

Leadership



Part 2 The Prep

End-Time Ministry Model

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INTRODUCTION

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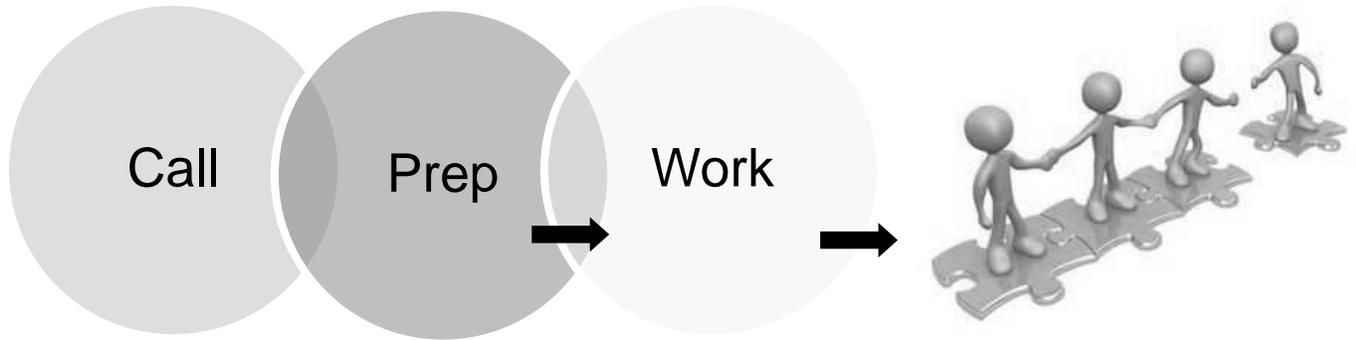
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Materials

Because KJV is public domain, that version will be used for large sections of scripture. Where practical or necessary, other versions will be used and indicated at point of insertion.

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THE PREP

In this semester you will begin the preparation for ministry. This will include the whole person; spirit, soul and body. You will gain valuable tools for aligning your life for effective application of ministry.

This is a time of self-evaluation and life adjustment based on the word of God. We will show you how to ensure your spiritual walk, your emotions and your finances can all facilitate your ministry rather than hinder your service.

- Spiritual Preparation (Spiritual hunger and discipline)
- Soul Preparation (Healing soul wounds, soul ties and vain imaginations)
- Body Preparation (Bring our bodies into subjection to the Lord and His word)
- Theological Preparation (Correcting doctrinal errors, developing confidence in theological understanding in the face of opposition)

The preparation for ministry will be good for any believer serving in any capacity, but specifically we are preparing those who are called to so-called 'full time' ministry; that is, pastors, teachers, prophets, apostles, evangelists.

Are you willing to do the preparation?

A good servant will *know* and *do* the Lord's will. To whom much is given, much is required.

Luke 12:47-49 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. 48But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more. 49I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?

MINISTERS

I strongly suggest you do a word study of the word 'minister' in Hebrew and Greek using your Strong's Concordance, Eliyah.com and Bible.

Now that you've answered the call to ministry (as depicted in Ephesians 4), you need to fully understand the work and begin forming your life to serve that calling. You will serve the ministry *while* you adjust your life.

Ezra 7:24 Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them.

Ezra 8:17 And I sent them with commandment unto Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia, and I told them what they should say unto Iddo, and to his brethren the Nethinims, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God.

Psalms 103:21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, **that do his pleasure.**

Psalms 104:4 Who makes his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

Isaiah 61:6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: **men shall call you the Ministers of our God:** ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

Ezekiel 44:11 Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them.

Ezekiel 45:4 The holy portion of the land shall be for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary, which shall come near to minister unto the LORD: and it shall be a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary.

Ezekiel 45:5 And the five and twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves, for a possession for twenty chambers.

Ezekiel 46:24 Then said he unto me, These are the places of them that boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

Joel 1:9 The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD's ministers, mourn.

Joel 1:13 Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withheld from the house of your God.

Joel 2:17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

Luke 1:2 Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and **ministers of the word**;

Romans 13:6 For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

1 Corinthians 3:5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but **ministers by whom ye believed**, even as the Lord gave to every man?

1 Corinthians 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and **stewards of the mysteries of God**.

2 Corinthians 3:6 Who also hath made us **able ministers of the new testament**; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter kills, but the spirit gives life.

2 Corinthians 6:4 But in all things **approving ourselves as the ministers of God**, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

2 Corinthians 11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if his (satan's) ministers also be transformed **as** the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

2 Corinthians 11:23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

Hebrews 1:7 And of the angels he says, Who makes his angels spirits, and his **ministers a flame of fire**.

1 Peter 5:2 **Feed the flock of God which is among you**, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

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1 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.

In considering preparation for ministry, we must consider the whole Christian; spirit, soul and body.

We will begin with spirit, because once we settle that, you can bring your flesh, your emotions into subjection, crucifying the flesh.

Spirit

The minister must take the Spirit part of them out of the optional range. What God has worked in us in the spirit must be immutable, unchangeable, set in stone and blood. If the things of the spirit are optional to you, you will not be fit to properly and effectively minister the word of God.

We are born again of the incorruptible seed.

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides forever.

In the spirit realm we are to be holy as he is holy (1 Peter 1:16)

We, in ministry, are taking holy scriptures, the instructions of the holy spirit and administering them to people for whom Jesus gave His life. We are charged with an awesome, honorable commission.

2 Corinthians 4:1-2 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Note if it's Holy Spirit from God or just soul life.

Spirit, Greek, *pneuma*,

1) the third person of the triune God, the Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion), coequal, coeternal with the Father and the Son

- a) sometimes referred to in a way which emphasizes his personality and character (the "Holy" Spirit)
- b) sometimes referred to in a way which emphasizes his work and power (the Spirit of "Truth")
- c) never referred to as a depersonalized force
- 2) the spirit, i.e. the vital principal by which the body is animated
 - a) the rational spirit, the power by which the human being feels, thinks, decides
 - b) the soul
- 3) a spirit, i.e. a simple essence, devoid of all or at least all grosser matter, and possessed of the power of knowing, desiring, deciding, and acting
 - a) a life giving spirit
 - b) a human soul that has left the body
 - c) a spirit higher than man but lower than God, i.e. an angel
 - 1) used of demons, or evil spirits, who were conceived as inhabiting the bodies of men
 - 2) the spiritual nature of Christ, higher than the highest angels and equal to God, the divine nature of Christ
- 4) the disposition or influence which fills and governs the soul of any one
 - a) the efficient source of any power, affection, emotion, desire, etc.
- 5) a movement of air (a gentle blast)
 - a) of the wind, hence the wind itself
 - b) breath of nostrils or mouth

Jude 1:18-20 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. 19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. 20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit),

Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Ephesians 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

Ephesians 3:5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

Ephesians 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Spiritual preparation includes a spiritual cleansing. Renounce and cut yourself off from all associations with the demonic in your past including by your ancestors. The kinds of connections we are talking about, for example, would be the occult in the form of fortune telling, Ouija boards, demonic movies, unholy alliances such as Freemasons, etc.,

superstitious beliefs and activities, demonic prayers and curses spoken against your family or you.

Spend time with God in communing with Him in the Spirit realm. Shut out as much unsanctified stimulus as possible and just *be* in His presence. Let God show you visions and speak to you.

Soul (Heart, Mind, Will, Emotions)

We have to look at some definitions here to correct our traditional views of Heart, Soul, Mind, Will, Emotions, etc.

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Soul, Greek, *psuche*

- 1) breath
 - a) the breath of life
 - 1) the vital force which animates the body and shows itself in breathing
 - a) of animals
 - b) of men
 - b) life
 - c) that in which there is life
 - 1) a living being, a living soul
 - 2) the soul
 - a) the seat of the feelings, desires, affections, aversions (our heart, soul etc.)
 - b) the (human) soul in so far as it is constituted that by the right use of the aids offered it by God it can attain its highest end and secure eternal blessedness, the soul regarded as a moral being designed for everlasting life
 - c) the soul as an essence which differs from the body and is not dissolved by death (distinguished from other parts of the body)

1 Peter 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

2 Peter 2:14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

There is nothing holy about your soul in and of itself. IF you are saved in your heart, renewed in your mind, crucified in your flesh, your soul life will manifest that reality. (Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks).

1 Peter 2:25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the **Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.**

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged 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.

Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find **rest unto your souls.**

Matthew 12:18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles. (figure of speech, anthropopetia)

Matthew 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Mark 14:34 And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.

Luke 1:46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

Luke 2:35 (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

Luke 12:19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

Luke 12:20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

Luke 21:19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

Acts 2:27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Acts 2:43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Acts 3:23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

Acts 4:32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Acts 15:24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

Hebrews 6:19 Which hope we have as an **anchor of the soul**, both sure and steadfast, and which enters into that within the veil;

Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Hebrews 10:39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

James 5:20 Let him know, that he which converts the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

1 Peter 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, **which war against the soul; (See James 1:8)**

Preparation for your soul includes ridding yourself from addictions (physical and emotional). Learn to say 'no' to yourself. Renounce and cut the connections to soul ties such as excessive connections to family members, toxic friendships, extra-marital affairs, excessive grief, opinions contrary to God, prejudices.

Heart, Greek, *kardia*,

Denotes the center of all physical and spiritual life, the vigor and sense of physical life, the center and seat of spiritual life, the soul or mind, as it is the fountain and seat of the thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, affections, purposes, endeavors, of the understanding, the faculty and seat of the intelligence, of the will and character, of the soul so far as it is affected and stirred in a bad way or good, or of the soul as the seat of the sensibilities, affections, emotions, desires, appetites, passions

Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV) that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and **believe in your heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For **with the heart** one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

1 Thessalonians 3:13 To the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

2 Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Hebrews 3:8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

Hebrews 3:10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

Hebrews 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

Hebrews 3:15 While it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged 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.**

Mind, Greek, *dianoia*,

- 1) the mind as a faculty of understanding, feeling, desiring
- 2) understanding
- 3) mind, i.e. ~~spirit~~, way of thinking and feeling
- 4) thoughts, either good or bad

Hebrews 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord; I will put my **laws into their mind**, and **write them in their hearts**: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a **sound mind**.

James 1:8 A **double minded** man is unstable in all his ways.

Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Acts 20:19 Serving the LORD with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Romans 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Romans 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Romans 8:6-8 6For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7Because the carnal mind is enmity against God:

for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:27 And he that searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because he makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 11:34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counselor?

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

Romans 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

Romans 14:5 One man esteems one day above another: another esteems every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

Romans 15:6 That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1 Corinthians 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Ephesians 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Ephesians 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

Philippians 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becomes the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Philippians 2:2 Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Philippians 3:15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Colossians 1:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

Colossians 2:18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

2 Thessalonians 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Preparation for your mind includes renouncing new age thinking patterns, secular thinking patterns, politically correct thinking patterns, socially correct thinking patterns. All thinking is now to be done with the mind of Christ.

Will, Greek, *thelo*

- 1) to will, have in mind, intent
 - a) to be resolved or determined, to purpose
 - b) to desire, to wish
 - c) to love
- 1) to like to do a thing, be fond of doing
 - d) to take delight in, have pleasure

1 Corinthians 6:12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

1 Corinthians 10:23 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

Romans 7:21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. 22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Greek, *epipotheō*

- 1) to long for, desire
- 2) to pursue with love, to long after
- 3) to lust, harbor forbidden desire

James 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

2 Peter 2:10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, **self-willed**, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

Titus 1:7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not **self-willed**, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which works in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

God allows us to keep our free will; not to exercise it in spite of Him, but to exercise it toward Him. He allows us the privilege of making Godly choices.

Preparation for the will includes making the choice to exercise self-control. (See Galatians 5:23, Fruit of the Spirit).

Emotion (Not in bible as a word, but certain emotions)

1. obsolete, disturbance, excitement
2. the affective aspect of consciousness : feeling, a state of feeling, a conscious mental reaction (as anger or fear) subjectively experienced as strong feeling usually directed toward a specific object **and typically accompanied by physiological and behavioral changes in the body**

Spirit and soul are NOT the same thing. It is not even YOUR spirit; it is God's spirit in you. Soul is where your personality is. God's Spirit does not have your personality.

Ephesians 4:26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

Proverbs 14:30 (The Message Bible) A sound mind makes for a robust body, but runaway emotions corrode the bones.

Proverbs 30:32 (The Message Bible) If you're dumb enough to call attention to yourself by offending people and making rude gestures, Don't be surprised if someone bloodies your nose. Churned milk turns into butter; riled emotions turn into fist fights.

Preparation for emotions includes breaking emotional patterns that are negative; for example, 'holiday blues', self-pity, depression, angry outbursts.

Proverbs 21:9 It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

Proverbs 25:24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

Psalms 37:8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

Proverbs 21:19 It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

Proverbs 25:23 The north wind drives away rain: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear hath torment. He that fears is not made perfect in love.

Psalm 42:5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

Psalm 42:11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 43:5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Body, Greek, *Soma*

- 1) the body both of men or animals
 - a) a dead body or corpse
 - b) the living body
 - 1) of animals
- 2) the bodies of planets and of stars (heavenly bodies)
- 3) is used of a (large or small) number of men closely united into one society, or family as it were; a social, ethical, mystical body
 - a) so in the NT of the church
- 4) that which casts a shadow as distinguished from the shadow itself

Romans 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Romans 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do **mortify the deeds of the body**, ye shall live.

1 Corinthians 6:19 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?

1 Corinthians 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify **God in your body, and in your spirit**, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 9:27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, **when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.**

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Preparation for the body includes preparing it as an acceptable sacrifice. A minister must be well groomed, in control of his or her body as to weight for example, looking your best within the bounds of scripture, modest. Our appearance should reflect the excellence of the One whom we serve.

Deuteronomy 21:20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard.

2 Corinthians 3:2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

Judges 17:10 And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten shekels of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in.

2 Samuel 12:20 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.

Samuel 13:18 And she had a garment of divers colors upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins appareled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

1 Kings 10:5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

Ezra 3:10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.

Esther 5:1 Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.

Esther 8:15 And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.

Proverbs 23:21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

Matthew 11:19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

Luke 7:25 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously appareled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts.

Acts 1:10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

Acts 20:33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

Romans 14:13 Let us not therefore judge one another anymore: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

1 Corinthians 8:9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak.

1 Timothy 2:9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

James 2:2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

1 Peter 3:3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

Matthew 6:16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

STEWARDSHIP

The first man to be called a steward in scripture is Joseph, BUT the first steward was Adam.

Genesis 1:27-30 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: **and have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth. 29And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. 30And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creeps upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

Everything we have that is good comes from God including the Flock. We are entrusted with God's stuff, God's people, etc. We will have to answer for how we have handled all of it.

Psalms 95:7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today if ye will hear his voice,

Psalms 100:3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

1 Corinthians 10:26 For the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.

Jeremiah 23:1 Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

Genesis 15:2 And Abram said, LORD God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

Genesis 43:19 And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house,

Genesis 44:1 And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth.

Genesis 44:4 And when they were gone out of the city, and not yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good?

1 Kings 16:9 And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza steward of his house in Tirzah.

1 Chronicles 28:1 And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem.

Matthew 20:8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard said unto his steward, Call the laborers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.

Luke 12:42 And the Lord said, Who then is that **faithful and wise steward**, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

Luke 16:1-2 And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou may be no longer steward.

Luke 16:3-4 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord takes away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed. I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

Luke 16:8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

1 Corinthians 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

Titus 1:7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

1 Peter 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so **minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.**

God's 'stuff' MUST be taken care of. I can't put it any plainer than this:

Keep your house clean and maintained including the yard and garage.

Keep your car clean and maintained.

Keep your church clean and maintained and out of frivolous debt.

Get personally out of debt and stay there.

Keep your belongings put away, maintained, not torn up.

Teach your children these principles.

Keep your pets and livestock controlled, and healthy.

Keep your legal and financial documents, etc., properly filed and organized.

Keep your workspace organized, clean, maintained.

It all belongs to God.

WORKMAN OF THE WORD

Recheck or check for the first time, EVERYTHING you think you know about the word of God. Do the word studies. Don't rely on commentaries, but on revelation and confirmation of scripture.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Rightly dividing – Greek, *Orthotomeo*

- 1) to cut straight, to cut straight ways
 - a) to proceed on straight paths, hold a straight course, equiv. to doing right
- 2) to make straight and smooth, to handle aright, to teach the truth directly and correctly

From a compound of ὀρθός (G3717, ortho) and the base of τομός (G5114)

Orthos

- 1) straight, erect
 - a) upright
 - b) straight, not crooked

Tomos

- 1) sharper

Matthew 22:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, **not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.**

Luke 24:32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he **opened to us the scriptures?**

John 5:39 **Search the scriptures;** for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and **searched the scriptures daily**, whether those things were so.

Acts 18:23-30 And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples. 24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. 25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, **knowing only the baptism of John.** 26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the **way of God more perfectly.** 27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: 28 For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, **showing by the scriptures** that Jesus was Christ.

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, **and is profitable** for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2 Peter 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

2 Peter 3:16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, **unto their own destruction.**

APPENDIX A – DEFINITIONS

Apostles – Apostolos A delegate, messenger, one sent forth with orders. From root: to order (one) to go to a place appointed.

Prophets – Prophētēs root = Pro-phemi, Before, declare. One who, moved by the Spirit of God and hence his organ or spokesman, solemnly declares to men what he has received by inspiration, especially concerning future events, and in particular such as relate to the cause and kingdom of God and to human salvation.

Evangelist – Euaggelistēs, A bringer of good tidings

Pastors – poimēn, A herdsman, especially a shepherd. Psalm 23, John 21:17

Teachers – Didaskalos, One who teaches concerning the things of God, and the duties of man. II Timothy 3:16-17

EPHESIANS 4 (KJV)

⁴ I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, ² With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; ³ Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

⁴ There is one body,
and one Spirit, even as ye are called in
one hope of your calling;

⁵ One Lord,
one faith,
one baptism,

⁶ One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

⁷ But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

⁸ Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. ⁹ (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ¹³ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: