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# LIVING WORTHY OF THE LORD

Part 4: Putting the Pieces Together

Motion & Motives

Behold, I send you  
forth as sheep in the  
midst of wolves:  
be ye therefore wise  
as serpents, and  
harmless as doves.  
Matthew 10:16

BE INTENTIONAL!  
BE STEADFAST!  
**BE HIS!**

FAITH THAT WORKS

Faith Without Works  
Does Not Work

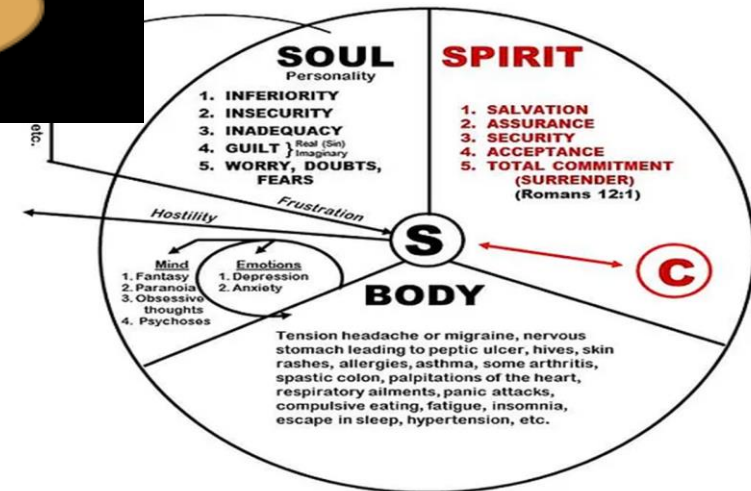
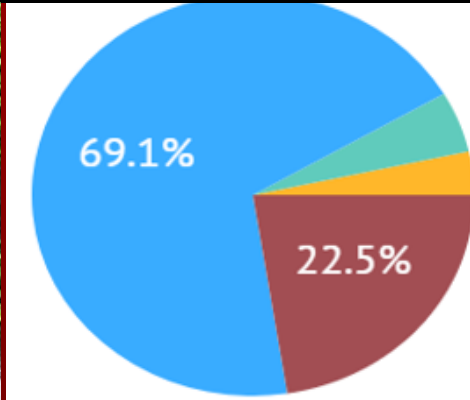
James 2:14-26



Put Off The Old Man And  
Put On The New Man



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# PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION!

**Pay careful attention**, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise—making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So don't be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

And don't get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but **be filled by the Spirit**: speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music with your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **submitting to one another in the fear of Christ**.

Eph 5:15–21 CSB

# STAY FOCUSED, BE ON YOUR GUARD

“Enter through the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who go through it. How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life, and few find it.

“Be on your guard against false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravaging wolves. You’ll recognize them by their fruit.

Are grapes gathered from thornbushes or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can’t produce bad fruit; neither can a bad tree produce good fruit.

Every tree that doesn’t produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So you’ll recognize them by their fruit.”

Matthew 7:13–20 CSB

# PUT ANOTHER WAY...

“Don’t look for shortcuts to God. The market is flooded with surefire, easygoing formulas for a successful life that can be practiced in your spare time. Don’t fall for that stuff, even though crowds of people do. The way to life—to God!—is vigorous and requires total attention.

“Be wary of false preachers who smile a lot, dripping with practiced sincerity. Chances are they are out to rip you off some way or other. Don’t be impressed with charisma; look for character.

Who preachers are is the main thing, not what they say. A genuine leader will never exploit your emotions or your pocketbook. These diseased trees with their bad apples are going to be chopped down and burned.

Matthew 7:13–20 MSG

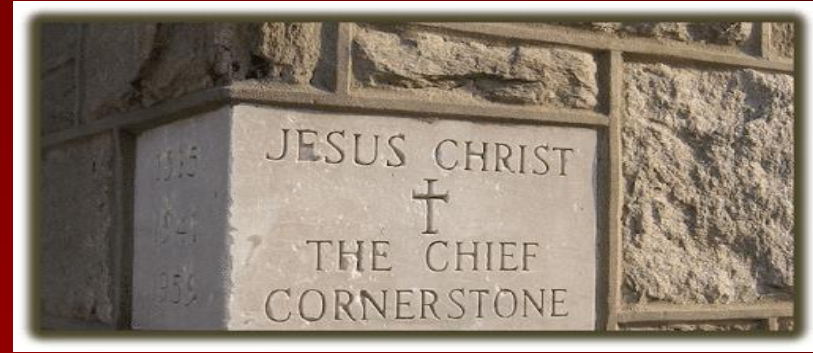
# TO DO THE WILL OF THE FATHER

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in your name, drive out demons in your name, and do many miracles in your name?’ Then I will announce to them, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you lawbreakers!’”

Matthew 7:21–23 CSB

# ALIGN WITH CHRIST CONTINUALLY!



“These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on.

If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.

“But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don’t work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards.”

Matthew 7:24–27 MSG



# FOUNDATION CHECK

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins in which you previously walked according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient.

We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also.

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us, made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses.

**You are saved by grace!**

Ephesians 2:1–5 CSB

# ALIGNMENT CHECK

He also raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might display the immeasurable riches of his grace through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For you are **saved by grace through faith**, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—**not from works**, so that no one can boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for **good works**, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

Ephesians 2:6–10 CSB

and as much as you've done it  
to the  
very least of my brethren,  
you've done it,  
you've done it unto me.



## EXAMINE YOURSELVES THE LORD'S SUPPER

Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it.

2 Corinthians 13:5 MSG

## PREP TIME!

- **Grace** is the invitation
- **Faith** is our Acceptance
- **Love** is the Fruit
- **Work** is the Output

**We are His Workmanship!**

**His Poetry**

