



The Word at Work

How To Live From the S/spirit

Hearing the Word

Key Texts: 1 Corinthians 2:13-3:4

Key Points:

Reminder: see previous notes on the importance of being spiritual rather than carnal and know that this is about learning to live from the spirit, rather than the soul/body.

It is actually living from the **S/spirit** because it is *the Holy Spirit living in our spirit* who is our power source for living.

The Primary Principle – Dying To Live

Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

John 12:24 - 25 (NKJV)

In this verse the original word for life is the same word as for soul. We need to die to the soul-life, or self-life, in the sense of not depending on its strength or living for its glory..

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;

Galatians 2:20a (NKJV)

God will allow circumstances in life to help us learn not to depend on the self, but on God:

Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

2 Corinthians 1:9 (NIV)

Three Things To Do

We can't reduce living by the S/spirit to a 3-step plan or it is no longer by the Spirit. But learning these 3 principles will help.

1. Feed your spirit (John 6:63-64)

Be careful what you listen to and so let into your mind and heart; but be filled with the living word of God which produce faith, the oxygen of the spirit.

2. Free the S/spirit (John 7:38; 2 Corinthians 3:17)

Stop blocking up the flow of the river from within you by fears, prejudice, over-analysing, inhibitions, religiosity.

3. Follow the Spirit (Romans 8:14)

You have been designed to be led by the Spirit. Learn to keep in step with the Spirit, and obey all his promptings.

Doing the Word

To Discuss:

1. How do we see the primary principle of dying to live at work in real life?

To Do:

1. Start practising the three steps above.

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