# MAN'S PURPOSE AND THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT



## HEALING OUR WOUNDED HEARTS PART 1

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# FOREWORD

This book sets out one of the most important foundational principles that a believer must discover in their journey to healing which includes healing of their emotions from hurts and wounds.

The understanding of the Gifts of God, the revelational knowledge on how these can impact your own life as well as minister to others and the wisdom to apply these at the right place (space) and time, will be a huge step in your healing.

Our focus with this book is to utilize these principles from a Hebraic mindset, namely to empower the believer to come to a full understanding of:

- Their role as “son of God”
- Their calling to transform from the image of the man of dust to a Heavenly Man
- Their purpose to use these gifts to “love your neighbor as you love yourself”
- Their Father’s blessing to impact eternity.

The Body of Messiah has been blessed since the early 1990’s with literature covering this aspect by Don and Kate Fortune: “Discover your God-given Gifts”.

This couple has also written a practical help to empower parents to identify their children’s gifts so that parents can fulfill their God-given calling to set the child out on the correct path towards their destiny.

Other resources which we can recommend to an earnest Torah student who wants to further their study in this regard are:

- Spiritual Gifts Descriptions www.churchgrowth.org/giftslist.php
- “Knowing Me Knowing God” by Malcolm Goldsmith
- Arthur Burk Website: http://www.plumblineministries.com/south_africa1

We trust that you will be blessed as you work through this manual!

## INTRODUCTION: THE CREATION STORY

When God created the world and all we see around us, He **spoke** all things into being.

He very carefully and lovingly prepared this world and **all** that is in it like parents would prepare a **nursery** for the new born baby.

He did it all for man to enjoy all his days upon the earth. God spoke to the **earth** and the trees and all vegetation came into being. If you take a tree out of the soil – its source – it dies. God did the same with the fish in the sea – He spoke to the **waters** and created all the sea / water creatures and plants. Again, if you take the fish out of its source, it dies.

When God made **man**, He spoke to **Himself**: "Let **Us** make man in Our Image." He took out of Himself **LIFE** which belongs to Him only, and placed it into man. Man was created from God – God is man's **Source**. If man walks away from God, He is cut off from his Source and will die!

The purpose of this book is to help man find his way back to God and to be restored to his Source. May God give us His grace as we journey back into His **Presence** through the Door, **Yeshua**, and by His **Blood** alone, this has been made possible!!

**HALLELUJAH!!**



# PART 1: A HEBRAIC UNDERSTANDING TO MAN'S PURPOSE AND THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We have been studying the Hebraic roots of our faith to fully understand God's **purpose for our lives**, i.e. how do we walk in obedience to His Will.

One of these aspects evolved in our study of the feast of Yom Kippur and the Book of Jonah. It was here that we came to understand that a believer can **miss out** / walk away from **his purpose / calling**.

This choice exercised by every individual could by due to:

- our own failure to know what our gift / purpose is.
- my choice to be disobedient.
- my capitulation / defeat after the attacks from the kingdom of darkness.

We have extended this study (using the principle taught by Arthur Burk) to now include a practical understanding of the type of gifts, the reasons why I would choose to be disobedient to my calling and the curses / attacks which could cause me to loose heart.

## God creates Man:



Man is uniquely made by God. Science has proved that every person is exclusively different in:

- our finger prints
- our DNA samples

and yet we are all created in God's Image:

**Gen. 1:26a** *"26 God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness..."*

## WHO AM I?

I am a **SPIRIT**,
Who has a **SOUL**,
That lives in a **BODY**!




**1 Thessalonians 5:23** *"23 And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through [separate you from profane things, make you pure and wholly consecrated to God]; and may your **spirit and soul and body** be preserved sound and complete [and found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)."*

God's order, according to this scripture, is first the **SPIRIT**, then the **SOUL** and then the **BODY**.

**GOD** CONSCIOUSNESS:

The part of my being that has awareness to God and the spiritual realm.

**SELF** CONSCIOUSNESS:

This is the part of us that is made up of mind, will and emotions.

**WORLD** CONSCIOUSNESS:

The part of my being that understands the world or environment around me through my senses.

When Adam and Eve sinned, their spirits died.

**Genesis 2:17** *"In the day you eat of it you shall surely die."*

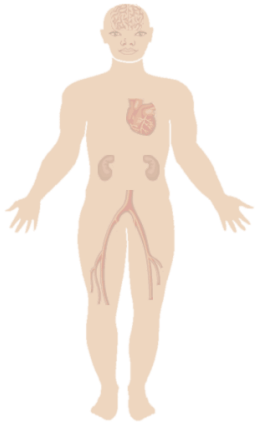
**The answer to that problem: You must be born again!**

**John 3:3** *"3 Jesus answered him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that unless a person is born again (anew, from above), he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the kingdom of God."*

**Ephesians 2:1** *"1 AND YOU He **made alive**, when you were dead (slain) by [your] trespasses and sins"*

**Ezekiel 36:26-27** *"26 A new heart will I give you and a **new spirit** will I put within you, and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."*

**THE BODY**



**Romans 7:22-23**
*"For I endorse and delight in the Law of God in my inmost self [with my new nature].*
*But I discern in my* ***bodily members [****in the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh] a different law (rule of action) at war against the law of my mind (my reason) and making me* ***a prisoner to the law of sin*** *that dwells in my bodily organs [in the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh]."*

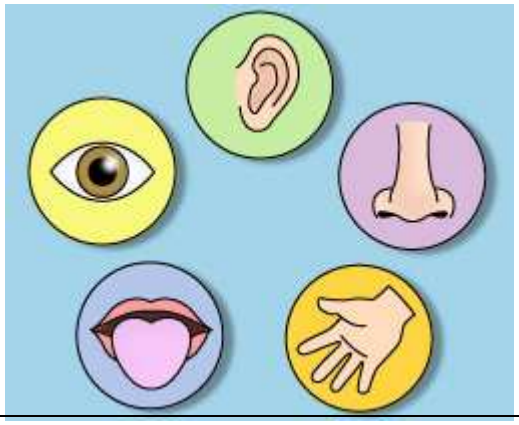
**Romans 8:13**
*"For if you live according to [the dictates of] the flesh, you will surely die. But if through* ***the power of the [Holy] Spirit you are [habitually] putting to death the [evil] deeds prompted by the body, you shall live forever****."*

**Ephesians 2:4-6**
*"But God—so rich is He in His mercy! Because of …the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us, even when we were dead by [our own] shortcomings and trespasses,* ***He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; it is by grace that you are saved and He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus…"***

**The body is guided by the 5 senses.**

The power of sin offers temptation through the senses of the body.

- Touch
- Taste
- See
- Hear
- Smell



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*"But I discern in my bodily members [****in the sensitive appetites*** *and wills of the* ***flesh****] a different law (rule of action) at war against the law of my mind (my reason) and making me a prisoner to the law of sin that dwells in my bodily organs [in the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh]."*

**Romans 12:1**
*"1 I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to* ***make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God****, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship."*

## THE SOUL

The soul is made up of **three components**, and together these reflect your personality and character, as it has been formed since child birth.

Wrong role-model examples, wounding by others which has not been dealt with in a Godly manner, etc will all form your soul. In fact the Hebrew word for the verb to "do" is "***asah***" and has the connotation of a ball of **wet clay** on the potter's wheel. Kind, gentle loving pressure make a beautiful ornament but hardness of touch will cause the "pot" to be scarred for life.



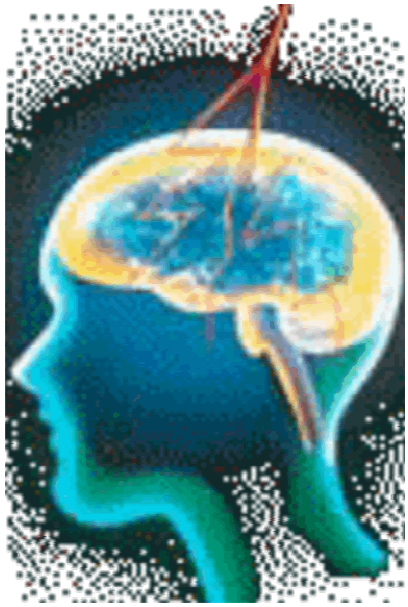
Our own minds cause us to look at life and try to make the best out of every situation. How often have we heard stories from an older generation?

History records that it was tough – but mostly the stories are about some event that they chose to remember – more often than not, they will recall the good "old" times. They remember what you could buy for a "tiekie" but forget to say how hard it was to earn one.

## THE MIND

One's personality includes:

- Intelligence
- Intuition
- Reason
- Logic



**Rom. 12:2 "***"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind*[1]*, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."*

This aspect of one's personality is not about a reflection of how high your IQ is. Rather it's a reflection of how you have been taught to see life.

From a Greco-Roman mindset you think:

- that performance
- individualization
- material possession is a measure of success.

[1] A more detailed study on **how to** renew the mind is available from Kanaan Ministries.

From a Hebraic mindset one would expect the above to follow as evidence of a blessing. However the focus of the mind will be on:

- relationships
- covenant
- Community.

**The value system** – how our minds order things in priority, then causes us to focus on will determine the journey that we walk.

**The platform** from which the mind views life's opportunities and challenges will determine which commandments, precepts, and values we choose to use in order to build the strongholds of our mind.



A Godly basis or foundation to our mind is the implanting of the Word of God which says:

"***Hear of Israel – the Lord your God is one***."

This declaration of a "**single" God** on one hand, and the fact that everyone is **created equal** on the other, is one of the basic steps to keep to **renewing** your mind.

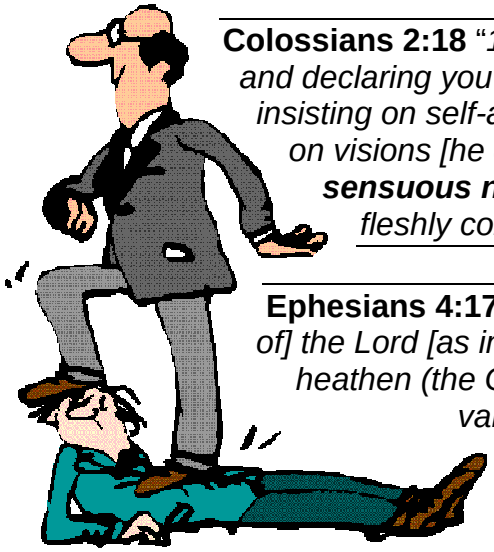
The Torah gives us an early warning system – it tells us what to look out for in our minds.

**Our minds can be:**

1. **Chasing after earthly things** – i.e. focusing on the material rewards, the commendation of man, recognition and fame

**Philippians 3:19** "*19 They are doomed and their fate is eternal misery (perdition); **their god is their stomach** (their appetites, their sensuality) and they glory in their shame, siding with earthly things and being of their party.*

**Romans 8:5** "*5 For those **who are according to the flesh** and are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on and pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit and are controlled by the desires of the Spirit set their minds on and seek those things which gratify the [Holy] Spirit.*



**Colossians 2:18** "*18 Let no one defraud you by acting as an umpire and declaring you unworthy and disqualifying you for the prize, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, taking his stand on visions [he claims] he has seen, **vainly puffed up by his sensuous notions** and inflated by his unspiritual thoughts and fleshly conceit,*

**Ephesians 4:17** "*17 So this I say and solemnly testify in [the name of] the Lord [as in His presence], that you must no longer live as the heathen (the Gentiles) do in their **perverseness** [in the folly, vanity, and emptiness of their souls and the futility] of their minds.*

2. **Blinded to the reality of God's purpose and calling.**

We can be walking through life without really knowing what we should be doing. Moreover we could be swayed by the opinion of man.



**2 Corinthians 3:14** "*14 In fact, their minds were grown hard and calloused [they had become dull and had lost the power of understanding]; for until this present day, when the Old Testament (the old covenant) is being read, that same veil still lies [on their hearts], not being lifted [to reveal] that in Christ it is made void and done away.*

**James 1:8** "*8 [For being as he is] a man of two minds (hesitating, dubious, irresolute), [he is] unstable and unreliable and uncertain about everything [he thinks, feels, decides].*

**James 4:8** "*8 Come close to God and He will come close to you. [Recognize that you are] sinners, get your soiled hands clean; [realize that you have been disloyal] wavering **individuals with divided interests**, and purify your hearts [of your spiritual adultery].*

3. **Defiled**.



When we hear this word, we normally react to think only of impurity, lustful, immoral acts / thoughts. In reality our minds are defiled if we can see when someone is wronged and yet we choose to **close our eyes to the injustice.**

Any thought or action which is one degree away from that which is righteous, good, honest and pure is a defiled action.

**Titus 1:15** "15 *To the pure [in heart and conscience] all things are pure, but to the defiled and corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure;* ***their very minds and consciences are defiled and polluted.***

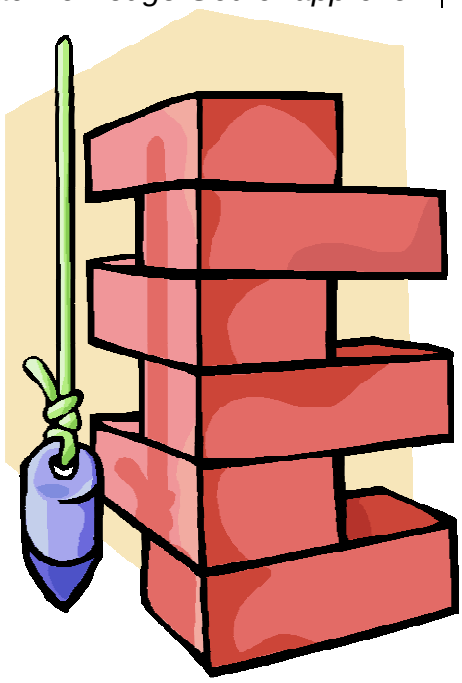
**2 Corinthians 11:3** *"3 But [now] I am fearful, lest that even as the serpent beguiled Eve by his cunning, so* ***your minds may be corrupted and seduced*** *from wholehearted and sincere and pure devotion to Christ.*

4. **At war with God**.

We can choose to declare that we are the enemy of God. This can take the form of acts of rebellion or it can go further where we cause harm to the Body of Messiah.

Note – this harm does not only include physical harm but also that caused by **slander, gossip and any act to enslave someone** else.

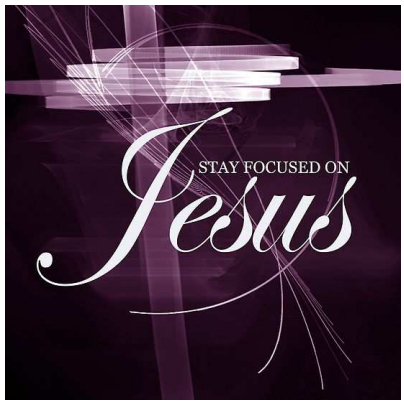
**Romans 1:28** "*28 And so, since they did not see fit to acknowledge God or approve of Him or consider Him worth the knowing, God gave them over to a base and condemned mind to do things not proper or decent but loathsome,*
**Romans 8:7** "*7 [That is] because the* ***mind of the flesh*** *[with its carnal thoughts and purposes] is* ***hostile to God****, for it does not submit itself to God's Law; indeed it cannot.*



Fortunately, the Torah also gives us an indication of where God's Benchmark can be found.

**Amos** speaks of a **plumb-line**; this form of measurement helps us to determine how far we are from God's Standard.

**A mind after God's Heart will be:**




(1) **Focused** on God's calling and direction, will be at a state of **readiness** to move at the call of the Holy Spirit, will be **willing** to lay-down our own agenda, hopes and plans.

**Acts 17:11** "*11 Now these [Jews] were better disposed and more noble than those in Thessalonica, for they were entirely ready and accepted and welcomed the message [concerning the attainment through Christ of eternal salvation in the kingdom of God] with* ***inclination of mind and eagerness, searching and examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so*****.**

**2 Corinthians 8:12** "*12 For if the [eager] readiness to give is there, then it is acceptable and welcomed in proportion to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.*

**Isaiah 26:3** "*3 You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace* ***whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You****, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, and hopes confidently in You*.

(2) **Pure and humble** – the mind focused on God's Will have laid down the plans and ambitions of man.



Therefore our acts will be a reflection of the **soundness** / purity of our understanding of God's principle.

**Acts 20:19** "*19 Serving the Lord with all humility in tears and in the midst of adversity (affliction and trials) which befell me, due to the plots of the Jews [against me];*

**2 Timothy 1:7** "*7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.*

**2 Peter 3:1** "*1 BELOVED, I am now writing you this second letter. In [both of] them I have stirred up your unsullied (sincere) mind by way of remembrance*,

**THE WILL**

The will is formed largely by our reaction to an authority figure in your childhood. As adults choose to treat a child, so will his will be impacted. Our will is either formed in a Godly way or is misshapen. A will which does not walk in humility or in true submission, needs to be transformed.

We can see that a will can be formed into anything from a tyrant to a slave.
The true alignment for our will is to be a son of God. It is therefore critical in this process of transforming my will to a place of Sonship i.e. total submission to the Father, that I must break down the stronghold of oppression, fear, and uncertainty, and build a new foundation of truth.

Mankind somehow has an in-build ability to hide and or ignore the wrong or bad attributes and to believe that we have an open mind and a free will which will mostly choose that which is the right thing to do.



It is therefore necessary to stand before the Mirror of God's Torah so that we can see what constitutes the Will of God.

The more clearly we define this Standard, the closer to God's Standard we can move:

**(a) God asks us to present our bodies as a Living Sacrifice.**

What does this mean? It means that our physical bodies should be maintained in a healthy manner.

My will is tested:

- with what I choose to eat, drink etc,
- by the level of exercise that I do,
- by my attitude towards a healthier place / environment in which I stay.



Today we live in a world of speed, performance and stress.

It is therefore also pertinent that we look at:

- how much we sleep,
- How much we rest.

Our sacrifice is to a level of submission to moderation.

**Romans 12:1** "*1 I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship.*

**1 Corinthians 3:16-17** "*16 Do you not discern and understand that you [the whole church at Corinth] are God's temple (His sanctuary), and that God's Spirit has His permanent dwelling in you [to be at home in you, collectively as a church and also individually]?*
*17 If anyone does hurt to God's temple or corrupts it [with false doctrines] or destroys it, God will do hurt to him and bring him to the corruption of death and destroy him. For the temple of God is holy (sacred to Him) and that [temple] you [the believing church and its individual believers] are.*

**(b) God asks us to render reasonable services.**

Much of the charismatic teachings today revolve around the concept of grace. At the same time they scoff at any form of obedience to God's Commandments and precepts.

God has placed us here to make an impact on our community. Importantly God tells us that **we must do these** things.

**Matthew 12:33** "*33 Either make the tree sound (healthy and good), and its fruit sound (healthy and good), or make the tree rotten (diseased and bad), and its fruit rotten (diseased and bad); for the tree is known and recognized and judged by its fruit.*
*35 The good man from his inner good treasure flings forth good things, and the evil man out of his inner evil storehouse flings forth evil things.*

**Romans 12:1** "*1 I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship.*

(c) The fact that we are called to **service** / to acts of obedience is nowhere more clearly stated than in the Beatitudes where we are called to work in God's Kingdom.

**Matthew 5:3-12** "*3 Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous—with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the poor in spirit (the humble, who rate themselves insignificant), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!*

*4 Blessed and enviably happy [with a happiness produced by the experience of God's favor and especially conditioned by the revelation of His matchless grace] are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted!*
*5 Blessed (happy, blithesome, joyous, spiritually prosperous—with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the meek (the mild, patient, long-suffering), for they shall inherit the earth!*
*6 Blessed and fortunate and happy and spiritually prosperous (in that state in which the born-again child of God enjoys His favor and salvation) are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God), for they shall be completely satisfied!*
*7 Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous—with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!*
*8 Blessed (happy, enviably fortunate, and spiritually prosperous—possessing the happiness produced by the experience of God's favor and especially conditioned by the revelation of His grace, regardless of their outward conditions) are the pure in heart, for they shall see God!*
*9 Blessed (enjoying enviable happiness, spiritually prosperous—with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are* ***the makers and maintainers of peace****, for they shall be called the sons of God!*
*10 Blessed and happy and enviably fortunate and spiritually prosperous (in the state in which the born-again child of God enjoys and finds satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of his outward conditions) are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake (for being and doing right), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!*
*11 Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous—with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of your outward conditions) are you when people revile you and persecute you and say all kinds of evil things against you falsely on My account.*
*12 Be glad and supremely joyful, for your reward in heaven is great (strong and intense), for in this same way people persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

We must **not be conformed** to this world but **transformed away** from it. We are told to carefully study what the present world sees as a standard of performance, lifestyle value.

We are then told to study the Torah to find God's Benchmark.

Any standard which does not measure up to God's Standard must then be clearly identified and we must make an action plan to move in exactly the opposite direction.



**Romans 12:2** "*2 Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].*

(d) We must come to the **full knowledge of the truth.** This is not only a matter of studying God's Word, but applying this in our day to day walk.

The reality is that the Truth of God's Word must be evidenced by deeds.




**Hebrews 4:12** *12 For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.*

**2 Timothy 3:16** "*16 Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action),*

**James 1:19** *19 Understand [this], my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear [a ready listener], slow to speak, slow to take offense and to get angry.*

**James 1:27** "*27 External religious worship [religion as it is expressed in outward acts] that is pure and unblemished in the sight of God the Father is this: to visit and help and care for the orphans and widows in their affliction and need, and to keep oneself unspotted and uncontaminated from the world.*

**Romans 8:12** "*12 So then, brethren, we are debtors, but not to the flesh [we are not obligated to our carnal nature], to live [a life ruled by the standards set up by the dictates] of the flesh.*
*13 For if you live according to [the dictates of] the flesh, you will surely die. But if through the power of the [Holy] Spirit you are [habitually] putting to death (making extinct, deadening) the [evil] deeds prompted by the body,* ***you shall [really and genuinely] live forever.***



**THE EMOTIONS**

- Sadness
- Anger
- Love
- Joy




**What the mind thinks…the individual will feel!**

- Anger
- Anxiety or Depression
- Pressure
- Greed

**Emotions** reveal the heart…however emotions **do not** reveal a person's identity!

The pattern of thinking that rules my mind, whether positive or negative, the degree to which I have a will focused on self or focused on Godly principles, will determine my feelings / emotions.

Emotions are the **dashboard of the heart** – they reveal the state of mind of the individual and as such are an amazing tool as a barometer of an individual's health.



# PART 2: THE BORN-AGAIN EXPERIENCE - OUR IDENTITY IS IN CHRIST!

**2 Cor. 5:17 "***Therefore, if anyone is **in Christ**, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

**What has become new?**



It is only the **spirit that has become new** because it has now reconnected again with our Creator.

- We have been translated out of the kingdom of death into the Kingdom of Life in Christ Jesus.
- We are under new "Management" and under a new Law of Life.
- Now we have the power and authority to deal with the bondages and hurts in our lives.

**John 17:15-17**
*15 I do not ask that You will take them out of the world, but that You will keep and protect them from the evil one.*
*16 **They are not of the world** (worldly, belonging to the world), [just] as I am not of the world.*
*17 **Sanctify them [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them holy] by the Truth; Your Word is Truth.***

Emotions cannot give us **directions** or answer why we feel a certain way.
The **Word** of **God** is the only path to ALL TRUTH…not our emotions.

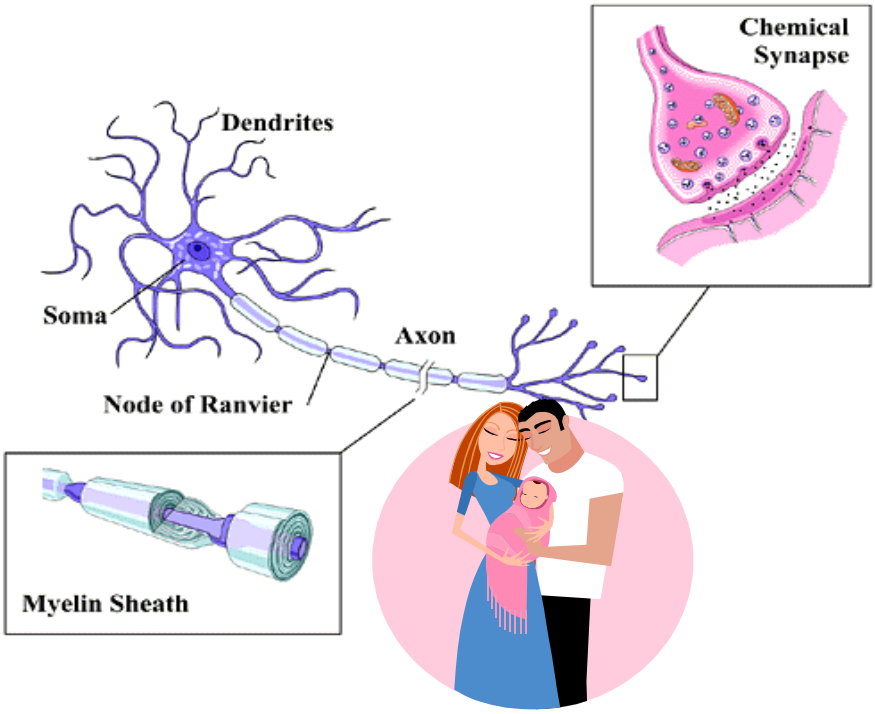
**THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SPIRIT AND THE SOUL**

**SPIRIT**: Has mind, will and emotions
**SOUL**: Has mind, will and emotions.
**BODY**: Has brain that must grow for soul to express itself.



**The Myelination of the nerve sheets in the brain:**

Myelination of the nerve sheets is like putting insulation around each nerve sheet so that information can be stored and retrieved – pathways in the brain need to be formed. Until that takes place, the information is randomly sparking from one nerve sheet to the other.




This takes place after you are born, approximately 4 - 6 weeks to 24 months, and until this process takes place, your brain cannot think.

This process enables the messages:

- to run,
- to be stored and
- to be exchanged

That is why learning is such a slow process – the brain is being connected during this time.



Yet, as prayer ministers we know that the infant can remember things that happened to it in the womb and birth trauma.
The doctors are right - the brain cannot think - the soul cannot remember because the brain is not working.

**BUT**

The spirit is not dependent on the brain - the spirit is fully functional even though the soul is going to take 18 months before it can learn to say: "NO!"

That is the difference between the soul and the spirit!



God gave your spirit a 10 month head-start on the soul INTENTIONALLY.

God took out the competition between the spirit and the soul.
God made the brain unable to think for the first 10 months.
Your spirit would have an advantage over the soul so that we can
walk in the spirit and not in the soul!!




God has intended for us to know the difference between four voices:

- God's Voice.
- The devil's voice.
- The voice of your spirit.
- The voice of your soul.

God intends you to separate out the voices of soul and spirit so you can know who is speaking.

**WE NEED TO DISCERN BETWEEN THE SPIRIT OR SOUL**

We have all read and understood that God's Breath is equivalent to His Creative power. Just as He spoke to things (by breathing out His air), so too, this becomes the flow of life into man.



We are created in His Image. That Image does not mean that we follow a predetermined pattern in life **but** that we all have a purpose or reason to exist.

**Psalm 16:7-11** "*7 I will bless the Lord, **Who has given me counsel**; yes, my heart instructs me in the night seasons.*
*8 I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.*
*9 Therefore my heart is glad and my glory [my inner self] rejoices; my body too shall rest and confidently dwell in safety,*
*10 For You will not abandon me to Sheol (the place of the dead), neither will You suffer Your holy one [Holy One] to see corruption.*
*11 You will **show me the path of life**; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.*

We have also come to realize that my spirit-man is the template (pattern) for my soul-man. The Torah highlights very clearly for us that the spirit of man operates on all three levels (mind, will, emotions); the same is also found in the soul.

The Torah reveals that the **spirit-man** experiences every sense / feeling / emotion that can be found in the soul man.

Let's go through a number of verses to illustrate the interrelatedness of the spirit-man and the soul-man.



## THE SPIRIT-MAN'S MIND



Any believer who searches his heart with integrity and honesty will come to know the Mind and Will of God.

**Romans 8:27** "*27 And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the [Holy] Spirit [what His intent is], because the Spirit intercedes and pleads [before God] in behalf of the saints according to and in harmony with God's will.*

God tells us that the Deliverer (Yeshua) comes out of Zion and that those who accept Him are the "beloved" of God.

For those who fall into this category, we are promised that we **should see** the effect / result of our gifts and calling which are irrevocable.

When we exercise / use these gifts we have access to the depths of the Knowledge and Wisdom of God; but no matter what we do, we will never be able to know the extent of the "Mind of God" – my spirit mind's-connectedness with God depends on my degree of searching for God's Mind.

**Romans 11:33** "*33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unfathomable (inscrutable, unsearchable) are His judgments (His decisions)! And how untraceable (mysterious, undiscoverable) are His ways (His methods, His paths)*
*34 For who has known the mind of the Lord and who has understood His thoughts, or who has [ever] been His counselor?*

We often face trials and tribulations because of our own wilful wrong choices in life. But it is also true that God places us in places of stress so that we can learn to discern and understand His Mindset.

**So how are we put in "custody" to be shown the "Mind" of God?**

**Leviticus 24:12** "*12 And they put him **in custody** until **the Mind** of the Lord might be **declared** to them.*

1. The Hebrew word for "**custody**" used here is "***mishmâr***" Strongs 4929 and means:
    - to guard a man at a prison
    - a deposit
    - an example

2. The Hebrew word for "**Mind**" used here is "***peh***" - Strongs 6310 and means:

    - mouth, literally as in blowing specifically in speech
    - two-edged word

3. The Hebrew word for "**declared**" used here is "***pârash***" - Strongs 6567 and means:
   - to separate by wounding
   - to declare
   - sting

We are created with a one-on-one relationship between my spirit-man and my soul-man. This allows us to understand how we can reach into the depths of God's Wisdom so that our walk on earth will be easier.

1. **I must reach into the spirit of my understanding - I am made to learn from God**.

We are often faced with attacks from other people, from believers and pagans. When rebuke or reproach is made, I hear the words of accusation and if I rely on my soul-man, I will probably react with fear, anger and words of defiance.

Or alternatively, I can rely on my spirit-man to connect with God's Spirit which will help me to have a God-given response.

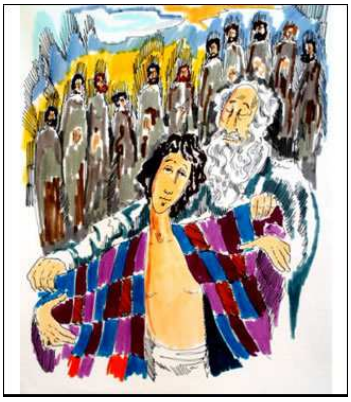
**Job 20:3** *"3 I have heard the reproof which puts me to shame, but* ***out of my understanding my spirit answers me.***

**Job 32:8** "*8 But* ***there is [a vital force] a spirit [of intelligence] in man****, and the breath of the Almighty gives men understanding.*

Our reliance on our spirit-man to sense and see God's understanding of a situation is critical. We do not want to inherit the heritage of a wicked man.

We therefore pray that the heart be quietened so that we will react with God's attributes and therefore save (protect) the things that we desire and restore that for which we have laboured.

2. **My spirit-man's words of love, life and hope can cause the mind of someone else's spirit to be revived.**



**Example of Jacob and Joseph**

Many years earlier, the brothers of Joseph had sold him off into slavery. They had come with lies, false images and deceit to bring Jacob the news that his son was dead.

They dishonoured their father over many years, as they watched his pain and grief, and yet did nothing to alleviate the pain for their father.
Once a lie has been told and the consequences have been set in motion, it is not easy to reverse this curse.

And yet we read of a day where the words from the long lost son and his gifts **revived** the spirit of Jacob.

**Genesis 45:27** "*27 But when they told him all the words of Joseph which he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him,* ***the spirit of Jacob their father revived*** *[and warmth and life returned].*

We have to take care that our words, especially when we speak of others, must carry the gift of revival in them.



My words should have the power to revive someone else whose heart has been broken. Only God's Spirit-Mind's words will have this effect.

2. **My spirit-man's strength of character will allow me to keep a secret.**

Who has a faithful spirit – someone whose mind is focused on the Spirit of God?

Only those who truly **understand,** experience, and feel God's goodness in all circumstances, will be able to have the capacity to also have a faithful spirit.
A man who understands how God thinks and sees each one of His created human beings will realize that God's grace is continuously being poured out over mankind.

As we realize this, and our own shortcomings in life we can:

**a.** love our neighbour no matter what happens,
b. keep our mouth shut to conceal a matter.

**Proverbs 11:12** "*12 He who belittles and despises his neighbor lacks sense, but a man of understanding keeps silent.*
"*13 He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy and faithful in spirit keeps the matter hidden.*

(Note: this is not a declaration to keep silence about sin and wrongdoing but a commitment not to gossip / slander / bring others into disrepute.)

3. **My spirit-man's mind can be heavy / troubled.**



From time to time circumstances in this world become a burden which is almost too difficult to carry. We have often spoken about the straw which breaks the camel's back.
We have a great capacity to carry burdens, injustices etc.

The Torah describes this **feeling of overload as heaviness**.

Strongs 3544 – "***kehah***" which means:

- feeble
- obscure
- a somewhat dark, smoky heaven.

The modern world describes much of this feeling with the terminology – "**stress"**.

When our spirit man's mind reaches up to God and into His ways of thinking and doing, i.e. when we see how Yeshua reacted to all circumstances and we make this our lifestyle, then we come to the understanding that God's plan is one of exchange:

- beauty for ashes
- comfort for mourning
- Garments of praise for the heaviness.

**Isaiah 61:3** "*3 To grant [consolation and joy] to those who mourn in Zion—to give them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment [expressive] of praise instead of a heavy, burdened, and failing spirit—that they may be called oaks of righteousness [lofty, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God], the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.*

**Genesis 41:8** "*8 So when morning came his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians and all the wise men of Egypt. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but not one could interpret them to [him].*

My spirit-man's mind must be renewed to have an expectancy of God's "exchange" so that I will Glorify Him.



**I can Choose to, in my Spirit-man's "Mind" to Work in the Opposite Spirit – i.e. in one form of rebellion or other.**

**1. My spirit-man mind can be hardened so that my heart becomes obstinate**




Our journey along life's path is littered with **crossroads**, places where we are supposed to **stop**, seek God's Will and make an **informed choice** before we proceed.

Every man, who exercises his freedom of choice to move in the **opposite direction to the guidance of the Holy Spirit,** often does so in a way which progressively leads further and further away from God.

This path may take the form of

- legalism - a form of religion without life or;
- lawlessness - a form of religion without obedience.

Either way, we become conditioned to our way of thinking.



The Torah describes this as **"hardened"** and tells us that God's Spirit brings this state of affairs to a head.

Strongs 7285 – "***qashah***" and means:

- a property that is dense
- hard
- stiff-necked.

**Deuteronomy 2:30** "*30 But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him; for the Lord your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that He might give him into your hand, as at this day.*




People whose minds have not been renewed and which have been hardened, over time become **obstinate**.

Strongs 553 – "***amats***" and means:

- to be alert
- steadfast
- making strong in their attempts to defy God

Believers who follow this path, of failing to search for God's plan will find that He chooses to use a process of trials and tribulations in order that we come to a realization that we need to change.

The sad part is that unless we repent it can mean that we drop into the depths of bondage / slavery.

**2. We can become ill when we react in anger against the spirit-man's mind**

We have been empowered to live a life of victory. This implies that my physical body and soul are in right standing to my spirit-man. **When my spirit is attuned to God's Ways, Will, and Wisdom I will react to circumstances in the way that He wants me too.**

The life-story **of Moses** explains something of this to us. We know that it is recorded that Moses was a friend of God.

We see many instances where he waits on God, goes before God on behalf of the Israelites.



We can safely say that the spirit-man's mind of Moses was closely tuned into God's Spirit.

We see however that when the Israelites rebel against **God's Spirit** inside of Moses that Moses is unable to restrain himself.

He becomes angry at them and consequently, because of his reaction to their rebellion, he becomes ill.

**Psalm 106:32 "***32 They angered the Lord also at the waters of Meribah, so that it **went ill with Moses** for their sakes;*
*33 For they provoked [Moses'] spirit, so **that he spoke unadvisedly** with his lips.*

Our reactions, when we are provoked, especially when we walk close to God, will result in pain and suffering.

**3. We can lose direction in life and follow false teaching / movement when our spirit is proud / haughty**



A humble spirit will always seek righteousness and will also see the future as an opportunity.

Those who are **proud / haughty** believe in their own self effort.

They are comfortable with the knowledge that they have the talent / gift to "walk alone".

All too often our gifts are inadequate, our physical strength melts with sickness and old age, and circumstances outside of our control impact us negatively.

Because the **proud / haughtily look to their own strength** they will react:

- with anger
- with words to negate what others have done in the present.

**Ecclesiastes 7:8-10** "*8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning of it, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.*
*9 Do not be quick in spirit to be angry or vexed, for anger and vexation lodge in the bosom of fools.*
*10 Do not say, Why were the old days better than these? For it is not wise or because of wisdom that you ask this.*

God's Spirit, connected to our spirit will cause our minds to be rejuvenated, renewed. We see that God's Wisdom, when translated into tangible action on earth by an obedient son of God will be:

- a good inheritance
- profitable
- a defence for money
- Life to those that have it.



**Exodus 7:11-14** "*11 Then Pharaoh called for the wise men [skilled in magic and divination] and the sorcerers (wizards and jugglers). And they also, these magicians of Egypt, did similar things with their enchantments and secret arts.*
*12 For they cast down every man his rod and they became serpents; but* ***Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.***
*13 But Pharaoh's heart was hardened and stubborn and he would not listen to them, just as the Lord had said.*
*14 Then the Lord said to Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hard and stubborn; he refuses to let the people go.*

## THE SPIRIT-MAN'S EMOTIONS

Emotions are seen to be a human thing – often seen as the irresponsible, illogical part of man.

The Torah describes how the Spirit of God experiences various emotions. The emotions which are clearly are felt and remembered are those associated with hurt and pain.



(a) My spirit can be in **anguish**.

**Exodus 6:9** "*9 Moses told this to the Israelites, but they refused to listen to Moses because of their impatience and anguish of spirit and because of their cruel bondage.*

(b) My spirit can be **jealous**

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**Numbers 5:14** "*14 And if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he is jealous and suspicious of his wife who has defiled herself—or if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he is jealous and suspicious of his wife though she has not defiled herself—*

(c) My spirit can be **sorrowful**.



**1 Samuel 1:15** "*15 But Hannah answered, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I was pouring out my soul before the Lord.*

(d) My spirit can be **wounded**.

**Psalm 18:4 "***4 The cords or bands of death surrounded me, and the streams of ungodliness and the torrents of ruin terrified me.*

(e) My spirit can be **vexed**.

**Ecclesiastes 1:14** "*14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity, a striving after the wind and a feeding on wind.*

## THE SPIRIT-MAN'S WILL

A man's will can be free to make the right choice to serve God. Only a will which has been connected to God's Will will be able to reveal the strength of character that God desires for man.



The Torah clearly defines how man's will must reflect the spirit-man's Will of God.

1. If **my Spirit-man's Will is connected to God's Spirit**, I will be **stirred** up and **willing** to bring
    - service
    - offering

**Exodus 35:21** "*21 And they came, each one **whose heart stirred** him up and whose spirit made him willing, and **brought the Lord's offering** to be used for the [new] Tent of Meeting, for all its service, and the holy garments.*

2. **My Spirit-man's Will will contain no deceit**

Man uses his free will to come in repentance before God. The choice to recognise that actions, words and even omissions have caused harm to others needs to have a resolute will which stands to acknowledge all wrongs.

In addition we must be resolute in facing the consequences of our deeds or lack of them and must take course to make restitution.

Only those whose hearts are pure in this regard can say that because God has forgiven, there is no deceit in our minds.




One needs to actively search out your heart regularly to make sure that this line between you and God remains open.

The most difficult of all wrongs to recognize are those times when we simply failed to step up to help / stand in the gap for another.

Nobody, other than you and God, knows what you were gifted and tasked to do.

**Psalm 32:1** "*1 BLESSED (HAPPY, fortunate, to be envied) is he who has forgiveness of his transgression continually exercised upon him, whose sin is covered.*
*"2 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

### 3. My Spirit-man's Will will be steadfast.

How can we climb every mountain of opposition, accusation, trial and tribulations?

We do this when our will has come to the knowledge and understanding that God's Will always responds as He has described Himself.

Once our will has received the revelation of this wisdom we become resolute in our walk of obedience. We no longer are distracted by the "noise" of man and the winds of change of this fickle world.

**Psalm 34:18** "*18 The Lord is close to those who are of a broken heart and saves such as are crushed with sorrow for sin and are humbly and thoroughly penitent.*

**Psalm 51:17** "*17 My sacrifice [the sacrifice acceptable] to God is a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart [broken down with sorrow for sin and humbly and thoroughly penitent], such, O God, You will not despise.*

**Psalm 78:7** "*7 That they might set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but might keep His commandments*



## PAIN IS FOUND IN THE SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY.

Pain in the body is easy to discern and we have amazing medical technology available to minister healing to the physical body.

**It is very important to discern between pain in the spirit and pain in the soul because the ministry of healing will be different to each area.**

Jesus knew that Judas would betray Him. He washed the feet of the disciples, sat down and spoke a few profound things.

After He had spoken these things, "He was **troubled in His Spirit**."

**John 13:21** "*After Jesus had said these things, **He was troubled (disturbed, agitated) in spirit** and said, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, one of you will deliver Me up [**one of you will be false to Me and betray Me**]!*

This shows us that "betrayal" is a wound in the human spirit.

Another example:

**Job 7:11** *"11 Therefore I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the **anguish of my spirit**, I will complain in the **bitterness of my soul** [O Lord]!"*

Here we see that anguish is a wound in the spirit and bitterness is **a wound in the soul.**

So begin to read the scriptures with a keen focus on emotions and wounds and take note of exactly where the wounding takes place – be it in the spirit or soul - so that we can be more effective in co-partnering with the Holy Spirit to be able to minister to the wounded.

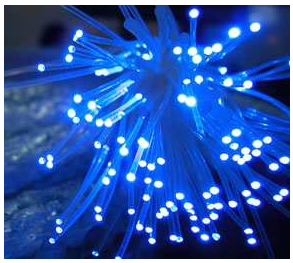


## PART 3: I HAVE BEEN GIVEN ALL I NEED FOR LIFE AND GODLINESS.

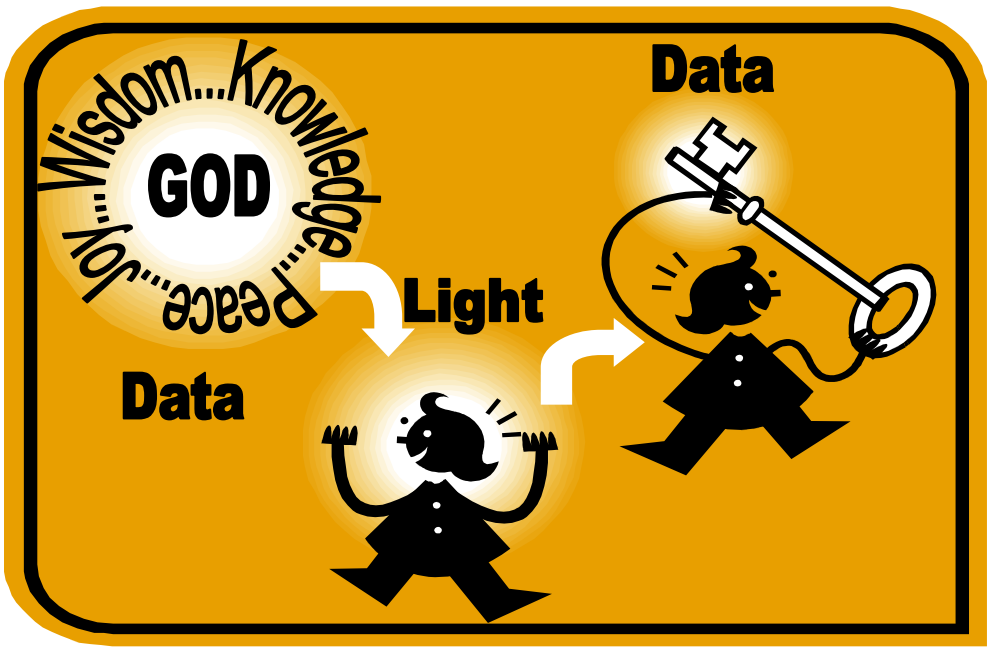


**2 Pet 1:3-4** *"3* ***For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness****,*
*through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).*
*4 By means of these* ***He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises,*** *so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed),* ***and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature."***

We are still in a mess because we have been looking outside instead of inside for the resources that we need to life.
In addition to that light of our spirit, we have the amazing concept of DATA.



We take data and convert it to light – we run it along fiber-optics – bring it out the other end and convert it back to data.




God does it so much better then our science does. Your light is not just light but it is data-rich light.

So your spirit is carrying a massive amount of truth that needs to be unpacked.

So if you are broken, then the key to resolving your brokenness is found in the data that is already embedded in your light.



**Applying the scripture that I have been given ALL things pertaining to Life and Godliness**

Example:

You are born with a genetic ability to be an **extraordinary violinist:**



- You can not buy the genes
- there is no genetic transplant
- there was no brain surgery
- it did not come through the laying on of hands, etc.
- It was there from conception.

HOWEVER:

You still have to spend thousands of:

- hours practicing,
- Rands/Dollars/Euro in music lessons

to develop the resource that is within you.

In our spiritual walk we have been given everything we need for life and Godliness within our:

- spiritual genes
- chromosomes
- our DNA.

BUT: for many years we have been looking for it outside:



- We need a blessing
- We need a prophetic word
- We need an impartation
- We need a laying on of hands
- Someone else has whatever I need for me to be able to go forward
- Until that someone gives me the missing piece to my life, I can't progress.

We run from seminar to seminar, conference to conference, looking for the one who will bring something from OUTSIDE that will make us complete so that we can possess our birthright!!

There is room for impartation from outside, but God said that you have been **given** everything you need for life and Godliness!



In your spirit, together with the Holy Spirit, you can unpack the resources that you need for victory to get past that glass ceiling that you are up against in your walk with God.

The key is: YOU HAVE IT!! You will have to practice to develop it!!

**What is the Essence of my being?**

It is the **liberty** of knowing:

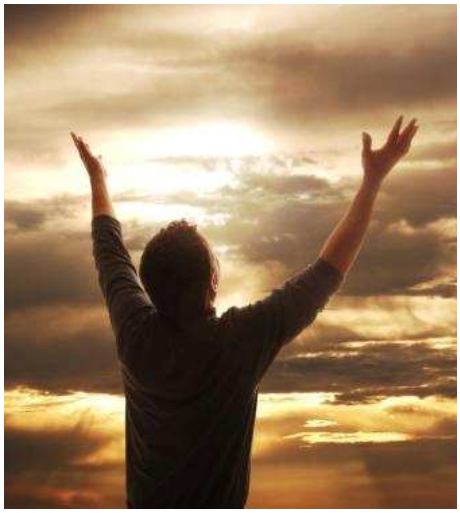


- That I am not a victim!
- That I am not helpless
- That I am not necessarily dependant on somebody to impart something to me
- That in me already is that thing I am already looking for

If the Holy Spirit will shine His Light on your light in the right place you would see that.

**Num. 6:24-26** "*The Lord bless you and watch, guard, and keep you;*
*25* ***The Lord make His face to shine upon and enlighten you*** *and be gracious (kind, merciful, and giving favor) to you;*
***26 The Lord lift up His [approving] countenance upon you*** *and give you peace (tranquility of heart and life continually)."*

What does it mean for you to turn your face to the Father and allow His Light to shine on your spirit?



You have the **right** to look into the Face of God – and when you look into His Face, His Light shines on your spirit – it will enlarge the light of your spirit – it will increase the intensity.

God has designed our spirit to shine forth to other people's spirits – especially our children's spirit.

**A STATEMENT OF LIBERTY**

**Rom. 8:16** *"The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God."*



**Liberty is rooted in our SPIRIT, not in our soul.**

**SCRIPTURES TO PROVE THAT OUR SPIRIT IS LIGHT**

**Ps. 36:9 "** *For with You is the fountain of life;* ***in Your light do we see light***."

**Ps. 44:3 "** *For they got not the land [of Canaan] in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them; but Your right hand and Your arm* ***and the light of Your countenance [did it],*** *because You were favorable toward and did delight in them.*"

**Ps. 89:15 "***Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are the people who know the joyful sound [who understand and appreciate the spiritual blessings symbolized by the feasts];* ***they walk, O Lord, in the light and favor of Your countenance!"***



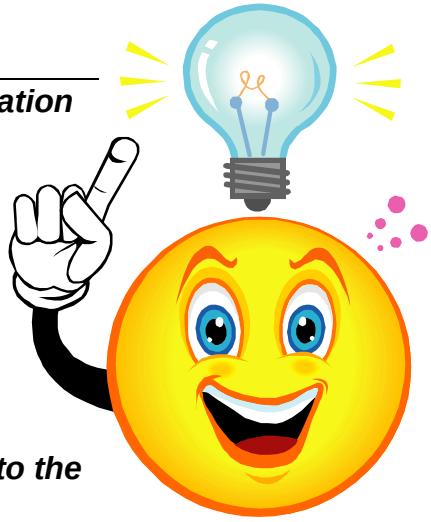
**Matt. 5:16 "*Let your light so shine before men that they may see*** *your moral excellence and your praiseworthy, noble, and good deeds and recognize and honor and praise and glorify your Father Who is in heaven*."

**Isaiah 58:8** "*Then shall your light break forth like the morning, and your healing (your restoration and the power of a new life) shall spring forth speedily; your righteousness (your rightness, your justice, and your right relationship with God) shall go before you [conducting you to peace and prosperity], and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard."*

**Isaiah 58:10** "*And if you pour out that with which you sustain your own life for the hungry and satisfy the need of the afflicted,* ***then shall your light rise in darkness, and your obscurity and gloom become like the noonday*****."**



**Is. 60:1-3** "***ARISE [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you—rise to a new life]!***
***Shine*** *(be radiant with the glory of the Lord),* ***for your light has come,***
***and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!***
*2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you [O Jerusalem], and His glory shall be seen on you.*
*3* ***And nations shall come to <u>your light</u>, and kings to the brightness of your rising."***



It does not say that the nations will come to God's glory but that nations will come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn!!
God wants your spirit to be so intense, so bright, so alive, that who have turned their back on God will be intrigued by the light of your spirit.

**The New Jerusalem**

**Rev 21:24-26** *"The nations shall* ***walk by its light*** *and* ***the rulers and leaders of the earth shall bring into it their glory.***
*25 And its gates shall never be closed by day, and there shall be no night there. [Isa. 60:11.]*
*26* ***They shall bring the glory (the splendor and majesty) and the honor of the nations into it****.*

God is the Light that will fill the City and Jesus is the Lamp so the Light of God shines through Jesus Christ.

Then God will bring into the New Jerusalem the glory of the nations! God is going to show-case the glory of human-beings!



**HOW I REVEAL GOD'S LIGHT TO THIS WORLD**

**Rom. 12:6-8** *"Having gifts (faculties, talents, qualities) that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them: [He whose gift is] prophecy (**PROPHET**), [let him prophesy] according to the proportion of his faith;*
*7 [He whose gift is] practical service (**SERVANT**), let him give himself to serving; he who teaches (**TEACHER**), to his teaching;*
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**THE SPIRIT IS LIGHT, LIGHT DIVIDES INTO 7 WHEN IT SHINES THROUGH A PRISM:**




Each gift needs to be taken from the "seed" planted in you at birth and transferred in deeds of life to impact others in the community.

Only when others see the Fruit of the Holy Spirit revealed in your deeds / attitudes will they be able to "taste" of your gift and be nourished.

**Galatians 5:23** "*23 Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge].*
*24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus (the Messiah) have crucified the flesh (the godless human nature) with its passions and appetites and desires.*

## GOD CREATES EVERY PERSON UNIQUELY

God expressly pre-determines these individual characteristics:

**Ps. 139:13-17** *"13 For You **did form my inward parts**; You **did knit me together** in my mother's womb.*
*14 I will confess and praise You for You are fearful and wonderful and for the awful wonder of my birth! Wonderful are Your works, and that my inner self knows right well.*
*15 My **frame was not hidden from You** when I was being formed in secret [and] intricately and curiously wrought [as if embroidered with various colors] in the depths of the earth [a region of darkness and mystery].*
*16 Your **eyes saw my unformed substance**, and in Your book all the days [of my life] were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them.*
*17 How precious and weighty also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!"*

**Jer. 1:5** *"5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and **before you** were born **I separated and set you apart,** consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."*

## GOD HAS DESIGNED YOUR SPIRIT TO WALK IN DOMINION

Generally our spirit has not walked in dominion.



God's design is that Spirit-man will always take the lead

**You have to wait until it is God's time and God's way. God has to grow the spirit to an appropriate level and then God will direct your spirit as to when it is time to assume the seat of dominion.**

## INSTRUCTING / DIRECTING THE HUMAN SPIRIT

The human spirit was designed by God to be **actively involved** in everyday living.

**It is very easy to fall into witchcraft when you are directing somebody else's spirit. Witchcraft is when you are controlling somebody else.**



You have to build a relationship with somebody's spirit, and when they really start to trust you, then you can engage with their spirit,.

If you start being directive, you can easily **step into the place of God** and commit the terrible sin of witchcraft in somebody else's life.

There are **limited situations** where it is appropriate to be directive to the spirit. If the person you are working with knows what you are going to do, they give you the permission to speak directly to your spirit – they are fully aware and fully willing then it is appropriate.

Handicapped children have limited comprehension and will in their soul; this gives their parents the right to speak to the child and to direct his spirit to deal with the issue at hand.

Aside from those issues where there is agreement on healing, or when you are dealing with somebody whose soul-communication is impaired, you must walk very, very gently in being directive.



There is one area of direction where you can always feel comfortable with:

That is, to tell somebody's spirit – even if you know nothing about their spirit – you don't know their background, you don't know where they are in their Christian walk etc, – **you can be perfectly comfortable to tell their spirit to turn their face toward God and get their instruction from God.**

As prayer minister, you can legitimize / liberate the spirit by saying:

*"You have been number 2 for forty years but that is irrelevant. You were designed by God to be number 1. You have within you everything you need to lead and some day God will very clearly, very precisely, very efficiently move you into a place of leadership over the soul."*

*Spirit, it doesn't matter that the soul does not agree with or approve of that. In God's time you the spirit will grow to the level that you are capable to do what you were designed to do, and that is to lead the soul*."

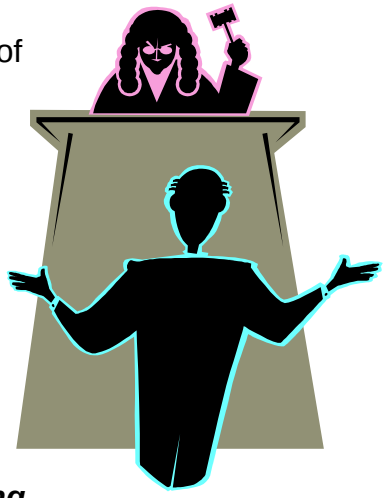


**THE DIFFERENCE IN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SPIRIT AND SOUL**

In our culture we give high marks to any one who is eloquent. The individual who can rapidly understand the ideas in a meeting and come to a conclusion, gets the prize in our community.

When our spirit is not as eloquent as our soul, it feels inadequate and lacks the liberty to be itself.

It feels stupid and ridiculous.



Your soul was never made to adequately express the brilliance of what your spirit encounters.
**Your soul sits in judgment on the spirit.**

The soul says: "*If you can't explain it so I can understand it, it must not matter*."

Your soul is dead wrong!!

**1 Cor 14:15** *"Then what am I to do?* ***I will pray with my spirit*** *[by the [i]Holy Spirit that is within me], but* ***I will also pray [intelligently] with my mind and understanding****; I will sing* ***with my spirit*** *[by the Holy Spirit that is within me], but* ***I will sing [intelligently] with my mind and understanding*** *also.*

Please note Paul did not say he prays **IN** the spirit – he prays **WITH** his spirit but also with his mind. He is not praying in tongues!

There is room for your soul to be involved in your spiritual exercises.
But there are things that your spirit can understand that your soul never will.

Paul went to Heaven and when he came back he said it was impossible to try and imagine what it is like.

**1 Cor 2:9** "*But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says,* ***What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready)*** *for those who love Him [[f]who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed].*

Something profound happens when your spirit is set free because your soul is used to sitting in judgment.



Your **soul weighs everything** around you:

- Is it safe to sit next to you?
- Should I sit in the front row?
- Is the room too cold or too hot?
- Do I like your outfit or not?

My spirit cannot communicate certain things to my soul and it is not because my spirit is incompetent. It is because my soul does not have the soft ware to run the language of the spirit.

**Timing is very important when calling the spirit forward to take the lead.**

Do not allow your soul to second-guess the things that your soul can not explain. Your soul is magnificent! Your soul understands this arena. Your soul has an incredible grasp around the world!

"*So wait, spirit! - Because in God's perfect timing, you will fit into the larger world around you.*

*You will not have to make a place for yourself spirit – God will make a place.*



*You will not have to change the culture so that there is an open door for you – you will not have to kick down a door – God will deal with the culture.*

*God will create just the right scene in the play for your entrance to be absolutely spectacular* ***at the right time!***

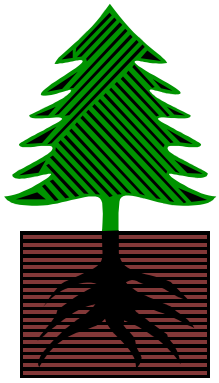
*So for now spirit, turn your face to the Father and ask Him what needs to be impacted – who am I? – What portion of my spirit needs to be brought to reality – what truth have You placed in me that it is now the time for me to understand today?*

*Your spirit must grow to be bigger than your soul! Do not let your soul sit in judgment on the process that God is choosing to unpack the treasures in your spirit."*

**LESSONS FROM A TREE**

**Ps 1:3** "*And* ***he shall be like a tree firmly planted [and tended] by the streams of water, ready to bring forth its fruit in its season****; its leaf also shall not fade or wither; and everything he does shall prosper [and come to maturity].*

**What is the fruit-bearing season of a tree?**



- A Papaya Tree bears fruit in about eight months in a good climate.
- An orange tree bears fruit in about three years.
- A Brazil nut tree starts bearing fruit in 75 years!

There are different time-lines for trees. Many of us move way ahead of God's timing several times in our lives. Many times we get frustrated for the lack of movement.

We get prophetic dreams, visions, words, etc. You believe in them and you stand on them and you are trying to move towards them.
**You must remember: In the fullness of time you will be released!!**
God will place you at the right place in the right time! You must trust Him!

**TAKE THE FREEDOM TO WALK ACCORDING TO THE TIME-LINE OF GOD'S SPIRIT AND NOT THE EXPECTATION OF ANY CULTURAL SYSTEM AROUND YOU!!**

- Moses began bearing fruit when he was 80 years old.
- Samuel began bearing fruit when he was 4 years old.
- Some people bear fruit all their life like Samuel.
- Esther bore fruit for about a 2 year period.

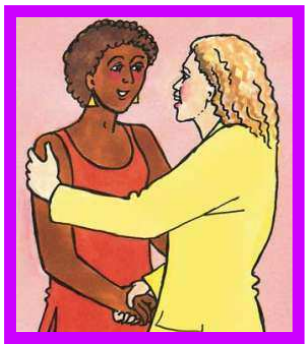
Everybody's fruit-bearing season is unique.

Be released to bear fruit in God's season and not according to your culture's expectations, in Yeshua's Name!!



# PART 4: GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MAN

God did not place us on earth only to be in right standing with Him, but there is so much more. Clearly we were consecrated to prepare a place of intimacy so that God can be revealed to the nations.

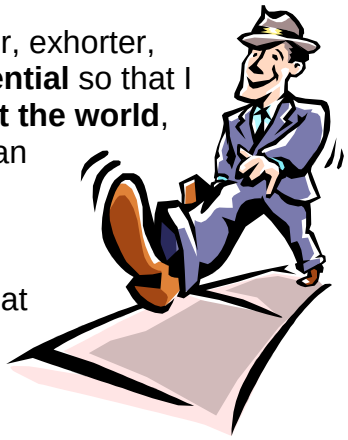


This irrevocable calling was given by God to Adam and Eve.

**Romans 11:29** "*29 For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call.]*

**Ephesians 1:18** "*18 By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones),*

**Rom. 12:6-8** "*Having gifts (faculties, talents, qualities) that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them: [He whose gift is] prophecy (**PROPHET**), [let him prophesy] according to the proportion of his faith;*
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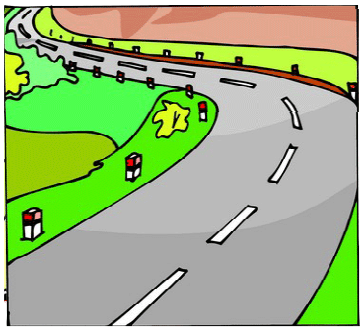


God gave man **a gift of purpose** (prophet, servant, teacher, exhorter, ruler, mercy), which we need to "enlarge" to its **fullest potential** so that I can operate under the Holy Spirit to **use this gift to impact the world**, **restoring my place of dominion** so that God's intimacy can be re-established.

Our **gifts** (Redemptive purpose) and our **understanding**, **developing** and **operating** in them will define the extent that we fulfil our calling. "Gifts / Purpose" and "calling" are directly linked.

## THE FIVE STAGES OF A PURPOSEFUL LIFE

We are no longer living in the Old Testament time. Although the **Torah** is still the **roadmap** for our purpose we move to the New Testament to put context to our purpose.



Purpose can only be within the **boundary** of God's Covenant. Yeshua gives us the boundary to our purpose.

**Matthew 22:37-40** "*37 And He replied to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (intellect).*
*38 This is the great (most important, principal) and first commandment.*
*39 And a second is like it: You shall **love your neighbor as [you do] yourself**.*
*40 These two commandments sum up and upon them depend all the Law and the Prophets.*

Any goal or purpose which therefore falls outside of this boundary is **not from God** but is a creation of self.

### FIRST STAGE - YOU MUST BE BLESSED BY A FATHER

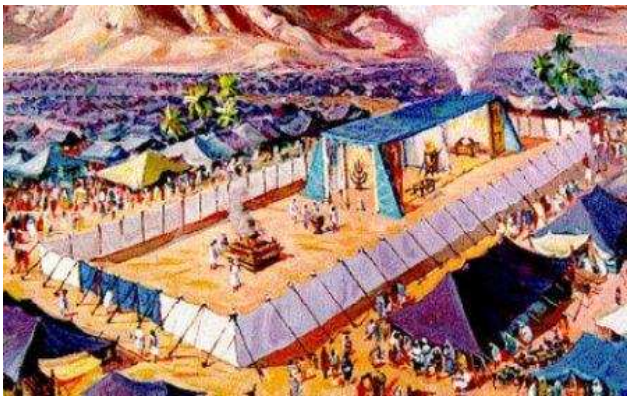


God is the Ultimate Father – in fact He goes on to say – do not let any man call himself father.

We need to clarify something: any person can join together with a woman and make a baby – this physical act makes us a biological father.

However the title "father" that we are alluding to is someone who exhibits / lives the attributes of God whose blessings are not focused on well-being, wealth etc. but on the desire to see a son walk through life without **restrictions** or **limitations**.

We start this process of blessing by **following God's pattern**.



God lays out patterns for us to follow. Paul tells us that the earthly tabernacle is a pattern of the "real" Tabernacle in the Heaven.

If we can't follow these earthly patterns and instructions how are we going to be able to worship and praise God when we are with Him in Heaven?

So too, man's purpose is laid out in a definite pattern / protocol. If we do not get the order right – we **will not get the result** that was planned.

a) Immediately after man becomes a living creature (when God's Breath entered his being), God blesses – i.e. God connected man's spirit (as baby) to His spirit.

**Genesis 1:27** "*27 So God created man in His own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him; **male and female He created them**.*



**Genesis 1:28** "*28 And **God blessed them** and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man]; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.*

**Then God says: "Go forth, fill the earth and subdue it.**

**Genesis 9:1** "*1 AND GOD pronounced a blessing upon Noah and his sons and said to them, **Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.***

**PLEASE NOTE**: blessing comes before multiplication.

We need to understand that this concept of "multiply" applies to:

- physical children
- material wealth
- spiritual growth.

The concept of blessing is not a once-off event at conception **but a lifelong process by a father,** which is why we are commanded to declare God's Words over all mankind.

A father therefore connects his baby's spirit to God's Spirit by prayer and words of affirmation and welcome.

**Numbers 6:24-27** "*24 The Lord bless you and watch, guard, and keep you;*
*25 The Lord make His face to shine upon and enlighten you and be gracious (kind, merciful, and giving favor) to you;*
*26 The Lord lift up His [approving] countenance upon you and give you peace (tranquility of heart and life continually).*
*27 And **they shall put My name upon the Israelites,** and **I will bless them**.*



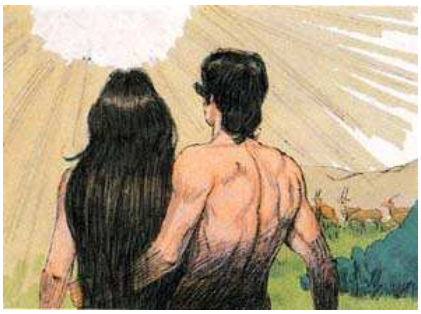
## SECOND STAGE - ACCEPT THE FULLNESS OF GOD'S LIBERTY FOR YOU

Before we go much further it is good to set out a **definition** of what the word **liberty** means.

The Cambridge Online Dictionary says:

**Liberty** means:

- to be allowed to do something,
- to do something that will have an effect on someone else without asking their opinion
- the freedom to live as you wish or to go where you want – e.g. religious, political freedom,
- to have confidence that no laws can be enforced which restrict our ancient rights.



God gave us **total liberty to choose eternal life**. By the keeping of **one** Commandment we (Adam and Eve):

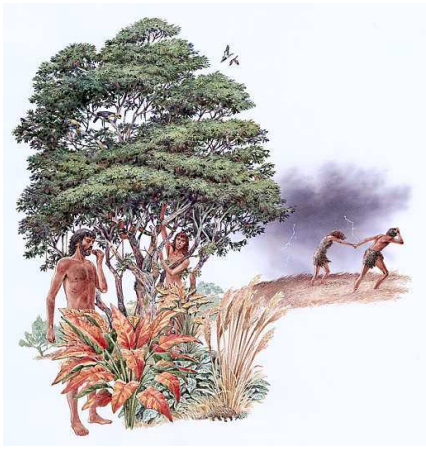
- could live forever,
- Could have complete dominion over all of creation.

**Genesis 2:16** "*16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;*
*17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and blessing and calamity you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.*

Adam accepted the **liberty** to name all the animals. Interestingly, Noah is told to build an ark to hold all the animals so that **Noah's domain on the earth** can **continue**.

**Adam and Eve reject their liberty** and allowed Satan to have legal right over their lives.

**Genesis 3:1-3** "*1 NOW THE serpent was more subtle and crafty than any living creature of the field which the Lord God had made. And he [Satan] said to the woman, Can it really be that God has said, You shall not eat from every tree of the garden?*
*2 And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat the fruit from the trees of the garden,*
*3 Except the fruit from the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.*



Adam's side was pierced to give birth to Eve – a symbol of the Bride.

Yeshua chose to do something for each one of us – something that would restore our relationship with God – His side was pierced **without asking our opinion** – He did it for the love of the Father.



As a result we have become the **Bride of Messiah.**

**Isaiah 53:4** "*4 Surely **He has borne our griefs** (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and **carried our sorrows and pains** [of punishment], yet we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy].*

**Isaiah 53:10** "*10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief and made Him sick. When You and He make His life an offering for sin [and He has risen from the dead, in time to come], **He shall see His [spiritual] offspring, He shall prolong His days, and the will and pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.***

**John 20:27** "*27 Then He said to Thomas, Reach out your finger here, and see My hands; **and put out your hand and place [it] in My side**. Do not be faithless and incredulous, but [stop your unbelief and] believe!*
*28 Thomas answered Him, My Lord and my God!*



We were born to experience and to live in absolute and true **Liberty** – the choice **to willingly be obedient to the Father**.

I therefore stand to attention and accept my responsibility / assignment to be a helper in God's Administration of this world / universe.

**1 Corinthians 15:24-28** "*24 After that comes the end (the completion), when He delivers over the kingdom to God the Father after rendering inoperative and abolishing every [other] rule and every authority and power.*
*25 For [**Christ] must be King and reign** until He has put all [His] enemies under His feet.*
*26 The last enemy to be subdued and abolished is death.*
*27 For He [the Father] has put all things in subjection under His [Christ's] feet. But when it says, **All things are put in subjection** [under Him], it is evident that He [Himself] is excepted Who does the subjecting of all things to Him.*
*28 However, when everything is subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also subject Himself to [the Father] Who put all things under Him, so that God may be all in all [be everything to everyone, supreme, the indwelling and controlling factor of life].*

## THIRD STAGE - TAKE UP YOUR MANDATE TO HAVE DOMINION

Let's clarify the meaning of the word "**dominion**" from the Cambridge Online Dictionary.




- control over a country of people (God has dominion over all of His Creation)

The word "dominion or control" has taken on much of a negative context due to the abuse over people / earth, etc, by man.

Consequently we have to establish what God means with this vital aspect of our purpose in this life.

1) The **first use** of the word "**dominion**" is found in:

**Genesis 1:26** "*26 God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.*

The context or area of domain is described very carefully. We have **dominion over**:



- fish of sea
- bird of the air
- Every living creature on earth.

We do not have dominion over:

- people

Strongs: "**dominion**" – 7287 – "***radah***" and means:

- tread down
- subjucate
- to prevail against
- to have domain

And comes from the root word – 7985 – "***sholtan***" and means

- to have mastery
- to have power
- to be a ruler

2) God has **everlasting** dominion over the earth. We should be willing to praise and worship Him at all time, recognising that He is the Creator of all things.

**Daniel 4:34** "*34 And at the end of the days [seven years], I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes to heaven, and my understanding and the right use of my mind returned to me; and I blessed the Most High [God] and I praised and honored and glorified Him Who lives forever, **Whose dominion is an everlasting dominion**; and His kingdom endures from generation to generation.*




**Daniel 7:13** "*13 I saw in the night visions, and behold, on the clouds of the heavens came One like a Son of man, and He came to the **Ancient of Days** and was presented before Him.*
*14 And there was given Him [the Messiah**] dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him**. His dominion is an **everlasting dominion** which shall not pass away, and His kingdom is one which shall not be destroyed.*

**1 Peter 4:11** "*11 Whoever speaks, [let him do it as one who utters] oracles of God; whoever renders service, [let him do it] as with the strength which God furnishes abundantly, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ (the Messiah). To Him be the glory and dominion forever and ever (through endless ages). Amen (so be it).*

**Revelation 1:6** "*6 **And formed us into a kingdom** (a royal race), priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the power and the majesty **and the dominion** throughout the ages and forever and ever. Amen (so be it).*



3) **Man has been given the responsibility to take dominion** over vast areas of land.

The manner in which he exercises his "ambassadorial" role will determine whether he retains this right.

**Daniel 4:22** "*22 It is you, O king, who have grown and become strong; your greatness has increased and it reaches to the heavens, and your dominion to the ends of the earth.*

**Daniel 11:4** "*4 And as soon as he has fully arisen, his [Alexander the Great's] kingdom shall be broken [by his death] and divided toward the four winds [the east, west, north, and south] of the heavens, but not to his posterity, nor according to the [Grecian] dominion which he ruled, for his kingdom shall be torn out and uprooted and go to others [to his four generals] to the exclusion of these.*

4) We, the believers in Messiah, should be **using the right to bring glory** and **honour** to God.

**Jude 2:5** "*1 May mercy, [soul] peace, and love be multiplied to You.*

**Revelation 1:6** "*6 And formed us into a kingdom (a royal race), priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the power and the majesty and the dominion throughout the ages and forever and ever. Amen (so be it).*

We have dominion, i.e. we can rule over the works of our own hands.

**Psalm 8:6** "*6 You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet:*

**Psalm 49:14** "*14 Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol (the place of the dead); death shall be their shepherd. And the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their form and beauty shall be consumed, for Sheol shall be their dwelling.*

**Psalm 103:22** "*22 Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion; bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul!*



**FOURTH STAGE - WE MUST FULFIL OUR CALLING TO BE A SERVANT TO THE BODY OF MESSIAH AND TO BUILD A HEDGE OF PROTECTION AROUND IT.**

This stage speaks to our interaction with the Body of Messiah. The "garden" is a place of intimacy with God here on earth; our interface with the Body of Messiah creates a Garden of Eden on earth.

There are two critical verses that we have to study as a foundation to our understanding of our purpose at this stage of God's pattern.

**Genesis 2:8** "*8 And the Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden [delight]; and there He **put** the man whom He had formed (framed, constituted).*



The first word to be studied in "**plant**" – Strongs 5193 – "***na'ta***" and means to:

- strike in
- specifically plant

So we can see that the place where we **have been put into** has been specifically / emphatically **determined**.

The Garden of Eden and the Body of Messiah are reflections of two sides of the same coin. We have been specifically **planted** into the Body of Messiah.

**Genesis 2:15** *"15 And the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to **tend and guard and keep it.***

We are going to study the meaning of a few of the critical words in this verse.

(a) "**Put**" – Strongs 5117 – "***nûach***" which means

- to rest
- to settle down




This word literally, figuratively and causatively means to be left alone / to have comfort, to be at rest. This brings a whole new dimension as to the "value" that Adam and Eve experienced whilst in the Garden of Eden.

No matter what circumstances arose, their place of intimacy with God made them so secure that they always experienced the fullness of **Shalom**.

(b) "**to dress**" – Strongs 5647 – "***a'bad***" and means:

- to work / till / husband-man
- to be a worshipper
- to become a servant / to cause to serve.

In **Gen 1:28** we read that we are mandated to "s**ubdue**" the earth.

**Genesis 1:28** "*28 And God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and **subdue** it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man]; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.*

The understanding that these two concepts bring is that we are called to use the vast resources that God has provided in service to God the Creator and to our fellow man.



(c) "**to keep it**" – Strongs 8104 – "***shâmar***" which means

- to build a hedge about as with thorns
- to guard / protect
- to look narrowly / be circumspect / to be watchful
- to watch for that which lies in wait.

Clearly we see a second and equally critical role – that of the watchman on the wall, this is not a passive role but an active job of **building a hedge.**

The last two concepts to dress / servant and to keep / watch therefore go together. As we step into this stage of our purpose we need to be aware that both roles are **vital and equally important** to our well-being.

It is therefore clear that my calling has a two-fold aspect

- one as servant
- one as watchman

} Son of God

I would have thought that we would find very clear distinctions between these two roles – in fact, that is what the church has taught for many years – namely: some are called as **shepherds** while others are called to **intercession** and **spiritual warfare**. It now seems patently clear that this is not true.



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**Who are called?**

It is clear that **we are all called** with the same purpose / goal in mind.

**1 Corinthians 7:7** "*7 I wish that all men were like I myself am [in this matter of self-control]. But **each has his own special gift from God**, one of this kind and one of another.*

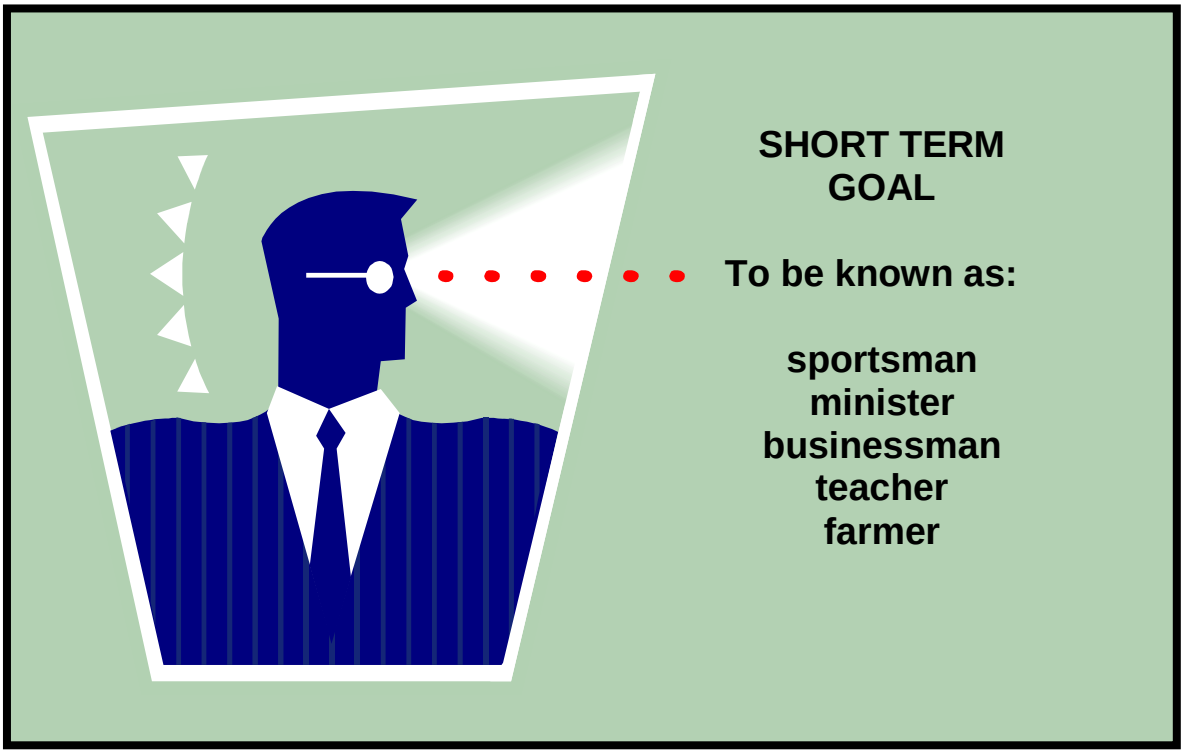
**EVIDENCE THAT YOU ARE A SON OF GOD SHOULD BE SEEN IN THE BLESSING ON YOUR TALENTS AND OCCUPATION**

Our vocation / job is merely the place / forum where we live to role-model God's Image to others and therefore none of these "jobs" is of greater value before God or not.

The **Greco-Roman mindset of performance orientation** causes man to focus on these occupations as the **GOAL of life.**

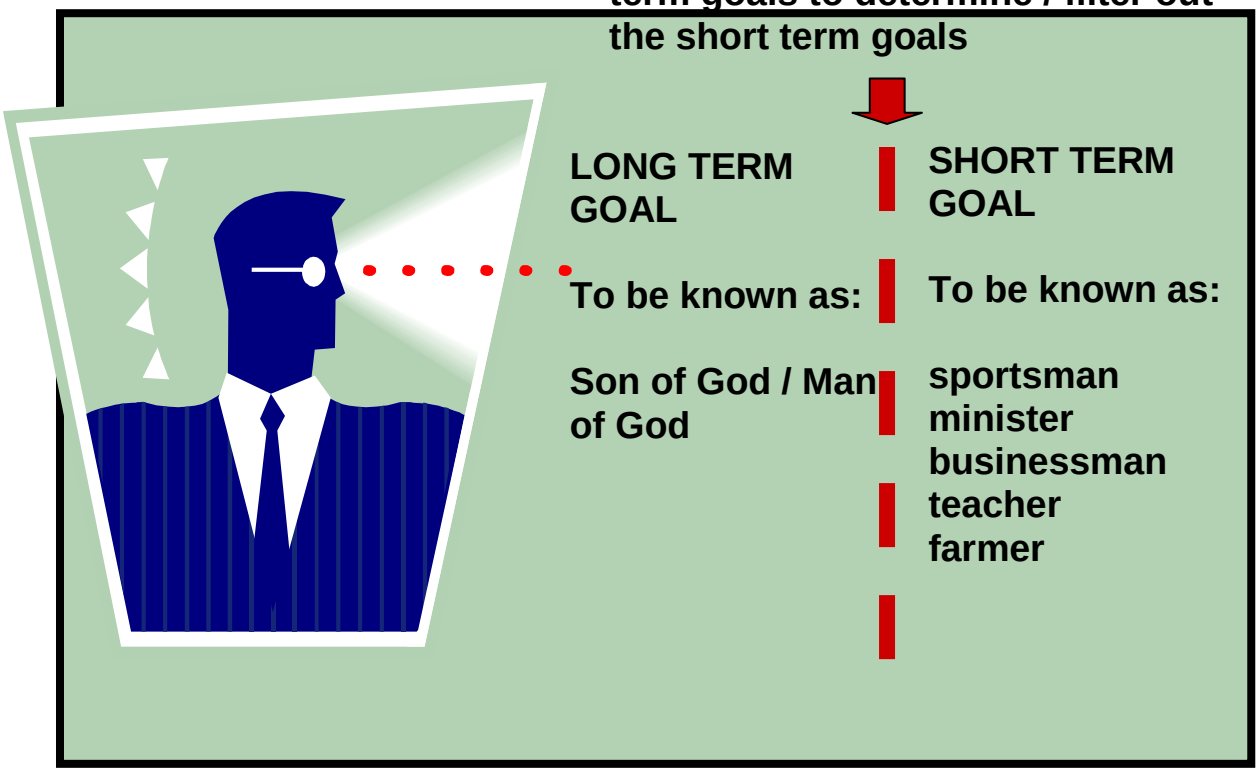


**GRECO-ROMAN MINDSET**



**HEBRAIC MINDSET:**

**The Hebraic Mindset uses long term goals to determine / filter out the short term goals**




**The Hebraic understanding causes us to focus on the end-time goal of eternity namely, on being A SON OF GOD. The blessings which are evident and should be seen in our talents and occupation will reflect our journey of obedience to God's purposes.**

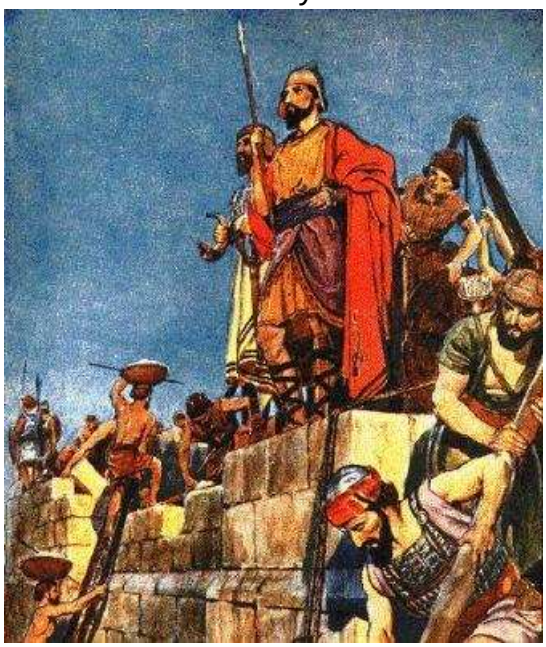
**1 John 3:1** "*1 SEE WHAT [an incredible] quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should [be permitted to] be named and called and counted the **children of God**! And so we are! The reason that the world does not know (recognize, acknowledge) us is that it does not know (recognize, acknowledge) Him.*

**Romans 8:23** *"23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves too, who have and enjoy the firstfruits of the [Holy] Spirit [a foretaste of the blissful things to come] groan inwardly as we wait for the redemption of our bodies [from sensuality and the grave, which will reveal] **our adoption (our manifestation as God's sons).***

**2 Tim 1:9** "*9 [For it is He] Who delivered and saved us and **called us with a calling in itself holy and leading to holiness [to a life of consecration, a vocation of holiness];** [He did it] not because of anything of merit that we have done, but because of and **to further His own purpose and grace** (unmerited favor) which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began [eternal ages ago].*

**An example from Nehemia**

The Torah example which comes to mind is that of the building of the walls of Jerusalem in the time **Nehemiah**. We read of the time when each family built their own section of the wall while at the same time keeping guard with the sword.

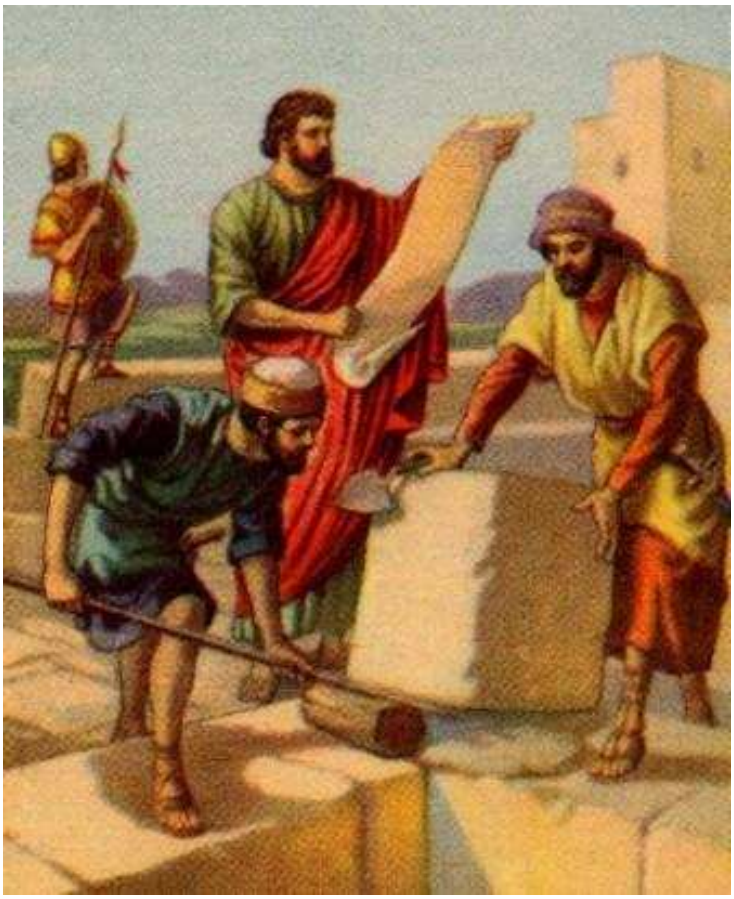


**Nehemiah 4:13** "*13 So I set [armed men] behind the wall in places where it was least protected; I even thus used the people as families with their swords, spears, and bows.*

**Nehemiah 4:16** "*16 And from that time forth, half of my servants worked at the task, and the other half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail; and the leaders stood behind all the house of Judah.*

**Nehemiah 4:18** "*18 And every builder had his sword girded by his side, and so worked. And he who sounded the trumpet was at my side.*

It seems that this is really the picture of a son of God that is busy "subduing" the earth.



**WHAT IS OUR "CALLING"?**

It is at this stage that we need to establish what our "**calling**" is.

The Cambridge Online Dictionary **defines** "**calling**" as "**the strong desire to do the job, one which is socially valuable.**"

The Strongs definition for "**calling**" is:



Strongs 7121 "***qura***"

- to encounter
- to **call out**
- to **proclaim** / publish

Strongs 2142 "***zahar***"

- to mark so as to be recognised
- to put to remembrance

This definition for "**calling**" (The Greek word means "**invitation**") is however not accepted by all.

Those who are wise in the flesh, noble, and mighty will struggle to accept this invitation as they will all too often **rely on their own strength.**

**1 Corinthians 1:26** "*26 For [simply]* ***consider your own call****, brethren; not many [of you were considered to be] wise according to human estimates and standards, not many influential and powerful, not many of high and noble birth.*
**2 Timothy 1:9** "*9 [For it is He] Who delivered and saved us and* ***called us with a calling in itself holy and leading to holiness*** *[to a life of consecration, a vocation of holiness]; [He did it] not because of anything of merit that we have done, but because of and* ***to further His own purpose and grace*** *(unmerited favor) which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began [eternal ages ago].*




Therefore I need a **plumb-line** or a **benchmark** against which I can measure myself to see if I have zoomed in / **focused on my calling**.

**Benchmarks of someone who is following their calling:**

1. **We have been called to liberty**

    a. We are called to **love our neighbour** to the fullest extent that God would. We are to act in all circumstances with the heart / mind of God.

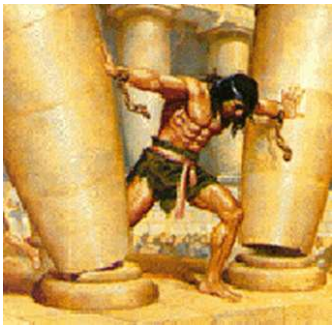
**Galatians 5:13** "*13 For you, brethren, were [indeed**] called to freedom**; only [do not let your] freedom be an incentive to your flesh and an opportunity or excuse [for selfishness], but **through love you should serve one another***.




**Acts 2:21** "*21 And it shall be that **whoever shall call** upon the Name of the Lord [invoking, adoring, and worshiping the Lord—Christ] shall be saved.*

**Romans 10:13** "*13 For **everyone who calls upon the Name of the Lord** [invoking Him as Lord] will be saved.*

This role model of God's attributes must be such that others will be confronted with the **choice to call on God.**



**b.** We are given **the liberty to act in God's stead.**

**Samson's mother** has a visitation from a "man of God" who tells her what her **son's role and calling is to be**.

Not all of us have the calling to act as a warrior against the physical enemy but we certainly have the liberty to **be warrior in the spiritual domain**.

c. We are given **the liberty of restoring God's Kingdom**.

We are to possess this earth in a manner that would please the King of kings.

**Daniel 7:18** "*18 But the saints of the Most High [God] shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.*
**Revelation 5:10** "*10 And **You have made them a kingdom** (royal race) and priests to our God, and **they shall reign [as kings] over the earth!***

We are given **the liberty to be trusted with authority** on earth to administer the affairs of God.



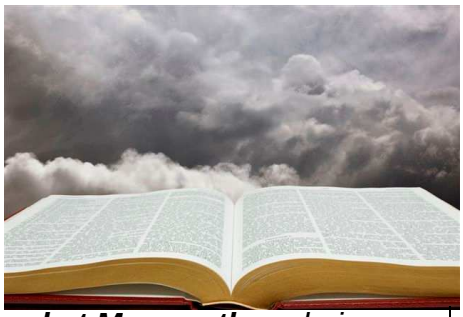
**Romans 8:14-18** "*14 **For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.***
*15 For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you **have received the Spirit of adoption** [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father!*
*16 The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God.17 And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]; **only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.***

**Luke 10:19** "*19 Behold!* ***I have given you authority and power*** *to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability]* ***over all the power that the enemy*** *[possesses]; and nothing shall in any way harm you.*



**Revelation 22:4** "*4 They shall see His face, and His Name shall be on their foreheads.*
*5 And there shall be no more night; they have no need for lamplight or sunlight, for the Lord God will illuminate them and be their light,* ***and they shall reign [as kings] forever and ever*** *(through the eternities of the eternities)*

d) We have been given **the liberty to know God** – to have God reveal Himself to us.



**Numbers 12:6** "*6 And He said, Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you,* ***I the Lord make Myself known to him*** *in a vision and speak to him in a dream.*

**Ezekiel 3:17** "*17 Son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore* ***hear the word at My mouth*** *and give them warning from Me.*

**Jeremiah 15:19** "*19 Therefore thus says the Lord [to Jeremiah]: If you return [and give up this mistaken tone of distrust and despair], then I will give you again a settled place of quiet and safety, and* ***you will be My minister****; and if you separate the precious from the vile [cleansing your own heart from unworthy and unwarranted suspicions concerning God's faithfulness],* ***you shall be My mouthpiece****. [But do not yield to them.] Let them return to you—not you to [the people].*

**2. We are called to the Marriage of the Lamb**




The Apostle John is banished to the island of Patmos. Here he sees a vision of the end times.

Part of this vision is the understanding that there will be **a Marriage Ceremony** where the Bride of Messiah and Yeshua are united.

**Revelation 19:9** "*9 Then [the angel] said to me, Write this down:* ***Blessed (happy, to be envied) are those who are summoned (invited, called) to the marriage supper of the Lamb****. And he said to me [further], These are the true words (the genuine and exact declarations) of God.*

**Marriage on Earth - First the Natural**

**Ephesians 5:22-25** "*22 Wives, be subject (be submissive and adapt yourselves) to your own husbands as [a service] to the Lord.*
*23 For the husband is head of the wife as Christ is the Head of the church, Himself the Savior of [His] body.*
*24 As **the church is subject to Christ**, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands.*
*25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her,*



**Then the Spiritual**

**Hebrews 3:1** "*1 SO THEN, brethren, **consecrated and set apart for God**, **who share in the heavenly calling**, [thoughtfully and attentively] consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest Whom we confessed [as ours when we embraced the Christian faith].*

**Isaiah 41:4** "*4 Who has prepared and done this, **calling forth and guiding the destinies of the generations [of the nations] from the beginning**? I, the Lord—the first [existing before history began] and with the last [an ever-present, unchanging God]—I am He.*

We have to realize that there are many people who form the Body of Messiah – everyone who believe / accepts Yeshua as Messiah.

However, only those **who pursue their calling to the very end** will be the **Bride of Messiah**.

3. **We have a calling to role-model the Word of God in our daily lives.**




Paul speaks and prays that we will all receive the **Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation of Him**. As we immerse ourselves in this revelation we will be able to reach for the Glory of our inheritance.

God's **calling** on us is to be able to reveal this **revelation knowledge** in a dynamic lifestyle to our fellow-man.

**Ephesians 1:17 "***17 [For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that **He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation** [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him,*

*18 By having the eyes of your **heart flooded with light**, **so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you**, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones),*
*19 And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,*

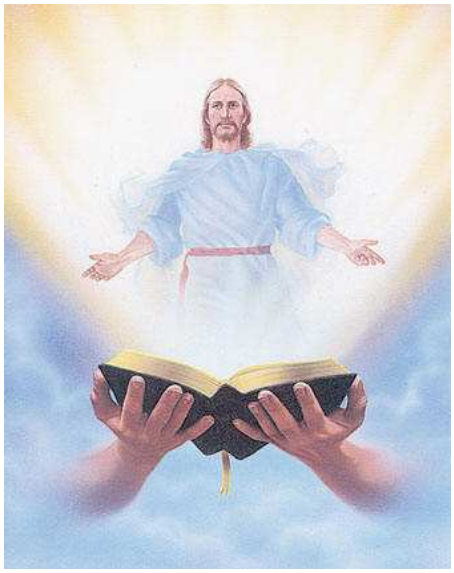


We must **be diligent to make this calling sure** so that we do not fall. If we diligently study, pray, and communicate with God, we will have our spirits opened to a richness / abundance of Truth and Life-giving Principle that we can apply on earth "**as it is in Heaven**" to ensure that we build an everlasting Kingdom.

**2 Peter 1:10-12** "*10 Because of this, brethren, **be all the more solicitous and eager to make sure** (to ratify, to strengthen, to make steadfast) **your calling and election; for if you do this, you will never stumble or fall.***
*11 Thus there will be richly and abundantly provided for you entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*
*12 So I intend always to remind you about these things, although indeed you know them and are firm in the truth that [you] now [hold].*

When we truly become Sons of God, we start to operate on earth as true representatives from above.

A man of God will **know** the **scriptures**, be inspired by the Holy Spirit, and will be committed to good works.



**2 Timothy 3:15-17** "*15 And how from your childhood you have had a **knowledge of and been acquainted with the sacred Writings,** which are able to instruct you and give you the understanding for salvation which comes through faith in Christ Jesus.*
*16 Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and **profitable for instruction,** for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action),*
*17 So that the man of God may be complete and proficient, well fitted and thoroughly equipped for **every good work**.*

A man of God knows his **worth**

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**Psalm 8:3-8** "*3 When I view and consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained and established,*
*4* ***What is man that You are mindful of him****, and the son of [earthborn] man that You care for him?*
*5 Yet You have made him but* ***a little lower than God*** *[or heavenly beings], and You have* ***crowned him with glory and honor.***
*6 You made him* ***to have dominion over the works of Your hands****; You have put all things under his feet:*
*7 All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field,*
*8 The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the seas.*

**4**. **We are called to live a life of remembrance.**



Throughout the Torah we are called to remember;

- that we have been delivered from Egypt,
- That we have been blessed.

This act of remembering is not an act of thinking back on what happened in some quiet corner.

Instead we are required to make **festivals** / **proclamations** to declare these facts into both the spiritual realm as well as the physical domain.

**Jeremiah 33:3 "***3 Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, fenced in and hidden, which you do not know (do not distinguish and recognize, have knowledge of and understand).*

**2 Peter 1:12-15** "*12 So I intend always to remind you about these things, although indeed you know them and are firm in the truth that [you] now [hold].*
*13 I think it right, as long as I am in this tabernacle (tent, body),* ***to stir you up by way of remembrance,***
*14 Since I know that the laying aside of this body of mine will come speedily, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.*
*15 Moreover, I will diligently endeavor [to see to it] that [even] after my departure (decease)* ***you may be able at all times to call these things to mind****.*



**Hebrews 10:32** "*32 But be ever mindful of the days gone by in which, after you were first spiritually enlightened, you endured a great and painful struggle,*
**John 14:26** "*26 But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.*

**5**. **We have been uniquely graced with gifts and a calling of God which is irrevocable**.

**Romans 11:29-31** "*29 For **God's gifts and His call are irrevocable**. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and **He does not change His mind** about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call.]*

These gifts are set out for us **as the means** through which each one of us will impact the Body of Messiah and the non-believers so that God's purposes will come to pass.

We individually subdue the kingdom of darkness and begin to rule and change our community when we release the power of our **unique combination of gifts** through our everyday living.



**FIFTH STAGE - WE HAVE A BIRTHRIGHT – THE RIGHT TO ETERNAL LIFE WITH A GENERATIONAL BLOODLINE THAT REFLECTS GOD'S GLORY**

The key verse is stated already in the Garden of Eden.

At the time before the fall, when Adam and Eve were in perfect harmony with God, a declaration of **potential** was made. Man **would live forever**. All they had to do was keep one Commandment.

**Genesis 2:16** "*16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;*
*17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and blessing and calamity you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.*

We should take care never to despise our birthright as **Esau** did.

**Genesis 25:34** "*34 Then Jacob gave **Esau** bread and stew of lentils, and he ate and drank and rose up and went his way. Thus **Esau scorned his birthright** as beneath his notice.*



Because we live in a material world with performance orientation as the main focus, i.e. the short-term gain, it is not always easy for one to sit back and contemplate a longer term – an eternal perspective.

Birthright is the **right** to succession. We want to leave the next generation with a **Godly bloodline**, having seen a **wonderful role-model** of God's Torah through the parents, and with **the children empowered** to move in their own God-given purpose.

**Revelation 1:12-14** "*12 Then I turned to see [whose was] the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,*
*13 And in the midst of the lampstands [One] like a Son of Man, clothed with a robe which reached to His feet and with a girdle of gold about His breast.*
*14 His head and His hair were white like white wool, [as white] as snow, and His eyes [flashed] like a flame of fire*.



Sons of God are those who have lived a life of loving God **and** keeping His Commandments. Those who do so **overcome** this world.

**Revelation 5:2-4** "*2 And I saw a strong angel announcing in a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the scroll? And [who is entitled and deserves and is morally fit] to break its seals?*
*3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth [in the realm of the dead, Hades] was able to open the scroll or to take a [single] look at its contents.*
*4 And I wept audibly and bitterly because no one was found fit to open the scroll or to inspect it.*

**The Difference between Destiny and Calling**

We now need to define another word which is used very often when speaking especially to younger people – the word **destiny**.

For many believers the word "**destiny**" and "**calling**" are used interchangeably.

As defined by the Cambridge Online Dictionary **destiny** is:

"***The things that will happen in the future***"




God shows us that we must take control and determine our own destiny. We can choose life or death, Heaven or hell.

A critical fact of this stage of our purpose is the understanding and knowledge that **we each chart our own destiny** and only God really knows the intent of our hearts.

**Luke 16:15** "*15 But He said to them, **You are the ones who declare** yourselves just and upright before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted and highly thought of among men is detestable and abhorrent (an abomination) in the sight of God.*
*16 Until John came, there were the Law and the Prophets; since then the good news (the Gospel) of the kingdom of God is being preached, and **everyone strives violently to go in.***

My unique path / journey to the fulfilment of my purpose is to come to the revelation that:

- I have a Father
- Who has a Mansion
- that has a room for me!!



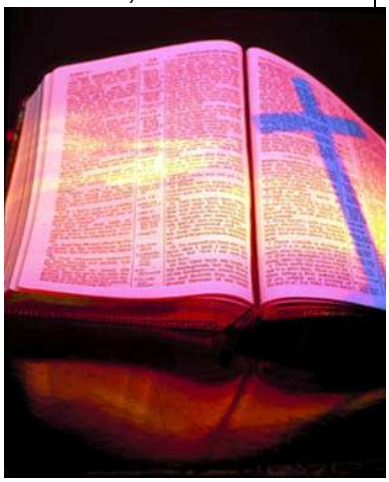
**John 14:1-3** *"1 DO NOT let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely on God; believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely also on Me.*
*2 In My Father's house there are **many dwelling places** (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; for I am going away to prepare a place for you.*
*3 And when (if) I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also*.

- Yeshua the Messiah has paved the way for Eternal Life through faith

**1 Thessalonians 4:15-18** "*15 For this we declare to you by the Lord's [own] word, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall in no way precede [into His presence] or have any advantage at all over those who have previously fallen asleep [in Him in death].*
*16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud cry of summons, with the shout of an archangel, and with the blast of the trumpet of God. And those who have departed this life in Christ will rise first.*
*17 Then we, the living ones who remain [on the earth], shall simultaneously be caught up along with [the resurrected dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so always (through the eternity of the eternities) we shall be with the Lord!*
*18 Therefore comfort and encourage one another with these words.*

- Yeshua's Name will be ingrained on my forehead / on my DNA

**Numbers 6:27** "*27 And they shall **put My name upon the Israelites**, and I will bless them.*



- I will see Him Face to face

**Revelation 22:4-5** *"4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.*
*5 And there shall be no more night; they have no need for lamplight or sunlight, for the Lord God will illuminate them and be their light, and they shall reign [as kings] forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities).*

**SEEKING MY END-TIME DESTINY**

Once this level and dimension of God's purposes have become a reality in my spirit and I have started to move to a place where I can reflect this in my life's journey, I will start to seek my end-time **destiny**.

1) **I will search for and bring God's Glory**

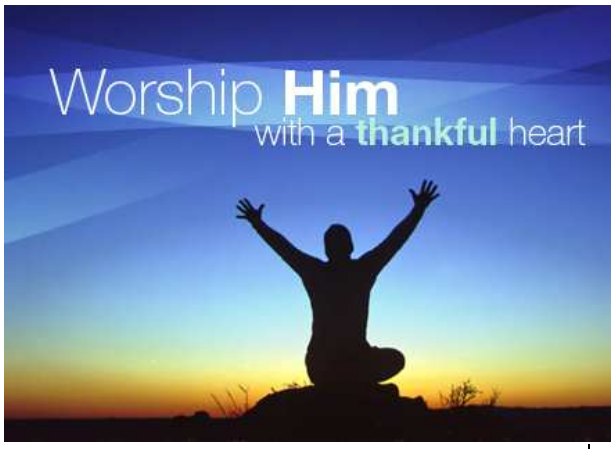


**Romans 8:18** "*18 [But what of that?] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time (this present life) are not worth being compared with* ***the glory that is about to be revealed to us and in us and for us and conferred on us!***

**2 Peter 1:3** "*3 For* ***His divine power has bestowed upon us all things*** *that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).*

2) **I will bring honour to God**

**John 12:26** "*26 If anyone serves Me, he must continue to follow Me [to cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying] and wherever I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.*




**1 Thessalonians 4:4** "*4 That each one of you should know how to possess (control, manage) his own body in consecration (purity, separated from things profane) and honor,*

3) **I will strive for immortality / eternal life**

**1 Peter 3:4** "*4 But let it be the inward adorning and beauty of the hidden person of the heart, with* ***the incorruptible and unfading charm of a gentle and peaceful spirit,*** *which [is not anxious or wrought up, but] is very precious in the sight of God.*

**John 6:27** "*27 Stop toiling and doing and producing for the food that perishes and decomposes [in the using], but strive and work and produce rather for the [lasting] food which endures [continually] unto* ***life eternal****; the Son of Man will give (furnish) you that, for God the Father has authorized and certified Him and put His seal of endorsement upon Him.*

**Seeking Blessings by Works?**

Whilst each one of us follows this journey / walk of obedience, it could easily seem that we seek blessings because of what we **do (works)**.

Obedience does not **merit** a blessing.

Blessings have already been given by grace (as evidenced in the Garden of Eden **before** Adam and Eve were given their mandate to take dominion).

Blessings demonstrate man's **acceptance** of God's gracious gifts and **proof** that God has kept His Word.

**Philippians 1:2** "*2 Grace (favor and blessing) to you and [heart] peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).*

**James 1:21-27** "*21 So get rid of all uncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness, and in a humble (gentle, modest) spirit receive and welcome the Word which implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls.*
***22 But be doers of the Word** [obey the message], **and not merely listeners** to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth].*
*23 For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it and being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror;*
*24 For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like.*
*25 But **he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing** (his life of obedience.*
*26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious (piously observant of the external duties of his faith) and does not bridle his tongue but deludes his own heart, this person's religious service is worthless (futile, barren).*
*27 External religious worship [religion as it is expressed in outward acts] that is pure and unblemished in the sight of God the Father is this: **to visit and help and care for the orphans and widows in their affliction and need**, and to keep oneself unspotted and uncontaminated from the world.*



**PRAYER:**

**Father, we bring our lives before You and we ask for Your grace and mercy to be able to deal with the things in our lives that is not according to Your will and calling for us.**

**We choose to lay down all the unnecessary baggage and self efforts. We choose to come back to the original plan You had from the beginning of time – living a purposeful life and passing this truth on to the next generation.**

**Thank You, Father for Your power and strength to make all the changes necessary. We choose to live our lives so as to make a difference in this world for Your Name's sake!**

**AMEN**

