

THE CHAMPION SPIRIT

The Governing Rule Of The Spirit

I. Inside your tri-part being there is a spiritual hierarchy (pecking order, chain of command)

A. It is the will of God that you know how to possess your vessel-1 Thessalonians 4:4

1. Luke 21:19-**Possess**-To secure, to get a hold of, you shall win, ye shall gain the mastery over your souls," instead of giving way to adverse circumstances
 - a. There's going to be a lot going on, but get a hold of your soul
2. The vessel that **you** have to **manage** and **control** is the body and henceforth the mind; if you don't possess the mind you don't control the body
 - a. Your spirit is to be the manager/controller of your mind and body not vice versa

- b. A weak spirit like a weak body can't do what it's supposed to do
 - 3. We are to manage our vessel in sanctified way that honors God and not in away where we just give into the feelings and desires of the mind and body
 - a. We are to possess our vessel in a deferring way always deferring to the HS
 - 4. God wants you to know how to do possess your vessel, so there must be a way to do it and that's what we are after
- B. The day that I got born again was the day that my life stopped being run by my soul and body and started being run by my spirit
 - 1. The chain of command is Spirit first, soul second, body last
 - a. Body and soul are not in charge any more-Ephesians 2:3 (AMP)
 - 2. They don't get to choose how to think and feel they are told how to think and feel
 - a. They are under my command, just like I'm under the Word of God
 - b. Your body was created to submit to your mind and your mind was created to submit to your spirit-Romans 8:5,
 - 1) Romans 8:5-Your body was created to submit to your mind
 - 2) Matt 6:25, 12:34-Your mind was created to submit to your spirit; it was created to shut up and listen to what your mouth/spirit has to say
 - a) You've said things without thinking, that came out of your spirit
 - b) Fix your mouth on the word of God you're mind will be too-Ph4:8,Josh1:8
 - 3) Romans 7:21-Your spirit was created to submit to God
- C. The life of man was never mean to be governed by his flesh/feelings/senses
 - 1. Genesis 3:7-Adam was created to function in such a way that God communicated with His Spirit, his spirit told his mind how to think and body what to do; in a sense he might see something or feel something, but if it opposed what God said, then he was governed by what God said (his spirit dictating what mind thought and what body did) and not by what he saw or felt
 - a. When they sinned their senses were opened and their senses gained ascendancy over their spirits and they began to be governed by their senses not their sprits
 - b. They were naked before, but their spiritual sight was bigger than their natural sight and with their spiritual eyes they saw they were covered with the glory of God so their spirit told their mind that, but now they're governed by their senses
 - 1) The was the detriment of fallen man; he was governed by his senses, the mind and body
 - c. Jesus came to get us back to the place where we walk by faith and not by sight
 - 2. My spirit is supposed to get the command from the Word of God/The Holy Spirit and tell my mind what to think and my body what to do

- a. The reality is if you live life governed by your senses (soul and body) govern your life, defeat is inevitable
- b. The most victorious people you'll find are the ones who have learned to ignore their feelings (mind and body) and govern their life based on what the word says

II. The governing rule of the spirit

- A. It's vital that we understand that Satan preys on the mind on body through the senses
 - 1. He's always preying on your thoughts, feelings, and senses; Appealing to the feelings
 - 2. He tried to do it to Jesus; see something physical, miss out on the pain-Matthew 4
- B. I (the spirit) is the personal trainer/manager of my soul and body
 - 1. 2 Cor 10:5-If you have thoughts or feelings that oppose the word you get rid of them
 - a. The strengthening of the spirit triggers the renewing of the mind
 - 2. 1 Cor 9:27-You bring your body into subjection by ruling over the mind
 - a. The body can't go where the mind won't go
- C. The man who rules over soul and body and reigns in life
 - 1. Every battle in life begins with the battle to rule over your mind and body
 - 2. Proverbs 16:32-God puts great emphasis on ruling mind and body
- D. You rule over your body by ruling over your soul and you rule over your soul with a strong speaking spirit
 - 1. James 3:2-If you can control your mouth you can control your mind and you can control your body
 - a. The only way to control the mouth is to get your spirit strong on the Word-Mt 12:34
 - 2. Psalm 103-David is speaking to his soul and I (the spirit me) can do the same thing
 - a. 1 Samuel 30:8-When he encouraged himself in the Lord he didn't just sit there and think happy thoughts

III. The enemy wants to keep your spirit under because if your spirit ever rises up in the grace of a Champion and begins to rule your mind and body all hope for him is gone-Galatians 5:18, Romans 7:24***

- A. It's not supposed to be that you know what's right in your head, but your unrenewed nature has taken over your body and it's dominating your spirit
 - 1. The man who knows the word, but doesn't do it is destroyed-Matthew 7:25
 - a. Satan doesn't care that you know that the Word says just as long as you're not directing your mind to the word and doing what the word says
 - 2. There's plenty of people who know that the word says and walk in the flesh
 - 3. Satan can't do much with a man who won't yield to the flesh & oppose the Word
- B. Romans 7-If you will direct your mind to the word from your spirit you'll walk in the spirit and crush every hope the enemy had of destroying
 - 1. 14-He's governed by his flesh

2. 16-He knows what's right
3. 17-He desires to do right, but he doesn't know how to perform it
4. 18-AMP-There is a lack of spiritual strength
5. 20-It's the sin that remains in his thoughts and habits
6. 21-When he wants to do right (spirit), that evil is present in his thoughts and habits
7. 23-The law in his body is working against what he knows is right in his mind, and it's bringing his spirit into captivity to the law that's in his body
8. 8:3,4-Jesus overcame sin in the flesh so that we could do right things and walk in the spirit and not in flesh
9. 8:5-You don't do what you know, you do what you direct your mind to