

## **Spirit Soul and Body Under who's Influence?**

What motivated you to make that decision?  
Was that a good move?

What were you thinking?

Christians have a leader and guide available to them-24/7  
You are not alone

### **John 14:1**

1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

### **John 14:16-31**

16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--

17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

18 "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.

20 "At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, **how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"**

23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will **keep My word**; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

24 "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.

26 **"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.**

27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

28 "You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.

29 "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

30 "I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

31 "But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here. (NKJ)

### Jesus Said

- Love Me-*You will then keep my Word*
  - Keep My Word-*I and Father will make home with you*
  - Receive the Holy Spirit's Instruction-*will lead you to life of peace*
- We are surrounded by a world under many influences and confused.*

### Under the influence of Fear?

Parable of the talents—The Cure?—not given spirit of fear

#### Matthew 25:14-29

14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them.

15 To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.

#### Matthew 25:14-29

24 "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

25 **So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'**

26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?

27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

28 "'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents.

29 For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. NIV

### Under the influence of Bad Friends

#### 1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." (NIV)

- *Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits." (NKJ)*
- *Don't fool yourselves. Bad friends will destroy you. CEV*
- *Do not be so deceived and misled! Evil companionships (communion, associations) corrupt and deprave good manners and morals and character. AMP*

### **Are you under the influence of a crowd?**

#### **Matthew 7:11-14**

11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For **wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.**

14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. (NIV)

### **Under the influence of religious people?**

#### **Matthew 15:7-20**

7 You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:

8 "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

9 They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.'"

10 Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand.

11 What goes into a man's mouth does not make him 'unclean,' but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean.'"

12 Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?"

13 He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots.

14 **Leave them; they are blind guides. If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit.**"

Don't put your trust in blind people to lead you.

They will major in the minors and what isn't important.

15 Peter said, "Explain the parable to us."

16 "Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them.

17 "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body?

18 But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.'

19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

20 These are what make a man 'unclean'; but eating with unwashed hands does not make him 'unclean.'" (NIV)

### **Under the Influence of the Devil**

#### **John 8:41-47**

41 No, you are imitating your real father." They replied, "We aren't illegitimate children! God himself is our true Father."

42 Jesus told them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, because I have come to you from God. I am not here on my own, but he sent me.

43 Why can't you understand what I am saying? It's because you can't even hear me!

44 For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

45 So when I tell the truth, you just naturally don't believe me!

46 Which of you can truthfully accuse me of sin? And since I am telling you the truth, why don't you believe me?

47 Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God. But you don't listen because you don't belong to God." NLT

### **Under the influence of your flesh**

#### **Romans 8:12-13**

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For **if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die**: KJV

#### **Romans 8:12-14**

12 So then, brethren, we are debtors, but not to the flesh [**we are not obligated to our carnal nature**], to live [a life ruled by the standards set up by **the dictates**] of the flesh.

13 For if you live according to [the dictates of] the flesh, you will surely die. But if through the power of the [Holy] Spirit you are [habitually] putting to death (making extinct, deadening) the [evil] deeds prompted by the body, you shall [really and genuinely] live forever.

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. AMP

### **Under the influence of your mind**

#### **Acts 27:9-15**

9 Much time had been lost, and sailing had already become dangerous because by now it was after the Fast. So Paul warned them,

10 "Men, I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives also."

11 But the centurion, **instead of listening to what Paul said, followed the advice of the pilot and of the owner of the ship.**

12 Since the harbor was unsuitable to winter in, the majority decided that we should sail on, hoping to reach Phoenix and winter there. This was a harbor in Crete, facing both southwest and northwest.

13 **When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they had obtained what they wanted;** so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete.

14 Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the "northeaster," swept down from the island.

15 The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along. (NIV)

### **Under the influence of the Word**

#### **Luke 4:1-13**

1 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

2 being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.

3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"

***Deuteronomy 8:3... man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.***

5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

7 "Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

***Deuteronomy 6:13***

***13 Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. (KJV)***

9 Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here.

10 "For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over You, to keep You,'

11 "and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.' "

12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"

**Deuteronomy 6:16**

*16 Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Massah. (KJV)*

13 Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time. (NKJ)

**Under the influence of the Spirit of God**

**Acts 11:11-12**

11 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me.

12 **And the spirit bade me go with them**, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:(KJV)

**Acts 11:11-12**

11 "At that very moment, three men stood before the house where I was, having been sent to me from Caesarea.

12 "Then the Spirit told me to go with them, doubting nothing. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.(NKJ)

**1 Corinthians 12:3**

3 I want you to know that no one who is led by God's Spirit can say "A curse on Jesus!" and no one can confess "Jesus is Lord," unless he is guided by the Holy Spirit. TEV

**Romans 10:9**

9 If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from death, you will be saved. TEV

In you past you may have been influenced by any number of things  
Purpose today to be Influenced by God's Word and God's Spirit