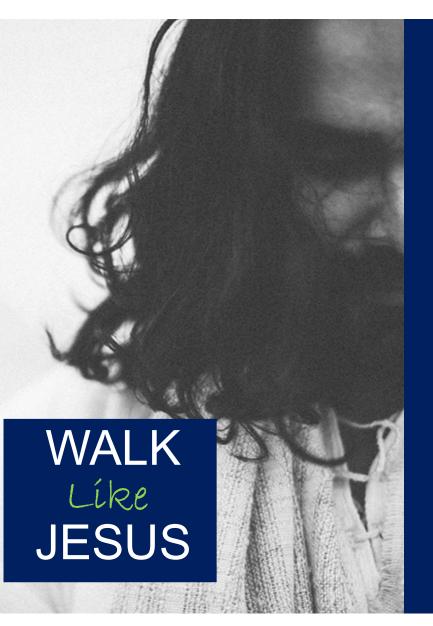




1 John 2:3-6

3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.



1 John 2:5-6

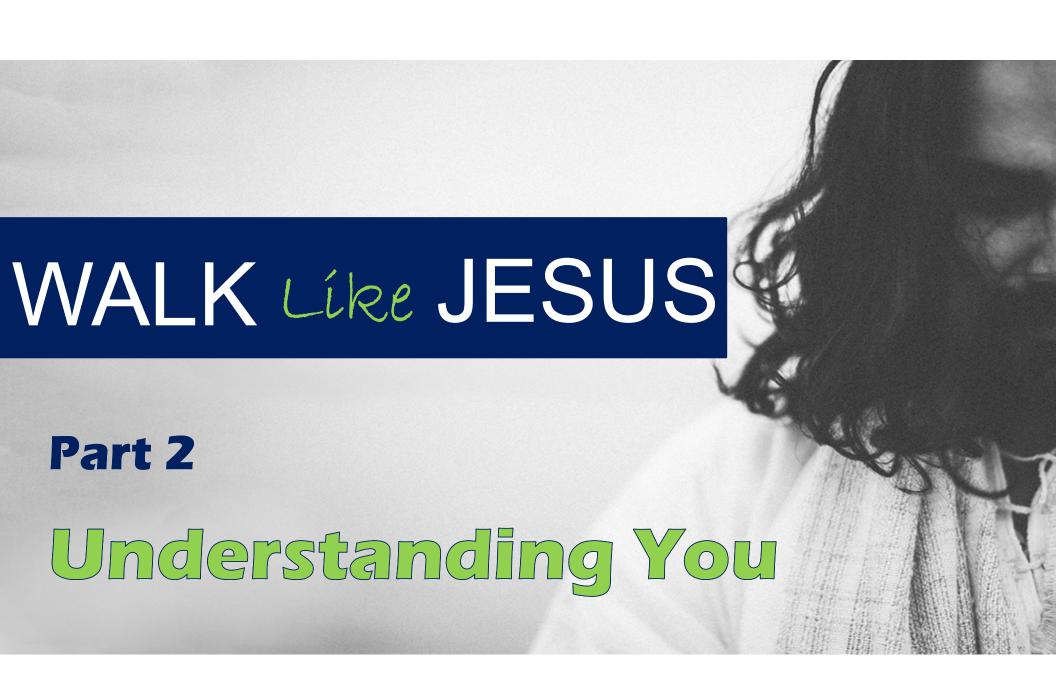
5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

Adopt this Phrase from...
"walk just as He walked"

Stay Dusty

(walk in the dust of The Rabbi)





28 Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment of all?"

29 Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.

30 'And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.

31 "And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

32 So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He.

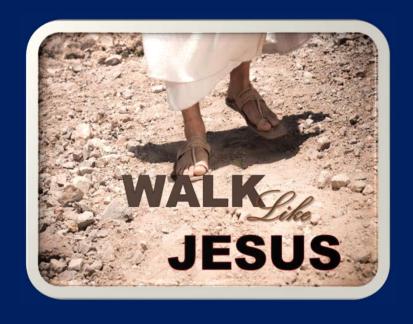
33 "And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

34 Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him.

(NKJV)

Shema

Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD alone. 'And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself."



Mission & Motto

Love GOD Love People

How?

- Let's take some time to Understand Ourselves and how we are designed to function. (and what went wrong)
- Will help in ministry opportunities with others

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PUTTING ON THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST

- Much of this here is adapted from Dallas' work.
- It came to me about 11 years ago when I was in the most devastating time of my life.
- God used these truths to rescue & re-launch me.

Thought

- If you are going to help someone or do something, it's best if you can understand some things about it.
- Ex: Sandy loves to grow things.
 - Her app she seeks to understand so the plants can grow and be healthy.

Understanding is key!

Notice the different parts of you addressed here:

Jesus, Mark 12:30

30 'And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

This is the first commandment.

Notice the different parts of you addressed here:

Psalm 16:7-9

7 I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel (mind); My heart also instructs me in the night seasons. 8 I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. 9 Therefore my heart is glad (feelings), and my glory rejoices; My flesh (body) also will rest in hope.

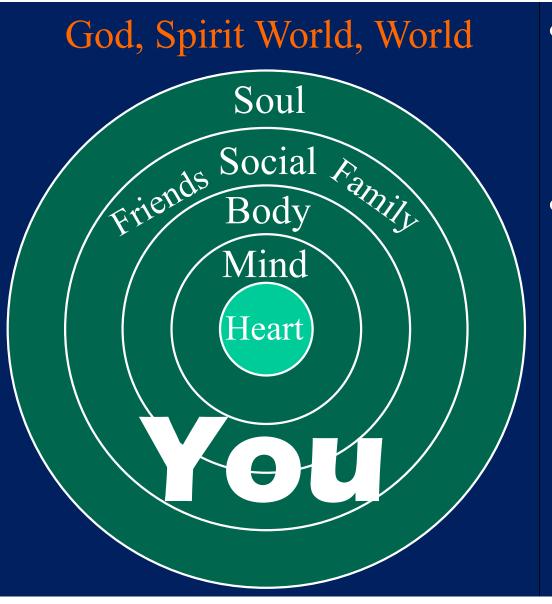
Notice the different parts of you addressed here: Romans 12:1-2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

God

- Father
- Jesus
- Spirit





- You were designed by God and for God.
- For life to work
 properly, God and
 your Love for God
 must be your primary
 relationship that
 informs everything
 else.

God, Spirit World, Creation & Other People Soul Social Body Mind Spirit

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- = Heart, Will, Choice, Decision Maker... like CEO
- Fellowship with God is established.
- Born-Again, Born of the Spirit (John 3)

Proverbs 20:27

The <u>spirit of a man</u> is the <u>lamp</u> (<u>candle</u>) of the LORD, searching all the inner depths of his <u>heart</u>.

Spirit

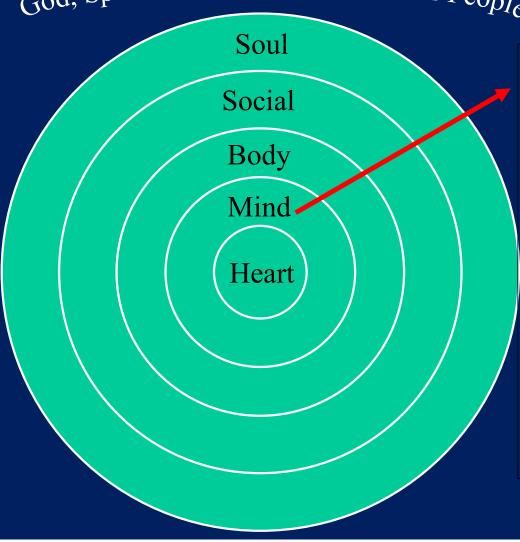
- Our spirit's primary purpose is to make <u>wise</u>, <u>truth-informed decisions</u> to lead the whole "you" into Love of God & People.
- Works properly if it is in a <u>submissive</u> relationship to God. <u>Surrender</u>

Our Prayer: Matt 6:10 – "... Your will be done..."

Jesus: "not My will, but Yours be done."

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Mind

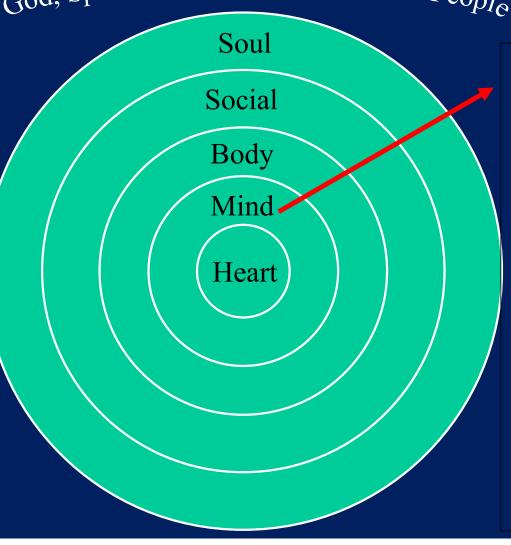


Thoughts, Intellect,Feelings/emotions, Ideas,Memories, Imagination,Creativity

- Like the Data Collector
- Works with the will to make decisions.

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Mind



- What if the mind is operating off of lies, misinformation?
- What if the mind is operating off of God's Word & Truth?
 - "you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free"

1 Corinthians 2:16

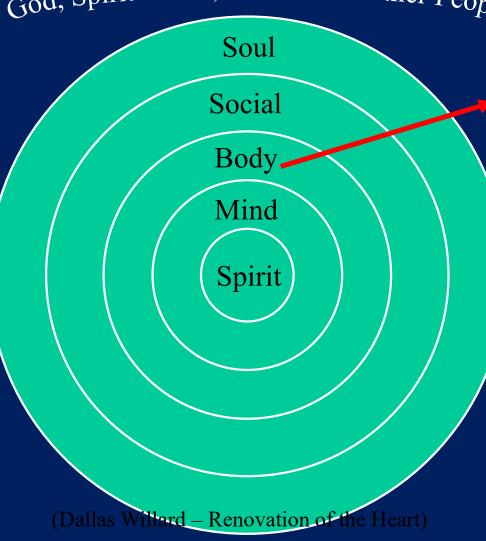
For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Romans 8:6

For to be <u>carnally minded</u> is death, but to be <u>spiritually minded</u> is life and peace.

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- = our <u>house</u>
- unique gift from God
- enables us to <u>relate</u> to people.
- Called The Temple place Heaven & Earth come together.

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Body



- runs mostly by habits & drives
- survival & pleasure

"eat, drink & be merry"
"present your bodies to
God"

Philippians 3:19*

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whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame--who set their mind on earthly things.

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Social Dynamics

= <u>God</u> is to be our ultimate social dynamic

- close relationships family & friends
- peer pressure
- various forms of media
- surrounding <u>culture</u>
- larger culture

Do relationships matter?31

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Soul

- interacts with every part to help form & organize one's life.
- Bible uses it to describe the whole person.
- personality & character

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Soul

Social

Body

Mind

Spirit

Goal: Love God & Love People

Ruined Soul

 All has been <u>twisted</u> and <u>ruined</u> by sin.

Restored Soul

- All needs salvation and restoration.
- Ps 23:3... "He restores my soul"

Shema

Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD alone. 'And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'