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THE ASTOUNDING
POWER
OF YOUR SOUL

There is a power that every one of us possess—the power of the human soul. It is part of our lives and influences everything we do, everything we want, and everything we are becoming. It is in the design of God for each of us. Discovering this power can unlock the most amazing things in us. Neglecting this element in our lives will keep us wondering why we can look to God and His Word for help, yet so often fail to experience His help to the degree that we long to experience it.

The power of the human soul is truly an astounding force. In the soul of every person are capacities that are staggering in scope, holding the power to turn the darkest difficulties into the most amazing miracles.

The soul is comprised of our mind, our will, and our emotions. It is the seat of power in our lives, because our thoughts and emotions set the course of our direction in every realm of life. This is where we connect the spiritual power that is resident in our inner man, the spirit, with our conscience and our outer life. It is in the soul that we turn spiritual truth, ideas, and concepts into actions and decisions.

The Apostle Paul made this point in Romans 12:2 (TPT):

“Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God’s will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in His eyes.”

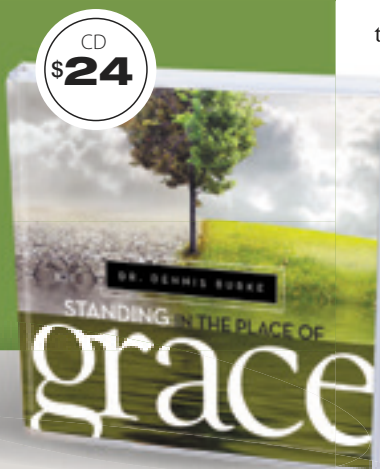
The way we think will either contribute to our spiritual strength and success or undermine our development. The soul is the gateway into spiritual power or into carnal and defeated living. It is all in the way we choose to think and respond.

The *Phillips Translation* gives added light:

“Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within.”

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capable of squeezing the life and faith right out of us if we allow it to. Toxic thoughts will pollute our soul and mold our thinking until we once again fear the very things God has delivered us from.

These are the toxins of the soul that are polluting people spiritually, mentally, and physically at epic levels in this modern world. Every single day, their noise disrupts our inner peace and tries to destroy the hopes and dreams God has designed for every single person.

What are these toxins of the soul? They are the worries, fears, and fixations that can dominate a person's mind and emotions. They are the self-betraying and self-deceiving thoughts that capture otherwise wonderful people and eat away their peace and their confidence in living the life they believe in.

We've all faced these "peace-thieves." They often come in the form of thoughts in our first moments of waking up in the morning. A flood of fears, worries, or unresolved issues try to start our day with the troubles that seem to surround us. And if we let our minds run with these negative thoughts, they will ignite a host of negative emotions in us that can spread like wildfire.

When these self-betraying thoughts come, be quick to see them for what they are. They are peace-thieves that will undermine your confidence that God is working on your behalf. Make a practice of immediately replacing these types of negative thoughts with God-thoughts. Every thought that threatens to steal your peace can be replaced with God's way of thinking — even when that thought concerns

people who have hurt, failed, or disappointed you. God has a different spin on everything.

Isaiah 55:8-9 (MSG) says it this way:

“I don't think the way you think. The way you work isn't the way I work. For as the sky soars high above earth, so the way I work surpasses the way you work, and the way I think is beyond the way you think.”

Although God's ways are so different, He has given us all the ability to renew our minds from His deposit within. We have His promise in Second Timothy 1:7 (NKJV):

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

All of the following powerful truths are contained in this one verse:

- Fear can accurately be described as “False Evidence Appearing Real.” It is the enemy's disposition or influence employed to undermine and destroy faith as it fills and governs the unrenewed soul.
- Power — God's explosive force manifested
- Love — the God-kind of love
- Sound mind — disciplined and Word-filtered thinking

So how do you renew your mind and unlock the power of the soul as God designed it to operate?

- Identify the peace-thieves in your soul
- Harness uncontrolled emotional responses. Refuse to be led by your feelings.
- Replace the fears, hurts,

and chaotic thoughts in your mind with the Word of God.

- Take God's words and factor them into every threat to your peace.
- Make a practice of Word replacement through meditation: Deliberately make God's Word the “filter of your soul.”
- **Filter your thinking.**
- **Filter your decisions.**
- **Filter your feelings and emotions.**
- **Fill your imagination with the right images.**

I go into much more on meditation in my book, *How To Meditate God's Word*. I encourage you to read it with the intent of putting into practice what you learn. When acted upon, the truths contained in its pages have the power to change your life, because these new habits will unleash the power of the soul.

Notice how the Apostle John prayed for his friend and the power of the soul:

“Beloved friend, I pray that you are prospering in every way and that you continually enjoy good health, just as your soul is prospering” (3 John 2 TPT).

When your soul is prospering, you are free to prosper in every way.

Two of the most important things people pursue in life are health and success. It is also clear that both are inseparably linked to the health of a person's soul.

Life will move in the direction of our souls. The thoughts and

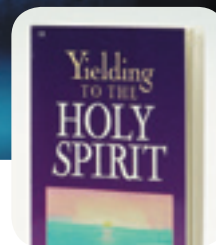
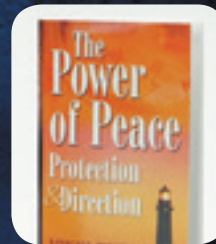
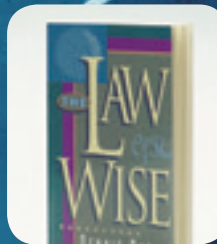
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feelings that we allow to dominate our souls are like magnets. They are what actually move us and typically find their way into our conversation.

Our dominant thoughts will usually come out. And when they do, their magnetic pull brings us closer to those ideas, now spoken and heard, until we eventually create real experiences based on those ideas.

There is a magnet in our mouths. Our words are the containers of our faith or our fears, our desires or our difficulties, our victories or our violations. For many years, Vikki has described this as being “voice-activated.” The results we ultimately receive represent the harvest of activation from our own words.

Often a person is so wounded and hurt that his or her soul is in a deep deficit. We must realize that when wounds of one kind or another are inflicted on a person’s soul, they are often hidden wounds that don’t automatically heal like a cut on skin. The Holy Spirit must be allowed to bring healing to that person’s emotions.

Wounds of the soul do heal—as long as we permit God’s love and His presence to do their work and restore our soul. However, wounds cannot heal as long as we keep ripping them open again and again by repeatedly thinking and talking about the horrible things people have said or done to us.

Through our faith in God and His love, we are empowered

to receive healing and declare the Word as our reality, even when an offending party does nothing to make things right. Instead of taking the offense and letting someone’s hurtful ways dictate how we’re going to respond, we have the ability to choose to take the path of God’s love and pursue peace, even if that pursuit is focused only within our own soul.

Don’t underestimate the importance of this pursuit in your life. A healthy soul releases health into every cell of your body. The integrated systems then link your healthy body and your prosperity to your thought life and your emotional well-being.

This is the power of the prosperous soul. This is how you keep the door open for God’s abundance to flow freely into every aspect of your life.

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Winkler, MB R6W 4A8 | 204-331-4182

FOREST PARK, IL | MAY 19

Living Word Christian Center | 7600 W Roosevelt Road
Forest Park, IL 60130 | 708-697-5000

PALM BAY, FL | JUNE 2

The House at Palm Bay Church | 1520 Bottlebrush Drive
Palm Bay, FL 32905 | 321-952-5725

TULSA, OK | JUNE 9

Living Rivers Millennial Church | 10441 S Regal Blvd.
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