

The Word Of God Divides Soul And Spirit



The Decision Is Yours (Day 3)
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Yesterday, we've seen we are created in God's likeness, as a triune being.

Now, most of us have no problem about acknowledging the reality of our body and I think most Christians, at least, would acknowledge that they have a soul but when it comes to the relationship between the spirit and the soul in the inward, invisible area of man's personality, that is where people begin to have problems. We face a very important and practical question: if man's made up of spirit, soul and body, how can we distinguish between that which is in his spirit and that which is in his soul? Well, the answer is given first of all, in Hebrews, chapter 4, verse 12, where the writer says this:

> "The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

So the answer is: The only way that we can learn to divide or separate between spirit and soul is by studying and applying the truth of Scripture.

The writer of Hebrews says about the Word of God, "...it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit." Those are the hardest things in human personality to divide. Then it also says, "...[and the] joints and [the] marrow." That's in the physical realm. It divides between joints and marrow which are close together. In the inner realm, the invisible realm, it divides between soul and spirit. So, unless we turn to the Word of God and accept its revelation, we will never properly be able to discern between spirit and soul. We'll be in a state of inward uncertainty and confusion.

Fortunately, we do not need to live in confusion and uncertainty! God has a provided a way for us to know who we are, and what we should do. We'll go deeper into that tomorrow.

Devotional

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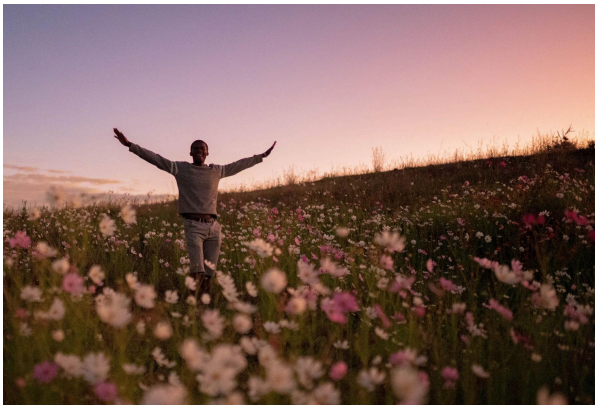


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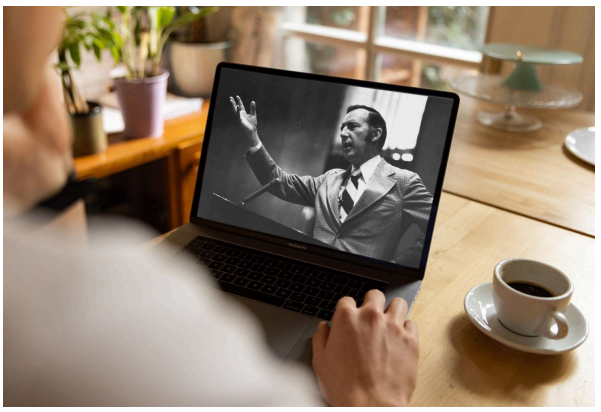
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