul goes through a transforming process and is renewed and restored to the image of God. Some of our desires, feelings and thought patterns are contrary to the Spirit of God and have to be renovated. We have soul ties-to this world. We have to lose our life-soul in order for it to get saved. Losing our soul is bringing it into submission to the life of God in our spirit.

As we learn how to walk in the Spirit, our soul goes through a transformation. The life-soul-of the body is in the blood. Our soul and body are closely tied together. We literally need a spiritual blood transfusion, where the eternal life of God cleanses our soul and body-blood stream.

Our spirit affects every part of us, so that when our spirit is active and alive in God, it affects us mentally, emotionally and physically.

It is as our soul comes under the lordship of Jesus Christ in our spirit, that we enter into wholeness, even our body is strengthened as the eternal life of God flows into our soul and body.