



THIS IS HOW I WIN MY BATTLE - Part 3

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I Thessalonians 5:23 - And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You were designed by God to live life as an overcomer; to be more than a conqueror. He conformed you and mankind in general in such a way that we have to choose to lose. This is why we are spending time studying our divine makeup so that we can learn how our various parts function together to enable us to live the victorious life God intended. **John 10:10**

In our last study, we declared how awesome we are. We saw in **Psalm 139:13-14** that God intricately and uniquely made us. **I Thessalonians 5:23** lets us know that we are spirit, soul, and body or more accurately we can say about ourself - I am a spirit that has a soul and my spirit and soul live in my body. So, **I Thessalonians 5:23** as well as **Genesis 2:7** reveal that God made mankind a tripartite being. The reason God made us a tripartite being was to provide what is needed for mankind to fulfill His purpose in the Earth. We must understand that God does not do anything haphazardly. In other words, everything God does has a specific purpose and is designed to align itself with His purpose.

Philippians 2:13 declares "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Therefore, every part of you is aligned by His divine design to produce His desire. Tonight, we are going to further understand our makeup and how it enables us to live on this Earth in victory.

In **Genesis 2:7**, when we read in the Word how God formed the first man Adam, we notice that He took substance from the ground to make his body. Now see in your sanctified imagination the physical form standing there lifeless like a manakin in a department store. It was not until God breathed spirit (ruah, pneuma) into him that Adam became alive - he became a living soul, that he had consciousness, awareness. All of creation was in awe, for a being had been created that never existed before.

Psalm 8:4-6 NLT - ⁴ what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? ⁵ Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶ You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority. Your makeup was originally designed to exercise authority in the Earth realm to rule and reign. That is why God created you a spirit being that has a soul and formed your physical body so that you can function in the Earth. **Once your body deteriorates to the point it no longer sustains your spirit and soul, you experience physical death.**

Now let's look at the composition of your spirit. The essence of your spirit has primarily to do with **perception, conviction, and communion**. **Perception** is high spiritual awareness. Perception enables our spirit to understand the things of God.

I Corinthians 2:9-14 NLT - ⁹ That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." ¹⁰ But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. ¹¹ No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. ¹² And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. ¹³ When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. ¹⁴ But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.

John 4:24 declares "God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." Since God is spirit, the only way we can understand what He is doing, what He is saying, is by our spirit. Our born-again spirits enable us to understand the things of God.

The other composite of our spirit is **conviction**. Conviction means that we have the ability to be convicted of the truth by the Holy Spirit. Conviction for a believer is the capacity to hear God warning when we begin to do something wrong. Conviction is aided by a scripturally taught conscience, which makes it easier for our spirits to hear what the Spirit of God is saying. In the **Book of Revelation**, each of the seven letters to the churches: "Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches" (**Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22**). Whenever Jesus says, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear," He is calling for people to pay careful heed. It's another way of saying, "Listen up! Pay close attention!" You don't want to get to a place as a believer where it is difficult to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to you.