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**Objective: to encourage  
the development of the  
'spirit-life' of every  
believer.**

## **Developing Your Spirit-Life – Pt. 3**

Job 34:14; Ezek. 11:19; Prov. 20:27; Eph. 5:18; Rom. 7:6  
Rom. 14:17; Gal. 5:16

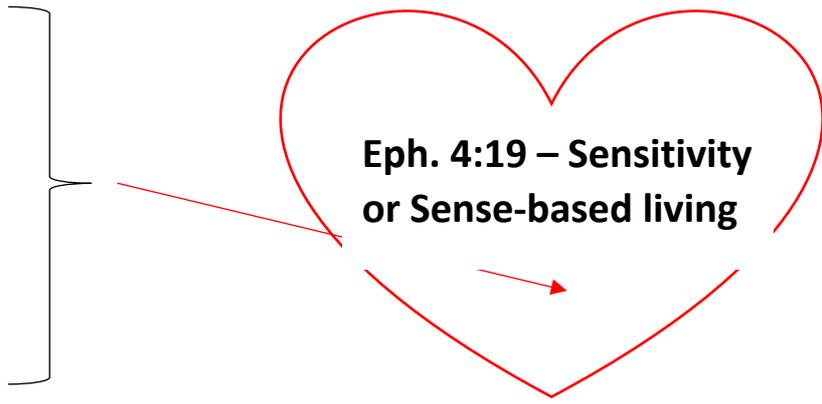
### **Introduction**

We are taught to live by our minds in our education and to live by our feelings or emotions in the wider world.

However, your mind alone, as smart as you are, cannot save you....  
Our minds can be good but they are limited and limiting, especially as we unwillingly, allow them to be so. Our new life in the Kingdom of God and in Christ demands we live a **new way** to live. John 4:24.

### **Spirit-Deficiency**

Worry  
Fear  
Exhaustion/Overwork  
Devotionlessness  
No Rest Heb. 3,4  
Discouragement  
Complaining  
Over-thinking



**Eph. 4:19 – Sensitivity  
or Sense-based living**

**\*\*Your mind alone is not enough. It is the ‘God-part’, the God-inhabiting part of you, (your spirit), that quickens or utilises the potential of your mind and your body. Amos 4:13; Ezek. 38:10.**

- Anxious, troublesome thoughts – Dan. 4:19; 7:28; Ps. 55:2,3; Ps. 13:2 ‘thought-wrestling’
- Evil thoughts – Mt. 9:4; Mt. 15:19
- Proud thoughts – Luke 1:51, 52; 1 Cor. 3:20 NLT
- Carnal nature or sinful nature thoughts – Eph. 2:3; 1 Cor. 2:16
- Reviling thoughts – Ecc. 10:20 Revile means, ‘to curse, despise, to hold in contempt, to criticize in a scornful or abusive manner...’ You cannot love and revile at the same time. Many do not separate a man or woman, from that man’s or woman’s ideas or ideologies. Was Christ’s blood shed for them just as it was for you? Because of our global scene, that most have access to, we have so many more public figures or celebrities to make judgements about—we get lost in ideological wars and ‘trouble our own souls,’ giving Satan advantage. Sometimes believers have a much stronger passion about world figures and personalities than their passion to reveal Christ to our hurting world.
- World-system thoughts – Isa. 40:23; John 16:33; Rom. 12:2; 1 Cor. 3:19; Col. 2:8. Many people’s “Bible,” is social media, television, YouTube, Instagram, the BBC, --no matter how attractive Satan can make the ‘sewer’ of our world, it is still the sewer, having the power to pollute, poison, and kill, all those who swim in it and drink of it.

We have to put our mind in its proper place and mode of function. Heb. 3:1; Heb. 4:12. The Word of God helps us to ‘discern’ our thoughts, by ‘judging’ our thoughts so we can select and reject.

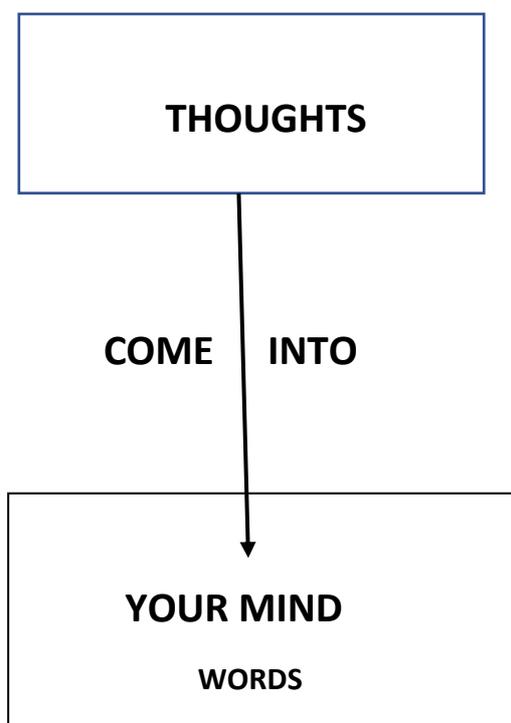
## Relationship Between Your Thoughts and Your Spirit

1 Cor. 2:11-13 NASB, reveals to us, that it is your spirit-man, that reveals or has the ability, to interpret your thoughts. It is the Spirit of God, that reveals God's thoughts to you. Otherwise, you would not know God's thoughts. The Spirit of God reveals by two primary means: using the Word of God, the Holy Spirit reveals that your human or carnal thoughts are simply that. The Spirit also reveals God's thoughts, simply, by putting them into your mind—your spirit-man tells you, "this thought is from God" – your spirit, bearing witness with His Spirit—or agreeing with the Spirit of God. Rom. 8:16 NKJV

## Spirit and Mind – "Where did that thought come from?"

Your mind is fed by a spirit...thus the 'spirit' has a vital connection to the operation of your mind. 1 Cor. 2:11-13 NASB; Eph. 4:23 NKJV; Rom. 8:5,6; 1 Cor. 2:11; 2 Cor. 10:5

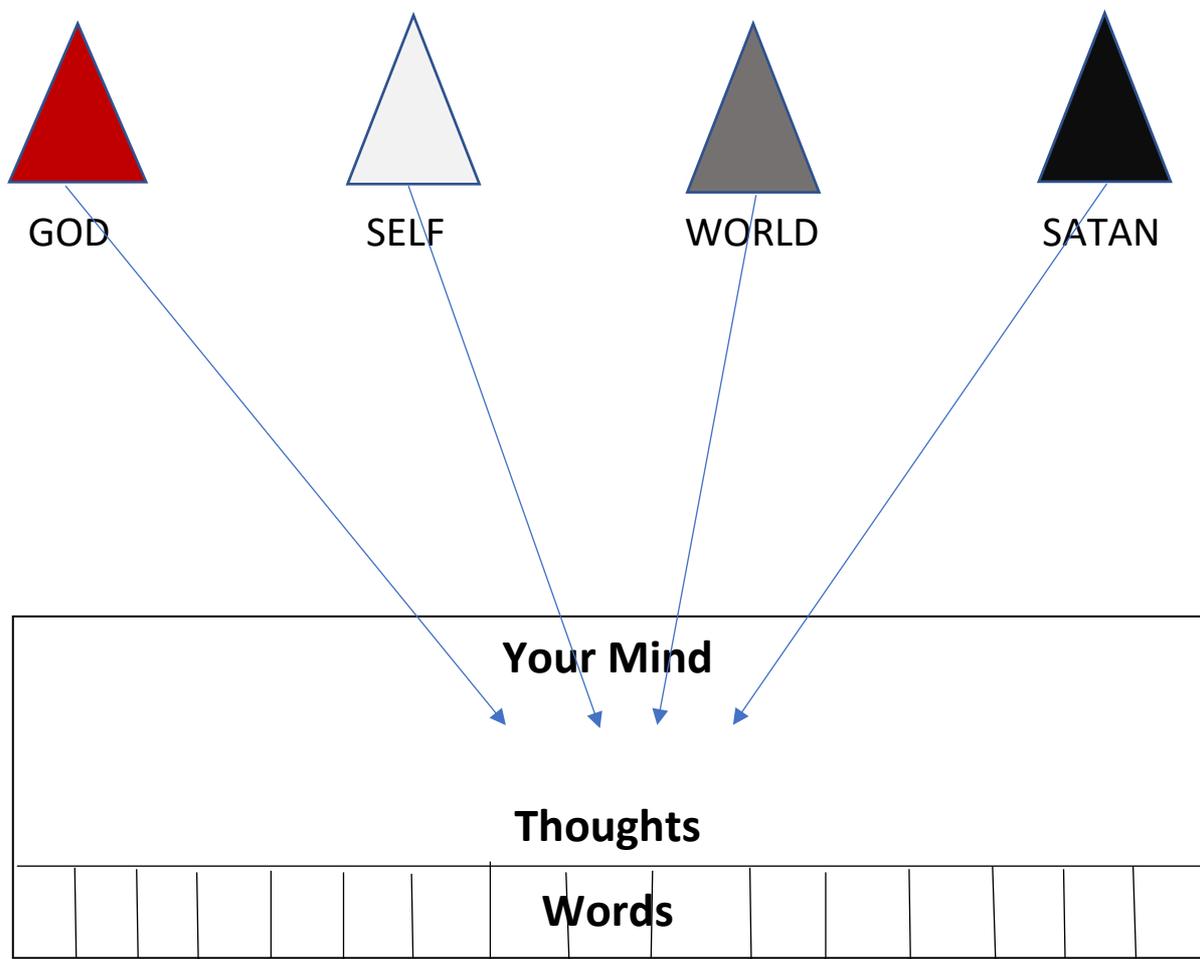
**Ezek. 38:10; Ezek. 11:5 NKJV**



\*\*\*A "word" is the smallest component part of a thought. Your brain translates the 'spirit-sent' thoughts into words, that you can speak, argue with internally, remember, etc. Mt.16:15-17 NKJV. Jesus tells

Peter, that what he has just said, (a thought expressed in words, that ‘came into his mind,’) did not originate in human thinking or human conversation but was sourced in the Father (who is Spirit). Thus the revelation that Peter had was given by The Spirit to Peter’s spirit that was sent into his mind, a thought translated into words, that Peter spoke.

### Spirit-Sources Sending Thoughts Into Your Mind



- God – John 4:24; **1 Chron. 28:12**; Mt. 16:15-17 NKJV; Isa. 55:8
- Self – 1 Cor. 6:17, 19 NLT; 1 Cor. 2:11; 1 Cor. 14:14,15
- World – 1 Cor. 2:12 (The world isn’t just “Google” or information)—there is a ‘controlling spirit’ behind all that is of this world. Eph. 2:2 NKJV
- Satan – Jer. 7:31; Dan. 4:16; Dan. 5:21; 2 Tim.1:7; 1 John 4:1,2,6

## **Facts About The Spirit**

The Spirit can be **in** you. – Gen. 41:38; 1 Cor.3:16. It is an amazing truth that God can be inside you, when He also, fills all of creation – 1 Cor. 6:17 union with God—His Spirit and your spirit become one.

The Spirit can **rest upon you**. – Num. 11:25

The Spirit can **hover over something or place**. – Gen. 1:2

The Spirit can **be transferred** to leaders – Num. 11:16, 17; 25

The Spirit can **speak through you**...-- 2 Sam. 23:1,2; Isa. 59:21

..speaking the Word of God words and the Spirit-spoken words...

The Spirit can put **Divine plans into your mind** – 1 Chron. 28:12

The Spirit is the One that **builds and rebuilds** our lives and His House – Zech. 4:6

The Spirit can **baptise** you in Himself (immerse and saturate completely you) – Mt. 3:11; Mk. 1:8; Acts 8:14-17

The Spirit can **lead** you – Acts 10:19, 20; Acts 16:6,7; Gal. 5:18

The Spirit can **flow out of your life** to bless others – Jn. 7:38,39

The Spirit can **teach** and **remind** you of the Father's will – Jn. 14:26

The Spirit can **give you revelation** consistent with the Bible – Jn. 16:15

The Spirit will **give you power** when you are baptised with the Spirit – Acts 1:8

The Spirit can bring **encouragement and expansion** to the local church – Acts 9:31

The Spirit can **commission you** for service when He thinks you are ready for it – Acts 13:2-4

The Spirit **pours God's love into you** – Rom. 5:5

The Spirit **gives His life to your mortal body** – Rom. 8:11

The Spirit **bears witness that you belong to God** – Rom. 8:16 NCV

The Spirit **helps you to pray according to God's will** – Rom. 8:26:NCV

The Spirit of God is **given to you to drink** – 1 Cor. 12:13

## **Benefits of Our Developed Spirit-Life**

- Discernment – the Holy Spirit knows all and He knows what is camouflaged or hidden from you....Mk. 2:8. He gives you information supernaturally...what you wouldn't get from education, observation or conversation.
- Protection – He can tell you what to avoid...for your own safety and protection –Isa. 30:21; Matt. 2:21-23; Acts 9:13-15; Neh.9:30  
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- Gives victory over the flesh, carnal nature and spiritual attacks – Rom. 8:13; 8:2; Rom. 15:16
- Mysteriously develops the fruit of the Spirit in us in our hardships 2 Cor. 3:18 “Have you had the beatings?’ and walked them through, with the Holy Spirit? Gal. 5:22.
- Wisdom for living and leading can be imparted to you by laying on of hands in which the Spirit of wisdom is released to you...Deut. 34:9; Job 32:8,9
- The Spirit, is an anointing for service, that equips and enables you to do with supernatural impact, in the lives of others, what you would not otherwise be able to do. 1 Sam. 10:6, 10
- The Spirit instructs us in how to live – Neh. 9:20; 1 Cor. 2:13. We often hear from preachers, teachers or various ministries...but the word that is truly from God, is something taught by the Spirit through the mouth of various others in our lives. What they say must be consistent with the written Word of God. Acts 17:11. Error is taught by demons through the mouths of others. 1 Tim. 4:1; Job. 26:4
- The Spirit can be poured on to your children – Isa. 44:3
- The Spirit can give you rest – Isa. 63:14
- The Spirit is the One who moves you to do what is right – Ezek. 36:27; Phillip. 2:13.
- The driving out of demons, you can do by the Spirit – Mt. 12:28; Mt. 10:8

- It is the Spirit that “settles you in your own land.” Do you have an inheritance, not manifested yet? Believe in the power and the intent of the Spirit! Ezek. 37:14.
- It is the Spirit that makes the family generationally prophetic! Joel 2:28,29. Are you prophetically active yet? Are you speaking God’s mind into the lives of others because you are hearing and stepping out?
- The Spirit can enable you to speak boldly your witness of Christ – Acts 4:31; 2 Tim. 1:7; Matt. 10:16-20
- The Spirit helps you to overflow with joy and peace and hope and power – Rom. 15:13

### **Accessing the Spirit In this Life**

Since God has intended that we ‘live by the Spirit,’ we must learn a ‘new way of living,’ no matter how old we are or how we have done so far, accessing the Spirit from time to time. The Last Days will be a time of greatly heightened ‘spirit activity.’ We must both hear and discern the ‘spirit’ world, in order to remain on track with God’s Word and deal effectively with the camouflaged evil presented by the Spirit of Evil. We have to stop, unwittingly, rehearsing the lies of the Satanic spirit, that can ‘play like a continuous recording’ in our minds. Eph. 2:2; 1 John 4:1

- A broken spirit, a yielded will to His will - Ps.51:12, 17; Isa. 57:15; Isa. 66:2
- Faith – Heb. 11:6; 2 Cor. 4:13
- Speaking in tongues – Acts 2:4; Jude 20
- Worship – Eph. 5:18-20; John 4:24
- Hearing/Obedience – Heb. 3:15
- Devotions – 2 Chron. 17:6; Rom. 8:5; Jer. 30:21; Acts 2:42

### **Homework**

Take time to make certain everyone in your home is baptised in the Holy Spirit if they desire to be so. Spend more time speaking in tongues this week and listening to His voice and doing what He says. Believe that the Spirit will both lead you and enable you to sense and follow Him this week. One thought from God, by the Spirit, can transform any situation and produce a miracle. Pray and listen. Pray and listen. Pray and listen.

### **Post-Service Song List For Worshipping Throughout the Week**

Hillsong Worship Best Praise Songs 2020

Never Going Back by David and Nicole Binion

Nobody Like You by David and Nicole Binion

I Pour My Love on You by David and Nicole Binion

Here as it is in Heaven by Elevation Worship

Oh Sing by Elevation Worship (kids song)