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For these months of August & September, “**Kingdom Truth News**” will be Teaching on our “**Spirit, Soul, & Body**”.

“**Stop**”, pray, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand this Kingdom Truth Biblical Teaching.

Key Scriptures for this month’s teaching:

“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, soul** and **body** be preserved sound and complete (and found) blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).” / *Thessalonians 5:23 AMP*

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” / *Thessalonians 5:23 KJV*

1. Human spirit

A. As three-part beings, the human spirit is a powerful part of who we are; it is the real you. It is the part of us that is Born Again when we accept Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and it is eternal. The **human spirit** is the part of us that connects with the Holy Spirit and can store God's Word and much more. The Bible has many verses that remind us about the strength and hope found in our spirit. The following verses can inspire us during tough times and lift us up when we feel down; they show us how important it is to care for **our spirit** and keep it strong.

- **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."** *Philippians 4:13*

This verse reminds us that our ability to overcome obstacles comes from Christ. When we rely on His strength, we can face any situation in our spirit to tackle life's challenges.

- **"But he said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness, so that Christ's power may rest on me."** *II Corinthians 12:9*

This verse teaches us the importance of recognizing our weaknesses. Instead of feeling defeated, we realize that God's power shines brighter in our lowest moments. By surrendering to Him, we allow our spirit to be lifted by His grace, transforming our weaknesses into strengths.

- **"The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity, but a wounded spirit who can bear?"** *Proverbs 18:14*

Our spirit plays a crucial role in how we handle life's challenges. This verse reminds us that a **strong spirit** can help us bear physical and emotional wounds. However, we must also take **care of our spirit**, as it can be easily wounded through negative experiences.

- **"God is a Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth."** *John 4:24 NKJV*

B. **"The joy of the Lord is your strength."** *Nehemiah 8:10*

We all long for joy in our lives, and **joy** often begins within our spirit. The Bible shines a light on how our **spirit is a source of joy**, especially when it is connected to God. When we embrace the joy of the Holy Spirit, we find strength and hope that can carry us through any situation. These verses

encourage us to cultivate **joy** in our lives and recognize the **power it has on our spirit**.

- **“He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of Joy.”** *Job 8:21 CSB*

Laughing in the Spirit comes from overflowing Joy.

- **“Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with Joy.”** *Psalms 100 1-2 NLT*
- **“I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with Joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.”** *Romans 15:13 NLT*
- **“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.”** *John 15:11 NKJV*

In our explanation of Bible verses about laughing, we realize the tremendous power laughter holds in our lives. As we find joy in God’s word, let’s remember too that laughter is a divine gift meant to heal, bond, and lift us up. In every season of life, Jesus is the ultimate source of our joy. His presence in our lives brings comfort, peace, and laughter that transcends circumstances. His joy can fill our hearts and lift our spirits.

- **“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.”** *Galatians 5:22*

Joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, reminding us of its importance in our lives. This encouragement to cultivate joy alongside other virtues keeps our spirit vibrant. When we express **joy** in our daily actions, we reflect God’s **love** and **grace** to the world.

- **“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”** *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Joy is a consistent theme in our spiritual journey. This passage encourages us to maintain a joyful attitude through prayer and gratitude, regardless of our circumstances. When we focus on God, our spirit thrives, and we can experience joy that surpasses any hardship.

2. The Spirit of Love - Love is fundamental

- **“Love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”** *1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

These verses define love's true essence, illustrating how it uplifts our spirit and shapes our interactions. By expressing patience and kindness, we create meaningful connections with others. Embracing this kind of love enriches our spirit and reflects God's presence in our lives.

- **“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”** *Ephesians 4:2*

This scripture encourages a loving and peaceful attitude towards one another. Embracing humility and patience, demonstrating our love, and creating a nurturing environment for our spirit and the spirits of those around us.

3. The Holy Spirit's Guidance

- **“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth.”** *John 16:13*

The Holy Spirit serves as our guide, showing us the truth in our lives. This is comforting, knowing that we have divine direction as we navigate choices and challenges. Relying on the Holy Spirit strengthens our spirits and deepens our faith.

4. The importance of Hope and Faith

- **“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”** *Hebrews 11:1*

Hope is vital for our spirit's endurance. It gives us a reason to keep moving forward, even in uncertain times. The Bible highlights that our hope is anchored in God's promises, which sustain our spirits through every challenge. These verses inspire us to cultivate hope so that our spirits remain

high and filled with expectancy for what God has in store for us.

- **“So, then faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Word.”**
Romans 10:17

Our faith is built through God’s Word. This shows us the vital importance of scripture in feeding our spirit. Listening to God’s promises strengthens our confidence and inspires us to trust in His guidance.

5. Soul – mind, will and emotions

- **“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present you bodies as living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 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.”** *Romans 12:1-2 NKJV*
- **“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?”** *Matthew 16:26 NKJV*

What are you feeding on?

- **“But He (Jesus) answered and said, **“It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”****
Matthew 4:4
- **“**Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.**”** *John 17:17*
- **“For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”**
Hebrews 4:12
- **“The truth you hear, will be the measure of virtue and knowledge that comes back to you, and more besides.”** *Mark 4:23-24 AMP*

6. Body/Flesh

- **“The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.”** *Matthew 26:41*
- **“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing.”** *John 6:63*
- **“Thus says the LORD: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD.”** *Jeremiah 17:5*
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- **“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” *1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV***
- **“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.” *Galatians 5:16-17 NKJV***

As long as your flesh is contrary to your spirit, you'll have conflict. Each and every day of your life the battle lies in whether you'll be dominated by your flesh or your spirit. Your flesh gravitates toward what it can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel. Therefore, it leans toward the influence of Satan and his kingdom, which operates in the physical realm. The devil is flesh-oriented, working through carnal, natural things. He tempts you to not believe God by using things you can see and feel. On the other hand, the Lord operates in the spirit realm, primarily through His Word. Due to the nature of this intense, continual, inner conflict, you can't just do what you want to do. Either your spirit will dominate you or your flesh will instead.

- **“So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.” *Romans 8:8 NKJV***
- **Then I hear a loud voice saying in heaven, now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God, day and night has been cast down. And they (Believers) overcame him (enemy) by the blood of the lamb (Jesus) and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.” *Revelation 12:10-11***

Announcements

1. Our book **God's Plan for Marriage & Family** is still on special. You can go to our website www.kingdomthruth.net and order some. Go to “Other Ministries” and then go to “God's Plan for Marriage” and click on the second line.
2. Information on other ministries:
 - A. **“Kingdom Lights” – Matthew Austin**
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 - **Glorify God through Jesus Christ.**

- Serving downtown Grand Rapids and Online ministry for equipping the saints. <https://www.kingdomlights.org>

B. “Great Lakes Vision for Evangelism” – Bruce Adams and his team.

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Bruce and his team minister though out SW Michigan, in Missions, Jails, Prisons, Trailer Parks, Churches, House Groups and other places where the Lord leads.

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God bless,

Love,

Bob & Jean Shaw

Ambassadors for Christ

II Corinthians 5:12

Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God’s marvelous mercies? To surrender yourselves to God to be His sacred, **living sacrifices**. And live in **holiness**, experiencing all that delights His heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship. Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be **inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit** through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God’s will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in His eyes. **God has given me grace to speak a warning about pride**. I would ask each of you to be emptied of self-promotion and not create a false image of your importance. Instead, honestly assess your worth by using your **God-given faith** as the standard of measurement, and then you will see your true value with an appropriate self-esteem.

Romans 12:1-3 The Passion Translation