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About This Guide

Identity & Purpose- A Biblical Guide- Living Spiritually Driven Series is a simple, Scripture-based guide to help people affirm their foundation in Christ. In short, readable sections, you'll discover what God has done in you, who you are in Christ, and how to follow the Holy Spirit in everyday life. Use it on your own or with a friend as you strengthen your faith and grow in identity and purpose.



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A Note from Coach T

Whether you are seeking answers, just met Jesus recently, been walking with Him for a long time and want to go deeper, or you're a believer using this as a guide to help someone else, you're not here by accident. God called you off the sidelines and onto the field.

This booklet answers two foundational questions every believer must settle: "Who am I?" and "Why am I here?" Without knowing your true identity in Christ, you'll spend your life trying to become someone you already are. Without understanding your purpose, you'll drift through life driven by the world's agenda instead of God's assignment. Identity comes first—then purpose flows from who you are, not what you do.

This isn't theory, it's your playbook. You're about to discover who you really are, why Jesus had to die, and how the Holy Spirit empowers you to live victoriously in God's Kingdom.

My prayer is that the Lord opens your eyes to your true identity, strengthens your spirit, and equips you to live Spiritually Driven, not driven by fear, not driven by self-will, but led by the Holy Spirit from the inside out. Let's go!

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PART 1

Who You Really Are (Spirit, Soul, and Body)

If someone asked, 'Who are you?' most people answer with the surface things — a name, an age, a place, a job. But here is what most people rarely pause to consider: your body is temporary. One day it will die. What happens to YOU after that? The real you is a spirit created for eternity, and most people are either blind to that truth, spend their whole lives trying to outrun it, or simply don't know how to prepare for it. This guide exists to change that.

The Bible shows that you are made of three parts: **Spirit, Soul, and Body.**

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (KJV) "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."

According to this verse, what three parts make up the “whole” you?

Let's Define These Simply

- **Body** — the physical part of you (what people see—your physical frame).
- **Soul** — your mind, will, and emotions (how you think, choose, and feel).
- **Spirit** - the deepest part of you (the part meant to be alive to God and led by His Spirit).

You interact with the world around you through your **body**. You process experiences through your **soul**. You connect with God through your **spirit**.

From the beginning, you were designed to be one with God's Spirit—His Spirit leading your spirit, your spirit influencing your soul, and your soul directing what you do in your body.

The Real You: Spirit First

You are not just a body that has a spirit. You are a spirit who has a soul and lives in a body. Your body will one day die. Your spirit will continue. That's why your spiritual condition matters more than anything else about you. Technically, you will also receive a transformed body similar to how Jesus' body was changed at the resurrection (Philippians 3:21).

Which part of you will still exist after your physical body dies?

- Just your body
- Just your soul
- Your soul, spirit and transformed body

The "real you" is meant to live:

- Connected to God
- Directed by His Spirit
- Expressed through your soul and body in everyday life

When that spiritual connection is missing, everything else eventually feels out of alignment. We look for comfort, identity, and security in temporary things, but nothing in this world can give lasting peace, identity, or purpose apart from God.

Being Spiritually Driven simply means learning to let the Holy Spirit lead your spirit, soul, and body; instead of being driven by self-will or the spirit of the world which can be manifested as fear, pride, selfishness, unforgiveness, hate, greed etc.

Interconnected Yet Distinct

It is important to understand that although the spirit, soul, and body are distinct, they are also deeply interconnected. Your spirit and soul are especially interwoven—so closely joined that only God's Word can distinguish between them.

Hebrews 4:12 (KJV) "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

This verse shows that spirit and soul are so closely connected that only the Word of God, sharper than any two-edged sword, can separate and reveal the difference between them.

We can also see this in the story Jesus told about the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19–31). After both men died physically, the rich man found himself in torment while Lazarus was in peace. Even in that state, they retained their identity, memory, and awareness.

This shows us that **your soul and spirit continue to exist after your body dies**—and they remain interwoven. You will still be you, your personality, your memories, your capacity to think and feel. The question is: will your spirit be alive to God through Jesus Christ, or will it remain spiritually dead and separated from Him for eternity?

Spiritual Death vs. Spiritual Life

The Bible mentions people being spiritually dead even while their bodies are still very much alive.

Ephesians 2:1 (KJV) "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins."

Notice what Scripture says—that we were "dead." What were we dead in?

"Dead" here does not mean your heart isn't beating. It means your spirit was separated from God because of sin—disconnected from the Source of true life.

Spiritual death shows up as:

- Trying to fill emptiness with things that never satisfy.
- Confusion about identity and purpose.
- Being driven by the things of the world and overly focused on the temporal self instead of being led by God's Spirit.

Spiritual life, on the other hand, is when your spirit is made alive and brought into alignment with God. That's what this booklet—and the wider *Spiritually Driven* life—is about: moving from being driven by the flesh and the world to being led by the Holy Spirit from the inside out.

Making It Personal — Reflection & Response

Take a moment to honestly think about where you are right now.

Which of these feels most true of you today?

- I've mostly thought of myself as just a body and a mind.
- I've heard of spirit, soul, and body but never really understood it.

- I know I'm a spirit, but I want to understand what that means more clearly.
- Other

Write one short sentence about how this idea (spirit, soul, body) hits you:

As you move forward, remember: You are more than what you see in the mirror. You are a spirit, you have a soul, and you live in a body.

In Part 2: Creation and The Fall, we'll look at how God originally designed humans to live in close relationship with Him—and what went wrong that affected every part of who we are.

PART 2

Creation and The Fall

God's Good Design

God did not create the world broken. He created it good and designed humans to walk in close relationship with Him.

Genesis 1:26–27 (KJV) "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

According to these verses, in whose image were humans created?

Being made in God's image means:

- We were created to reflect His character.
- We were created to represent His rule on the earth.
- We were created for relationship with Him.

In the beginning, our eternal and spiritual level of existence was echoed in the words, "Let us make man in our image," and the One who spoke that was Spirit. We are spiritual beings by design, created to live in fellowship with the Spirit of God.

God's Breath

God also breathed His life into man.

Genesis 2:7 (KJV) "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;"

and man became a living soul."

God formed the body from the dust, but it wasn't until He breathed into man that he became a living soul—a spirit-in-a-body, made to live connected to Him.

The Garden and the One Command

God placed Adam in a real place—the garden of Eden—and gave him both responsibility and freedom.

Genesis 2:15–17 (KJV) "And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

How many trees did God say Adam could freely eat from?

What was the one tree God told him not to eat from?

Notice the pattern:

- Many trees to freely enjoy.
- One tree to not eat from.

This shows that God is not stingy. He gave Adam and Eve a lot of freedom with just one clear boundary. His boundaries are not to restrict us, but to protect us.

The Condition of Obedience and Free Will

God's warning was simple: "If you eat from this tree, you will die." The tree itself wasn't evil—it was the act of disobedience that cut them off from the Source of life. God had already furnished their garden with everything they needed. Sin is choosing what God has forbidden over what He has freely given.

But why even put a tree in the garden that they should not eat from? Why create the possibility of disobedience? The answer has to do with love and free will.

God loves us, and with mature love comes both freedom of choice and responsibility. He wants us to freely love Him in return. Without the ability to choose, we would be more like robots than sons and daughters.

Think about it:

- Just like no parent wants a child who is forced to say, "I love you."
- It means more when your child has the freedom not to listen, but still chooses to listen and love you anyway.

In the same way, God gave Adam and Eve a real choice:

- Obey and live in alignment with Him.
- Disobey and experience spiritual death and separation.

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was the place where their free will would be exercised. All of us live under spiritual influence at this level too. None of us are an island unto ourselves; we are all spiritual beings influenced beyond just nature and nurture. We are either responding to the Holy Spirit and moving toward God's purpose, or being pulled by the spirit of this fallen world and drifting away from His divine purpose.

The Fall and Spiritual Death

In Genesis 3, the serpent (Satan) comes to question and twist what God said. He tempts Eve to doubt God's goodness and to reach for wisdom apart from God.

Genesis 3:1, 4–6 (KJV) "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field... And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

According to these verses, what did the serpent say would happen if they ate from the tree?

What three things did Eve notice about the tree before she ate?

1. It was good for _____
2. It was pleasant to the _____
3. It was desired to make one _____

When Adam and Eve ate the fruit, they did not fall over physically dead at that moment—but something did die:

- Their innocence was lost.
- Their relationship with God was broken.
- Fear, shame, and hiding entered the picture.

Genesis 3:8–10 (KJV) "And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden... and I was afraid, because I was

naked; and I hid myself."

For the first time:

- They were afraid of God instead of walking with Him.
- They felt exposed and ashamed.
- They hid from the very One who had given them life.

This is the picture of spiritual death—still physically alive, but now separated from God, the Source of true life. The same spiritual influence that started in the garden still works today, pulling people away from God's presence and goodness.

Making It Personal — Reflection & Response

God's original design for people was good—relationship, purpose, and freedom under His loving leadership. Sin entered the world through disobedience and brought spiritual death. The same pattern still shows up today when we choose our own way over God's word.

Which of these do you relate to most right now?

- I've often seen God's boundaries as Him holding out on me.
- I've known His way is best, but I still regularly choose my own way.
- I'm beginning to see His commands as loving protection and true life.
- Other

As you think about Adam and Eve's choice, where do you see similar choices in your own life? Write one brief example:

In the next part, **From The Fall to My Sin**, we'll look at how what happened in the garden isn't just ancient history—it's a pattern that touches every one of us, including you and me.

PART 3

From The Fall to My Sin

All Have Sinned

So far, we've looked at what happened with Adam and Eve in the garden—how sin entered the world and brought spiritual death. But if we stop there, it can feel like their problem, not ours. The Bible makes it clear that what started with Adam eventually touched everyone.

Romans 3:23 (KJV) "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

According to this verse, who has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God?

"All" includes:

- People who seem "good" on the outside.
- People who grew up in church.
- People who didn't.
- You and me.

Sin is not just "big, obvious" wrong things. It is any way in which we fall short of God's perfect standard and glory. We are all in need of God's forgiveness, no matter what our particular sins have been.

Sin Is Deeper Than We Think

We usually compare ourselves to other people: "I'm not as bad as them..." or "At least I haven't done that." But Jesus showed that sin is not just about outward actions; it is about the heart.

Jesus taught that anger and hatred in the heart toward someone was similar to committing murder. He also taught that having lustful thoughts equates to adultery in the heart.

Matthew 5:21–22 (NASB) "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder'... But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court..."

Matthew 5:27–28 (NASB) "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery'; but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

According to Jesus, where can adultery happen even before any physical act?

Jesus wasn't changing the standard; He was revealing God's standard:

- Hatred in the heart carries the same root as murder.
- Lust in the heart carries the same root as adultery.

That means sin is not just a "them" problem; it is a me problem. Sometimes, a sin pattern is not just a bad habit you can break by trying harder; it is a spiritual influence that must be displaced by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Danger of Unforgiveness

Jesus also made it clear that unforgiveness is serious. Holding on to unforgiveness closes our heart toward the forgiveness God wants to give us.

Matthew 6:14–15 (KJV) "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

According to these verses, what happens if we refuse to forgive others?

God is not ignoring what was done to you. He sees the hurt, the pain, and the injustice. Forgiveness from you is not saying that what they did was okay or that there won't be consequences. What you're doing is releasing bitterness so it doesn't become a spiritual stronghold in your own heart.

Forgiveness is a choice, not a feeling. You may not feel like forgiving at first, but by faith you can say, "Lord, I forgive them. I release them to You. Please heal my heart." He will then soften the pain and help your feelings catch up to the choice you made in obedience. The key is to not allow the memory of it to undo the restorative work of the Holy Spirit.

A Serious Warning

The Bible is clear that a lifestyle of unrepentant sin is not compatible with inheriting the Kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9–10 (NLT) "Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God."

According to these verses, will people who live in these patterns of sin inherit the Kingdom of God?

This list is not meant to make us point fingers at others. If we are honest, we can see ourselves somewhere in the patterns of wrong desires, wrong actions, wrong priorities, or wrong attitudes toward people. But the very next verse shows God's heart of hope.

1 Corinthians 6:11 (NLT) "Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy. God also made you right with Himself through Jesus and by His Spirit."

"Some of you were once like that"—that means:

- Sinful patterns used to define you.
- In Christ, they no longer have to define you.

There is also an important difference between practicing and stumbling:

- **Practicing sin** — choosing a lifestyle of sin, continuing in it without turning back, and making peace with it instead of fighting it.
- **Stumbling and repenting** — you may fall, but you get back up; you bring your sin to God, repent, receive forgiveness, and keep moving forward with Him.

God is not calling you to pretend you are perfect. He is calling you out of a lifestyle of sin and into freedom, so that you can walk in His light and fulfill the purpose He created you for.

Making It Personal — Reflection & Response

At this point, we're not just talking about Adam and Eve. We're talking about you and me.

Which of these statements best describes where you are right now?

- I've mostly thought of sin as "big, obvious" actions, not as heart issues.
- I know I've sinned, but I'm just starting to see how deep it goes in my thoughts, words, and attitudes.
- I understand that all have sinned, and I'm ready for God to deal with the sin in my heart.
- Other

As you think about your own life, where do you see God putting His finger on something—an attitude, a pattern, or an area of unforgiveness—that He wants to change? Write one brief example:

In the next part, **Why The Blood?**, we'll answer one of the most important questions: If God is loving, why did Jesus have to die? Why does the Bible put so much emphasis on blood? Understanding the answer will change how you see the cross forever.

PART 4

Why The Blood?

Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

By now we've seen that sin entered the world through Adam and Eve, all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory, and sin brings spiritual death and separation from God.

If God is loving, why couldn't He just forgive and "move on" without the cross? The Bible shows that God is not only loving—He is also perfectly holy and just. A holy God cannot simply ignore sin. Real love requires that sin be dealt with through justice. The cross is where God's justice and love meet.

Romans 6:23 (KJV) "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

What are the "wages" (payment) of sin?

"Death" here includes spiritual death—being separated from God—even while we are physically alive. It can also include how our sin may produce a type of death through negative consequences for ourselves and others.

Why The Blood Matters

In the Old Testament, God gave His people a system of animal sacrifices. This wasn't because God enjoyed sacrifice—it was to teach how serious sin was and to point forward to Jesus.

Hebrews 9:22 (NASB) "And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without

shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."

According to this verse, what cannot happen without the shedding of blood?

Leviticus 17:11 (KJV) "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

The life force of every living creature is in the blood. Every sin produces a form of death. Because God is holy, sin always separates us from Him—and that separation is a form of death.

However, animal blood could never remove sin permanently. It was only a temporary covering until the One who could truly remove sin would come—Jesus Christ—who shed His perfect, sinless blood on the cross as the final and complete sacrifice.

The Blood of Jesus: Once for All

Hebrews 10:10, 12 (NASB) "By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. But He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God."

According to these verses, how many times did Jesus need to offer Himself for sins?

Jesus was completely sinless, fully God and fully man, and the only One whose life was worthy to stand in our place. His blood is enough to pay the full penalty for our sin, cleanse our conscience from guilt

and shame, and open the way for us to be made right with God.

1 Peter 1:18–19 (NLT) "For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God."

According to this passage, what did God use to pay the ransom for your sin?

The Great Exchange at the Cross

2 Corinthians 5:21 (KJV) "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Jesus "knew no sin," yet He took our sin upon Himself. In exchange, we receive His righteousness.

Think of it this way:

- My sin was placed on Jesus.
- His righteousness is placed on me.
- He took what my sin deserved, so I could receive what He deserves.

When you deserved judgment, Jesus stepped in and said, 'Take Me instead.' That's not religion—that's rescue. That's love.

The cross is where Jesus took what our sin deserved, so we could be released from the power of sin and the judgment required. He exchanged His perfect record for our imperfect record, so we could be restored to God through the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit.

Covered, Cleansed, and Changed

Because of the blood of Jesus:

- **You are covered** — God sees you through the sacrifice of His Son.
- **You can be cleansed** — your guilt and shame can be washed away.
- **You can be changed** — the Holy Spirit begins to transform you from the inside out.

The blood of Jesus does not just make a legal change in heaven—it opens the door for a real change in you on earth.

Reflection & Response

Which of these statements best describes where you are right now?

- I've heard about the cross, but I never really understood why the blood of Jesus mattered.
- I'm starting to see that Jesus took what my sin deserved so I could be forgiven.
- I believe Jesus died for me, and I'm ready to trust His blood as enough.
- Other

In your own words, complete this sentence: "Because of the blood of Jesus, I can now..."

As you move into Part 5: Receiving the Gift, we'll look at how to personally respond to what Jesus has done—turning from sin, putting your faith in Him, and receiving the new life He paid for with His own blood.

PART 5

Receiving the Gift

The Resurrection

The cross is where the payment was made, but the resurrection is where God proved that the debt for sin was fully paid. Death could not hold Jesus and since He rose again, we are not just forgiven by a dead teacher—we are saved by a living Savior.

1 Corinthians 15:3–4 (KJV) "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

What happened to Christ on the third day?

Recognizing that spiritual death occurs through sin and that Jesus died in our place prepares us to see that the same resurrection life that raised Him from the dead can be made available to us.

Romans 8:11 (KJV) "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

Alignment Restored — A New Identity in Christ

We started this journey by asking, "Who are you?" Without Christ, we are spiritually dead and disconnected from God. Our identity is shaped by sin, shame, and the opinions of others. But when we receive what Jesus did for us, something powerful happens on the inside:

- Our spirit is made alive to God.
- Our identity is no longer defined by our past.
- We are given a brand-new starting point in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV) "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

What does a person become if they are in Christ?

Being "in Christ" means you are no longer standing before God in your own record, strength, or performance. You are standing in what Jesus has done for you. Your past does not define you. Your mistakes do not name you. Jesus does.

Children of God

God doesn't just cancel a debt; He receives you into His family. Salvation is not only about your past sins being forgiven—it is also about your status changing from "separated sinner" to "beloved son or daughter."

John 1:12 (KJV) "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

What power is given to those who receive Him and believe on His Name?

When you receive Jesus, you receive the right and power to become a child of God. You are brought out of spiritual death and into spiritual life. Your true identity is now in Christ, not in your mistakes, failures, or

former way of life.

Repentance and Faith

Receiving the gift of salvation is not about trying harder; it is about responding to what God has already done through Jesus. The Bible uses two key words to describe that response: **repentance** and **faith**.

Repentance is not just feeling bad; it is choosing to change direction—to agree with God about your sin and turn away from it towards Him.

Acts 3:19 (KJV) "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

What happens to your sins when you repent and are converted?

Faith is trusting that what Jesus did is enough to save you. It is believing with your heart and confessing with your mouth that He is Lord.

Romans 10:9–10 (KJV) "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

According to these verses, what two things are involved in being saved?

1. You believe in your _____
2. You confess with your _____

Calling on the Name of the Lord

Romans 10:13 (KJV) "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Who does this verse say can be saved if they call on the Name of the Lord?

"Whosoever" includes you. No matter your past, if you turn to Him in repentance and faith, He will hear you and save you. You don't need to get yourself ready first. You don't need to clean up your life before coming to Jesus—He does the cleaning.

Prayer of Salvation

If you are ready to receive the gift of salvation and put your faith in Jesus, you can use this prayer as a guide. Don't worry about getting the words perfect—God looks at your heart, not your vocabulary.

"Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I acknowledge that I have sinned and gone my own way. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for my sins, that His blood was shed as the perfect payment, and that He rose again from the dead. Today I turn from my sin and I turn to You. I confess Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I ask You to forgive me, cleanse me, and make me a new creation in Christ. I ask You to send the Holy Spirit to cleanse my spirit, soul, and body and to join with my spirit. Thank You for receiving me, for giving me the right to become Your child, and for placing Your Spirit within me. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

If you prayed that from your heart, this is not the end—it is the beginning of a new life in Christ. You are stepping into a Spiritually Driven life, not a religious performance.

Making It Personal — Reflection & Response

Which statement best describes where you are right now?

- I am still thinking about what it means to repent and believe the gospel.
- I just prayed that prayer (or one like it) from my heart and received Jesus as my Lord and Savior.
- I received Jesus before, but today I am re-surrendering my life to Him.
- Other

In your own words, write what you believe Jesus has done for you and what you are choosing in response:

As you move into Part 6, we will begin to unpack more of what it means to live out this new life, walking with the Holy Spirit, growing in God's Word, and learning to live as a son or daughter who has been brought from death to life.

PART 6

The Holy Spirit Your Helper and Power

In the last part, you received the gift of salvation—Jesus' finished work on the cross and His resurrection life. Now we look at how that new life is lived out day by day: **through the Holy Spirit living in you.**

Jesus didn't just forgive you and then tell you, "Good luck—try your best." He promised to send a Comforter—Helper, depending on translation—and He will live in you and walk with you.

The Promise of The Comforter (Helper)

Before He went to the cross, Jesus promised His disciples that He would not leave them alone.

John 14:16–17 (KJV) "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

According to this passage, where would the Holy Spirit be for those who believe?

Jesus calls the Holy Spirit:

- **A Comforter** — One called alongside to help you.
- **The Spirit of truth** — He leads you into what is true, not just what feels right.
- **The One who dwells in you** — Not just with you, but in you.

When you received Jesus, the Holy Spirit came to live in your spirit. You are no longer spiritually dead; you are spiritually alive, joined to God's Spirit on the inside.

Power to Live and Witness

The Holy Spirit doesn't only comfort you—He also empowers you.

Acts 1:8 (KJV) "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

According to this verse, what will you receive when the Holy Ghost comes upon you?

"Power" here isn't just loud emotion—it is the strength and ability God supplies so you can:

- Live differently than you did before.
- Tell others about Jesus with boldness and love.
- Overcome temptations and old patterns that used to control you.

The same Holy Spirit who helped Jesus overcome every temptation now lives in you as a believer. You are not meant to fight your battles alone.

The Holy Spirit in You

Back in Part 1, we saw that you are **spirit, soul, and body**.

- Your **spirit** is the deepest part of you—made alive to God at salvation.
- Your **soul** (mind, will, emotions) needs ongoing renewal.

- Your **body** is the house you live in on earth and the instrument you use to obey God.

The Holy Spirit works from the **inside out**:

- He joins with your spirit and reminds you who you are in Christ.
- He renews your soul, helping your thoughts, choices, and emotions line up with God's Word.
- He helps you use your body as an instrument for righteousness instead of sin.

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (KJV) "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

According to this passage, what is your body called?

Because the Holy Spirit lives in you:

- You are not your own; you belong to God.
- Your body is a **temple**—a place where God's Spirit dwells.
- You are called to **glorify God** in your body and your spirit.

Walking in the Spirit Day by Day

The Christian life is not lived in your own strength. It is lived by learning to **walk in the Spirit**—to let the Holy Spirit lead your steps.

Galatians 5:16 (KJV) "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

Notice what the scripture says happens when you walk in the Spirit. Why do you think that is?

To "walk in the Spirit" means:

- Listening to the Holy Spirit on the inside.
- Saying "yes" when He prompts you to obey God's Word.
- Saying "no" when your flesh or old habits pull you the wrong way.
- Allowing Him to shape your thoughts, words, and actions.

You won't do this perfectly all at once, but as you learn His word, you'll begin to see transformation in your life. Each day is another opportunity to let the Holy Spirit lead your spirit, renew your soul, and guide how you use your body.

Being Spiritually Driven means letting the Holy Spirit be the main influence that drives your life, instead of fear, pride, or the spirit of the world.

Making It Personal — Reflection & Response

Think about your life right now. Which area do you sense the Holy Spirit highlighting first?

- Spirit — learning to listen to the Holy Spirit and remember who I am in Christ.
- Soul — letting God renew my mind, heal my emotions, and direct my decisions.
- Body — honoring God with what I do, where I go, and how I treat others.

Write one sentence about what you believe the Holy Spirit is inviting you into in this season:

As you move into the next part, we'll discover why the Bible is trustworthy and reliable—so you can have confidence that God's Word is true and that the Holy Spirit will use it to guide your life.

PART 7

The Bible Is Trustworthy God's Reliable Word

Why You Can Trust the Bible

You might hear people say, "The Bible is just a myth" or "It's been changed so many times, how can you say you trust it?" The evidence of the Bible's credibility is powerful. The Bible is the most historically verified ancient document in existence, AND it carries the fingerprints of divine inspiration. Here's what the facts show:

The Bible Is Historically Reliable

Manuscript Evidence

We have over 5,800 Greek manuscripts of the New Testament—more than any other ancient text. To put that in perspective:

- Homer's *Iliad* (the second-most verified ancient text) has only about 1,800 surviving manuscripts.
- Most classical works that no one questions—like Caesar's *Gallic Wars*—have fewer than 10 manuscripts.

**How many Greek manuscripts do we have of the New Testament?
More than:**

The New Testament was originally written within decades after Jesus' resurrection and ascension—while eyewitnesses were still alive. Some of our oldest manuscript copies are from within 100–150 years of when the originals were written.

Most other ancient books that everyone trusts have time spans of 500–1,000 years between the original and the oldest copy we have. The Bible's time span is much shorter—which means we can be far more confident that what we read today matches what was originally written.¹

Why does having copies that date closer to the original writings matter?

Archaeological Confirmation

For over 150 years, archaeologists have been uncovering evidence that confirms the Bible's historical accuracy:

- Cities, kings, and events mentioned in Scripture have been verified.
- The Dead Sea Scrolls (discovered in 1947) showed that the Old Testament text has been preserved with extraordinary accuracy for over 2,000 years.

Investigative journalist Lee Strobel, a former atheist and legal editor for the Chicago Tribune, set out to disprove Christianity. After two years of research, he discovered that the Bible's documentary evidence far surpasses that of any other ancient writing.

What did the Dead Sea Scrolls prove about the Old Testament?

Lee Strobel was an atheist who tried to disprove Christianity. What did he discover?

Eyewitness Testimony

The New Testament was written by eyewitnesses or those who interviewed eyewitnesses while many were still alive. The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:6 that over 500 people saw Jesus alive after His resurrection—and that most of them were still alive when he wrote it. That's like saying, "If you don't believe me, go ask them yourself."

Why is eyewitness testimony important when evaluating if something really happened?

The Bible Is Divinely Inspired

But the Bible's trustworthiness goes beyond just historical evidence. Here's something even more remarkable:

One Story, Many Writers, Over 1,500 Years

The Bible was written by **over 40 different authors** across **1,500 years**. These writers included:

- Shepherds, kings, fishermen, tax collectors, doctors, and prophets.
- People who lived in different countries and spoke different languages.
- Writers who never met each other and lived centuries apart.

Yet somehow, they all tell **one unified story**: God's plan to rescue humanity through Jesus Christ. The Old Testament points forward to Jesus. The New Testament reveals Jesus. And it all fits together

perfectly—like a masterpiece painted by many hands but guided by one Master Artist.

How is that possible?

2 Peter 1:20–21 (NLT) "Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God."

The same Holy Spirit who now lives in you **moved upon** these writers. They wrote in their own styles and personalities, but God guided their words so that what was written was exactly what He wanted to say.

How many authors wrote the Bible, and over how many years?

According to 2 Peter 1:20-21, who moved upon the prophets as they wrote Scripture?

Imagine 40 people from different countries and time periods—none of them knowing each other—each writing one chapter of a book. What are the chances that all their chapters would tell one perfect, connected story? It would be impossible... unless Someone was guiding them all.

That's what makes the Bible different from every other book. It's not just a collection of human ideas about God. It's **God's Word** delivered through human writers by the power of the Holy Spirit.

What does it tell you about the Bible when 40+ writers over 1,500 years tell one unified story?

Why This Matters for You

You're not being asked to believe something based on blind faith or fairy tales. The Bible stands up to investigation. When skeptics examine it honestly, many—like Lee Strobel—end up believing.

You can trust God's Word because:

- It has been carefully preserved across thousands of years.
- It is historically accurate and verified by archaeology.
- It is backed by eyewitness testimony.
- It shows supernatural unity across 1,500 years and 40+ writers.
- It has transformed billions of lives for 2,000 years.
- **It is inspired by the same Holy Spirit who lives in you now.**

So if someone tells you the Bible is unreliable, you can respond with confidence and tell them: "Actually, it's the most reliable ancient document we have—and it's the only one written by the Holy Spirit through human authors over 1,500 years that tells one perfect story."

Making It Personal — Reflection & Response

Which statement best describes your response?

- I didn't know the Bible had this much evidence behind it. This makes me want to read it more.
- The fact that 40+ writers over 1,500 years told one unified story amazes me. That had to be God.
- I'm ready to trust God's Word as my foundation for life.

I still have questions, but I'm willing to keep learning.

A Prayer of Trust

Thank you Father, for giving me Your Word. Thank You that it's not just an old book, but Your voice speaking to me today. Help me to trust what You've said, even when the world says something different. Open my heart and mind as I read Your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

¹ Manuscript data from standard New Testament textual criticism sources. For further study, see works by Bruce M. Metzger (*The Text of the New Testament*), F.F. Bruce (*The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?*), and Josh McDowell (*Evidence That Demands a Verdict*).

PART 8

Go to the Bible Growing in God's Word

Why the Bible Matters

As a new believer, you might be asking: "Now that I've received Jesus, what do I do next?" One of the most important answers is this: **Go to the Bible.**

The Bible is not just an old religious book. It is God's Word to you. It is the standard of what is true, and it is spiritual food that helps you grow. God's Word is the reliable standard you can measure your life against, so that your thoughts, choices, and desires begin to line up with what He says is true.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NLT) "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work."

According to these verses, what is Scripture useful for? (List at least two.)

God's Word Is Food for Your New Life

Just like a newborn baby needs milk to grow, your new spiritual life needs regular nourishment from God's Word.

1 Peter 2:2 (KJV) "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."

From this verse, we learn that reading and hearing God's Word helps us grow just like milk helps newborn babies grow. Could babies grow if they don't take time to drink the milk? How will you apply this to your own life?

You cannot live a Spiritually Driven life on spiritual "snacks" from time to time. You need a steady diet of God's Word so that your spirit stays strong, your mind is renewed, and your decisions become more aligned with God's will.

Training yourself to go first to what God has said rather than to your feelings or to what culture says. Start by opening your Bible regularly and letting God speak to you through it.

God's Word Renews Your Mind

When you came to Christ, your spirit was made alive to God, but your **mind** still needs ongoing renewal. God's Word is what reshapes your thinking.

Romans 12:2 (KJV) "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

According to this verse, how are we transformed?

The world tries to squeeze you into its pattern. God uses His Word to transform you from the inside out so you can recognize what is truly good and pleasing to Him. Break old thought patterns rooted in fear, shame, or lies. Live from your new identity in Christ instead of your old life.

A Lamp for Your Path

Psalm 119:105 (KJV) "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

What does God's Word act like for your life?

A lamp doesn't always show you the whole road miles ahead—but it gives you enough light for the next step. As you keep going back to Scripture, God will keep giving you light for each step of obedience.

A Simple Plan to Start — The Gospel of John

To grow, you don't need to read the whole Bible in a week. Start with a clear, simple plan and be consistent. Each day you will:

- **Go to the Bible** — read a short passage.
- **Listen** — ask what it shows you about Jesus.
- **Respond** — write a short response and a simple prayer.

Download the free Gospel of John & Acts of the Apostles Journey Journal at www.SpirituallyDriven.net or order print versions on Amazon.com.

Making It Personal — Reflection & Response

Which of these best describes where you are?

- I rarely read the Bible and don't really know where to start.
- I've read some verses before, but I haven't been consistent.
- I'm ready to make God's Word a regular part of my new life in Christ.
- Other

Consistency is key. What is the best time of day for you to spend 10–15 minutes or more in God's Word without distractions? (e.g., First thing in the morning, during lunch, right before bed)

As you move into the next part, we'll look at **Talking with God — Simple, Powerful Prayer**, so you can grow not only in hearing God through His Word, but also in responding to Him in honest, faith-filled conversation.

PART 9

Talking with God Simple, Powerful Prayer

What Is Prayer?

Prayer is not just saying "religious" words. Prayer is simply talking with God and responding to Him. It is real conversation with your heavenly Father. Through Jesus, you are invited into a relationship where you can bring your heart, your needs, your questions, and your praise to God—and know that He hears you.

Jeremiah 33:3 (KJV) "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

According to this verse, what does God promise to do when you call to Him?

Coming Boldly, Not Fearfully

You do not come to God in your own goodness. You come because of what Jesus has done for you. His blood has opened the way.

Hebrews 4:16 (KJV) "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Why do you think the Word of God says to come boldly to the throne of Grace? Hint: Who took the penalty for our sins and gave us His righteousness?

You can come to God **boldly**—not hiding or pretending, but honest and sincere. Prayer is not trying to impress God. It is bringing your real heart to a real Father who loves you.

Talk to God About Everything

Sometimes people only pray when things are really bad. God invites you to talk with Him about everything — big and small.

Philippians 4:6–7 (NLT) "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

According to these verses, what are we told to do?

God invites you to bring your worries to Him instead of carrying them alone. Bring your requests to Him with thanksgiving. Receive His peace, guarding your heart and mind.

Prayer Basics

Prayer does not have to be long or complicated to be powerful. Here are some simple ways to talk with God:

- **Thank Him** — "Lord, thank You for saving me, for forgiving my sins, and for being with me today."
- **Confess and receive** — "Lord, I confess this sin to You. I turn from it and receive Your forgiveness."

- **Ask for help** — "Father, please help me with this situation... give me wisdom and strength."
- **Pray for others** — "God, I lift up [name] to You. Please help them, protect them, and draw them closer to You."
- **Pray God's Word** — Take a verse and turn it into a prayer in your own words.

Note: There is also a difference between bringing a request to God and using the authority He has given you to speak His Word to "mountains" that need to move. In this booklet, we are focusing on prayer as communication between you and God. For a deeper look at speaking in faith to the "mountains" in your life, you can read the book *Spiritually Driven*, Chapter 7, "Speaking to Mountains."

Over time, prayer becomes a rhythm—throughout the day you are turning your attention toward God, asking for His help, thanking Him, and listening for His leading.

Listening in Prayer

Prayer is not just talking to God; it is also listening for His voice. You listen by slowing down, letting Him highlight Scriptures, and paying attention to gentle nudges that line up with His Word.

John 10:27 (KJV) "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

According to Jesus, what do His sheep (His followers) do?

In time, the Holy Spirit will direct you into deeper dimensions of prayer, praying with both your understanding and your spirit at the same time (1 Corinthians 14:15). For now, focus on honest conversation with your Father. He'll lead you into the rest as you're ready.

Making It Personal — Reflection & Response

Which of these best describes how you have viewed prayer up to now?

- I've mostly seen prayer as something for "really spiritual" people, not for everyday life.
- I've prayed before, but I often feel like I don't know what to say.
- I am beginning to see prayer as a simple, honest conversation with my Father who loves me.
- Other

In your own words, write a short, simple prayer you want to say to God right now:

As you move into the next part, we'll look at **You're Not Alone — Holy Spirit & Church Community**, how God places you in a family of believers to help you grow.

PART 10

You're Not Alone Holy Spirit & Church Community

Never Alone: The Holy Spirit with You

Even if you're the only believer in your school, your neighborhood, or your family, the Holy Spirit lives IN you and will never abandon you. At times you may feel like you're alone, but you are never truly alone. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is joined to your spirit right now.

John 14:16 (KJV) "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;"

What does this verse say about how long the Comforter (the Holy Spirit) will abide with you?

Hebrews 13:5 (KJV) "...for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

God's presence with you is not based on how close the nearest church building is or whether your circumstances are easy. If you belong to Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives in you and will not abandon you.

You Weren't Saved to Walk Alone

Just as the Lord walks with you through the presence of His Holy Spirit, God's design is that if possible, we also walk together with other believers. When you received Jesus, you were brought into a **family**.

Ephesians 2:19 (KJV) "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;"

This verse tells us that you are now a part of?

In Christ, you are now a citizen of God's Kingdom, part of the household (family) of God, and connected to brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

Why a Local Church Matters

The "church" is not a building. The church is made up of God's people—those who belong to Jesus. A **local church** is a group of believers in a specific place who meet regularly to worship, learn, pray, serve, and encourage one another.

Hebrews 10:24–25 (NLT) "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."

According to these verses, what are we told to do?

When it is possible to gather where you live, God calls you to assemble, encourage one another, and stir up each other's faith. A healthy church is not just a place of attendance—it is a community of forgiven people learning to follow Jesus together.

You Have a Part in the Body

1 Corinthians 12:27 (KJV) "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."

This verse teaches that you are now a part of?

This means you are needed, you are meant to grow with others, and God has given you gifts that will bless the rest of the body.

As you grow, God will show you how He has wired you to serve. You don't have to know it all today. Just start by showing up, being faithful, and being open.

What Is Water Baptism?

Baptism does not save you—Jesus saves you. But baptism is an important **step of obedience** that Jesus commanded for those who believe in Him. It is an outward picture of the inward change that has already taken place.

Matthew 28:19–20 (KJV) "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

According to these verses, what did Jesus tell His disciples to do?

Water baptism is a picture of:

- **Dying** to your old life prior to following Christ.
- **Being buried** with Jesus (going under the water).

- **Being raised** to walk in newness of life (coming up out of the water).
- **Public Declaration** of walking with Jesus.

Finding a Church and Taking Your Next Steps

If you **do not** currently have a church:

- Look for a church that clearly teaches the Bible and points people to Jesus.
- If possible, talk with a mature believer or leader you trust and ask for guidance.

Once you are in a church, you can let a pastor or leader know that you have received Christ and would like to be baptized.

If you are in a place where meeting openly is difficult or restricted, remember:

- The Holy Spirit is with you and in you.
- You are still part of the body of Christ.
- Ask God to connect you, in His timing and His way, with other believers who love Him.

You are not just attending a service; you are connecting with a family that God will use to help you grow.

Making It Personal — Reflection & Response

Which of these best describes where you are right now?

- I don't currently have a church and don't really know where to start, but it is possible for me to look for one.
- I attend a church sometimes, but I haven't really gotten connected or shared that I've received Christ.

- I have a church family and I'm ready to talk with a leader about baptism and how I can grow and serve.
- I am in a place where gathering openly is hard or restricted, and I am trusting the Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide me.
- Other

In your own words, write one specific step you can take in the next week or two to move forward:

In the next part, we'll explore **Time, Talents, and Treasure — Living Generously**, and how your whole life can begin to reflect God's generous heart in the way you use what He has given you.

PART 11

Time, Talents, and Treasure Living Generously

A Spiritually Driven life involves trusting God in every area—including your time, your abilities, and your finances. Giving is not just a "money topic"; it is a heart-and-trust topic.

When we remember that everything in this world is temporary, it changes how we hold what's in our hands. The most important investments we can make are those connected to our existence in Christ and His eternal Kingdom.

Faithful in "Little" Things

Luke 16:10–11 (KJV) "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?"

According to these verses, what does faithfulness in "least" things (like money) prepare you for?

Money is called "unrighteous mammon," yet God still watches how we handle it. If we are faithful with what He gives us, He will entrust us with "true riches"—greater Kingdom responsibility.

Even Jesus and His disciples used physical money as they traveled and ministered. They bought food and paid taxes. Money itself is not evil; it is a tool. The love of money—making it your god—is what

becomes destructive (1 Timothy 6:10).

Time, Talents, and Treasure

God has entrusted you with three key areas that can either be held tightly for yourself or offered back to Him:

- **Time** — The hours and days He's given you.
- **Talents** — The gifts, skills, and abilities He has placed in you.
- **Treasure** — The money and material resources He has put in your hands.

Tithing (giving the first tenth) and offerings are one way we honor God with our **treasure**. They are practical ways to:

- Put God first.
- Push back against greed and fear.
- Declare with our actions, "My trust is in God, not in money."

God doesn't need your money, He owns everything. But He knows you need to give it. Why? Because your treasure reveals where your heart is, and where your heart is determines your spiritual trajectory. This isn't about God needing your wallet it's about your wallet revealing where you're actually headed.

In a similar way, offering Him your **time and talents** means being willing to show up where He is leading you to serve and using your abilities to build His Kingdom.

It also means helping in practical ways such as being a good example of Christ in your place of employment such as arriving on time, not complaining, helping others, praying for others when you see a need, and being available as best you can when they can benefit from an open ear.

Student Note

If you're a student, those still apply just in different ways. Some might be helping with chores around the house, and caring for siblings—these are ways of honoring God with your family life. It also means showing up on time to class and practice, applying yourself to your studies and praying for others around you, and taking time if they want to talk.

The Heart Behind the Tithe

Some people have said that tithing is not important, but let's look at what Jesus said:

Matthew 23:23 (KJV) "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

Jesus did not tell them to stop tithing. He said these were things they **ought** to do—and they must not neglect the weightier matters of justice, mercy, and faith.

In Mark 7:10–13, Jesus exposed how some people tried to use "giving to God" as an excuse to ignore their responsibility to their parents. They would say, "Whatever I have that would help you is Corban (given to God)," and then they would feel free to withhold help from their own father or mother. Jesus showed that this kind of religious giving actually violated God's command to honor father and mother.

Simple Practice

- Decide in your heart to honor God with the **first tenth** of your income and ask God if there are special moments of giving beyond the tithe that He desires of you.
- Ask God how to offer Him your **time and talents**—serving in your church, helping others, using your gifts for His glory.

- See giving as **worship and partnership** with God's purposes, not as an obligation. We get to partner with His work on the Earth.

Reflection & Response

As you think about time, talents, and treasure, which step do you sense God highlighting most right now?

- I need to begin (or renew) honoring God with the first portion of my income.
- I need to offer God more of my time to serve others.
- I need to use my gifts and talents more intentionally for His Kingdom.
- I need to let go of fear or greed and trust God as my Provider.
- Other

Write one specific action you will take this week to respond:

In the next part, we'll simplify everything into **The Main Thing — Love God, Love People**, so you always know if you are on the right track.

PART 12

The Main Thing Love God, Love People

Sometimes, the Christian walk can feel complicated. It may seem like there are many rules, doctrines, and traditions. You might ask, what are the most important things to remember? Jesus gave us the answer.

Matthew 22:36–40 (NLT) "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" Jesus replied, "'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

Everything in this booklet comes down to two things Jesus said were most important: Love God with everything you are, and love people. If you forget everything else, remember this.

The Simple Filter for Your Life

If you ever get confused about what to do in a situation, run it through these two filters: loving God and loving people.

Love God (The Vertical Relationship)

Loving God isn't just a feeling; it is a lifestyle of devotion and conversation.

- It means talking to Him each day (prayer).
- It means listening to Him (reading the Word).
- It means putting Him first in your decisions.

Love People (The Horizontal Relationship)

Loving your neighbor means treating them the way you want to be treated.

- It means **not doing or saying anything that would hurt them.**
- It means acting with kindness, patience, and forgiveness.
- It means seeing them as people created in God's image.

Rooted In Love

Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

If every action of your daily life is rooted in loving God and loving others, you are already fulfilling what Jesus commanded. You don't have to stress about a thousand rules.

- If you love your neighbor, you won't lie to them.
- If you love God, you won't worship idols.
- If you love others, you won't gossip or hold a grudge.

If you keep these two main commandments, you will do well. You will stay on the path, you will avoid the traps of the enemy, and you will be able to fulfill the purpose God has for you.

Reflection & Response

Think about your interactions over the last 24 hours.

Which of these comes more naturally to you?

- Loving God (Spending time with Him alone).
- Loving People (Serving and being kind to others).
- Both are a challenge right now.

Write one specific way you can "Love your Neighbor" today: (e.g., send an encouraging text, help with a chore, hold your tongue when angry)

In the next part, we will answer a common but critical question: **Is Jesus really the only way to God?**

PART 13

Is Jesus the Only Way?

You might hear people say, "All religions lead to the same place" or "It doesn't matter what you believe, as long as you are sincere." It sounds nice, but Jesus was very specific about this.

John 14:6 (KJV) "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

According to Jesus, how many ways are there to the Father?

Why Only Jesus?

To say Jesus is the "only way" might sound closed-minded to the world, but it is actually a statement of spiritual reality.

- **The Problem:** Our spirit was dead because of sin. No amount of good works, meditation, or religious rituals can wash away sin or bring a dead spirit back to life.
- **The Solution:** Only a perfect, sinless sacrifice could pay the price for everyone's sin. Jesus is the only One who did that.

The Holy Spirit Connection

God is Spirit. To be joined back to Him, your spirit must be cleansed and made alive by the Holy Spirit because we were unholy and impure. There is no other way for our spirit to be cleansed except through the blood of Jesus.

Available to All

God is not trying to keep people out; He is trying to get them in. This invitation is open to **everyone**. It doesn't matter what culture, nation, or religion you came from. Jesus died for all.

- The **invitation** is inclusive (everyone is invited).
- The **path** is exclusive (Jesus is the only door).

Many people are fans of Jesus from the stands—they like the idea of Him, but they don't follow His instruction. We must move beyond being a fan on the sidelines and become committed followers on the field.

No Other Gods

God loves you, but He will not share His glory with false gods or idols. He commands us to have no other gods before Him. Following Jesus means turning away from every other spiritual allegiance.

Acts 4:12 (KJV) "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Reflection & Response

In your own words, how would you explain to a friend why Jesus is the only way to God?

In the next part, we'll face **The Reality of Eternity — Heaven and Hell**, so you can fully grasp what you are saved from and what you are saved for.

PART 14

The Reality of Eternity Heaven and Hell

There is a dangerous deception floating around today. You might hear people—or even the culture at large—whisper that hell isn't a real place. They might treat it like a metaphor or a fairy tale.

Do not be deceived. This lie is the "spirit of the world" at work. Its goal is simple: to make you comfortable in your sin so you never wake up to the reality of your condition.

Jesus spoke more about hell than anyone else in Scripture. He warned us because He loves us. He knows that hell is a very real place of eternal torment and separation from God, and He paid the ultimate price on the cross so you would never have to go there.

This section is serious because Jesus took it seriously. He didn't describe hell to scare you into obedience—He warned you because He loves you and paid for your rescue.

The Horror of Hell

Jesus did not mince words when describing the agony of this place. He warned that it is better to lose a hand than to go into hell.

Mark 9:43–44 (NASB) "And if your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than, having your two hands, to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire."

According to Jesus, what did He say is better than going to hell?

He further described the terrifying reality of those separated from God:

Matthew 13:42 (KJV) "And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

The Final Separation: Sheep and Goats

Jesus made it clear that there will come a day when every person will stand before Him for judgment. In that moment, He will separate people—not based on how religious they looked, but based on their relationship with Him.

Matthew 25:31–33, 41, 46 (KJV) "When the Son of man shall come in his glory... he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats... Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels... And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

According to these verses, what happens to the sheep and what happens to the goats?

Notice: the sheep go to eternal life, and the goats go to everlasting punishment. The sheep are referring to those who follow Jesus and the goats to those who didn't. There is no middle ground.

Hell Was Prepared for the Devil

It is vital to understand that God did not create you for this fate. Hell was never intended for human beings.

Matthew 25:41 (KJV) "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:"

God created you for Himself, but if you choose to follow the enemy and reject Christ, you choose the enemy's destination.

Relationship Over Religion

Matthew 7:21–23 (NASB) "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'"

This is one of the most sobering passages in all of Scripture. Jesus is saying that some people who think they are saved will be shocked on judgment day. Why? Because they practiced lawlessness. They lived however they wanted. They never really repented and followed His teachings. They never made Him Lord in every area of their lives.

A Word to Younger Readers For the Section That Follows:

The Mark of the Beast is a future event that may or may not happen in your lifetime. You don't need to be afraid—you need to be aware. Jesus wins. If you belong to Him, you have nothing to fear.

The Ultimate Test of Allegiance: The Mark

The enemy of your soul is not just trying to distract you; he wants to brand you as his own. The Bible warns of a specific future time when a world system will demand total submission and loyalty from all people in exchange for the ability to live in society.

Revelation 13:15–17 (KJV) "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and

great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

This "Mark of the Beast" is not just an economic or political system; it is a spiritual contract. It is a line in the sand. God warns us with absolute clarity that taking this mark is a permanent rejection of Him and results in sharing the enemy's punishment.

Revelation 14:9–10 (KJV) "...If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation..."

Do not be deceived by comfort or fear. A time may come when the world says, "Take this mark to buy food," but Scripture warns us to trust God and keep our souls pure. Your allegiance belongs to the Lamb (Jesus), worship Him only.

The Hope of Heaven

For those in Christ, we have a glorious promise. Through receiving the Holy Spirit, we are cleansed and brought into God's holy presence. Eternal life is not just a distant dream; it is the promise of dwelling with Christ forever.

John 14:2–3 (KJV) "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Living "Spiritually Driven" means living with this end in mind. When you know that this world is passing away but your life with Christ is eternal, it changes how you live today. It breaks the power of temporary temptations and gives you the strength to pursue your divine destiny.

Jesus didn't describe hell to terrify you—He described it so you'd run to Him and bring others with you. You've been rescued from the fire. Now you get to be a firefighter in your assigned territory.

Key Thought: You were built for eternity. Don't trade your birthright for the temporary comforts of the world.

Reflection & Response

Which of these statements best describes your heart right now?

- I realize that hell is a real place, not a metaphor, and I need to take eternity seriously.
- I had never understood the Mark of the Beast as a spiritual contract of worship before.
- I am deciding today that my loyalty to Jesus is worth more than my ability to buy, sell, or fit in.
- Other

Your Declaration of Allegiance

In a world that will eventually demand you to bow down to its systems to survive, you must decide your response before the pressure comes. Complete this sentence in your own words:

I belong to Jesus and by God's empowering grace through the Holy Spirit, if I am ever forced to choose between the world's system and my Savior, I choose...

A Prayer for Boldness

Father, thank You for telling me the truth. I refuse to be lulled to sleep by the spirit of the world. I ask for strength to stand firm. If the day comes when I am tested, help me to stand in Your strength to say 'No' to the Beast, no matter the cost and help me to say no to sin in my daily walk. I seal my allegiance to You my Heavenly Father today. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

In the final part, we'll move into **Walking It Out — Your Next Steps**, where we will apply everything we've learned and start the daily habit of hearing God through His Word.

PART 15

Walking It Out Your Next Steps

You've walked through some big truths in this Biblical Guide: the reality of sin, the power of the cross, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and the urgency of eternity.

This is not the end—it's the launch point of a Spiritually Driven life.

Walk as You Have Received Christ...

Colossians 2:6 (KJV) "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:"

You received Jesus by grace through faith. Now, you must "walk" in Him the same way. But make no mistake—this walk is through a battlefield. The enemy relies on your ignorance, but God has given you a weapon, His Word, to stay prepared.

Sharpening Your Sword (The Daily Habit)

Ephesians 6:17 (KJV) "...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

A soldier doesn't enter battle with a dull weapon. The Holy Spirit sharpens you through God's Word—your job is to show up daily and let Him do the work. You can't sharpen yourself any more than you could save yourself.

Remember: your spirit was reborn instantly when you received Christ, but your soul (mind, will, emotions) needs to be conditioned. One of the best ways to furnish your mind is to systematically go through the Gospel of John using the S.O.A.P. method:

- **S — Scripture:** Write out a key verse. (Load your weapon).

- **O — Observation:** What is God showing you? What is the truth vs. the lie?
- **A — Application:** How does this apply to your life today? How do you use this intel?
- **P — Prayer:** Turn what you read into honest conversation with your Commander.

Example: Day 1 (John Chapter 1)

- **S — Scripture:** "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God..." (John 1:12)
- **O — Observation:** Being God's child isn't earned by effort; it is a "power" or authority given when I receive Him.
- **A — Application:** I will stop trying to "prove" myself to the world. I operate from the authority of a son/daughter.
- **P — Prayer:** Father, thank You for the power to be Your child. I receive my new identity today. I will not bow to the spirit of fear. Amen.

Get Your Full Journal

You don't have to create this habit alone. I have created a specific Gospel of John & Acts of the Apostles Journey Journal for you.

- Download the Free Fillable PDF: Scan the QR code in the front of this booklet or go to www.SpirituallyDriven.net.
- Print Version: If you prefer you can order physical copies of the Living Spiritually Driven Biblical Guide(s) and Journey Journals on Amazon.com.

Fortifying Your Position (Next Steps)

To hold the ground you have taken, you need reinforcements:

- **Baptism:** A public declaration that you have defected from the kingdom of darkness and now serve the Kingdom of Light.

- **Church Community:** It's good to have supports in this fight. Commit to gathering with a Bible-believing church family (your "squad").
- **Serving:** Ask, "Lord, how can I use my time, talents, and treasure to bless Your Kingdom purpose?"
- **Share Your Story:** Be ready to tell someone simply what Jesus has done for you.

God Will Finish What He Started

Philippians 1:6 (KJV) "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"

You are not fighting in your own strength. God began this work in you, and He is committed to completing it. Your part is to stay surrendered, stay alert, and keep saying "yes" to Him.

Reflection & Response

As you finish this guide, what is your immediate next move?

- Start the Gospel of John & Acts of the Apostles Journey Journal.
 - Talk to a leader about Baptism.
 - Find a local church family.
 - Share my decision with a friend.
 - Other — write it here:
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Prayer of Commissioning

Heavenly Father, thank You for the truth I have received. I ask You to seal these truths in my heart. I choose today to stop being driven by the world and to start being Spiritually Driven by You. I take up my sword (Your Word). I stand on my watch. Lead me, teach me, and work through me for Your glory. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

The Path Ahead

Your Future with Jesus

If you have completed this Biblical Guide to Identity & Purpose and have committed your life to Jesus—well done! You have entered into an amazing relationship and journey with the Glorious & Eternal King!

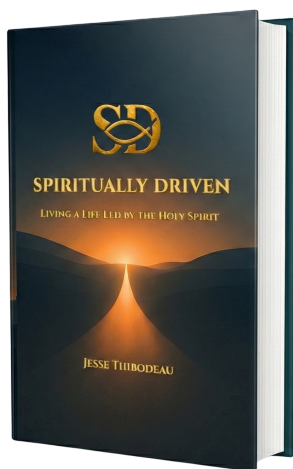
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