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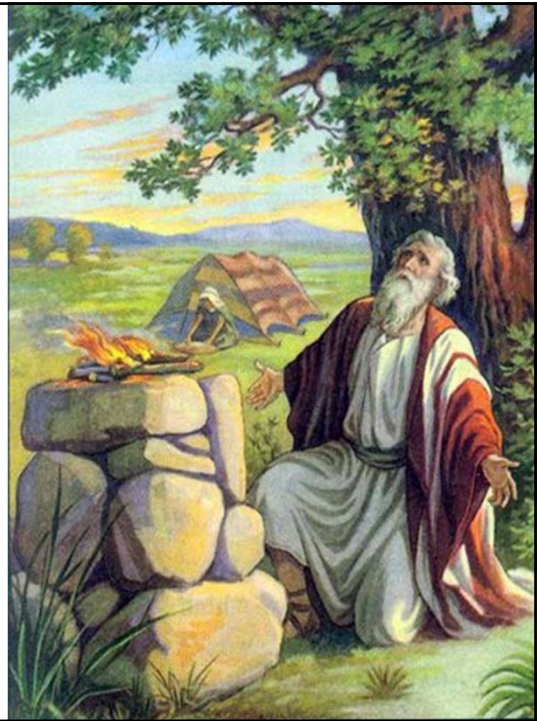
## Genesis 8:20

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

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**Genesis 12:7** Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

**Genesis 12:8** And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.



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**Exodus 24:4** And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

**Joshua 8:30** Now Joshua built an altar to the Lord God of Israel in Mount Ebal ...



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**Judges 6:24** So Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it The-Lord-Is-Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

**1 Samuel 7:17** But he (Samuel) always returned to Ramah, for his home was there. There he judged Israel, and there he built an altar to the Lord.



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**2 Samuel 24:25** And David built there an altar to the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord heeded the prayers for the land, and the plague was withdrawn from Israel.





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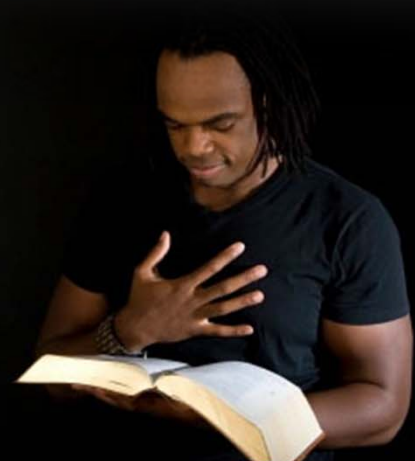
**1 Kings 18:32** Then with the stones he (Elijah) built an altar in the name of the Lord; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed.



2. To encounter the Lord, we must therefore posture our hearts to hear Him.

**Proverbs 4:20-21, 23**

20 My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; 23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.



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### Psalm 139:23-24 (NKJV)

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties;

24 and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:24 (NLT) Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Why?

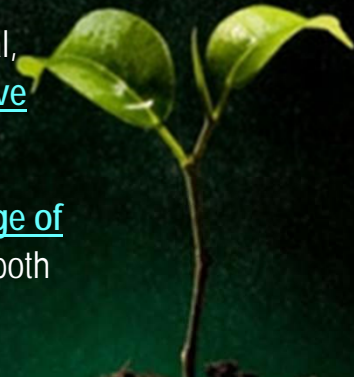


3. God desires us to live the more abundant life by growing spiritually and into Christ-like-ness.

**John 10:10** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

**2 Peter 3:18** but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

**Romans 8:29** For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.



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A. When we fail to do so, God in His mercy and grace, will very gently, put His finger on that area of our lives to be dealt with.

Ephesians 4:28-5:5

Give Ground to the Evil One

Steal	Coarse Jestings	Corrupt Words	Evil Speaking	Bitterness		
Selfish	Lazy	Sexual Sins	Anger	Malice	Unkind	Wrath
Stingy	Covetous	Idolater	Not Walking in Love		Fornication	
Filthiness	Unforgiving	Clamor	Unclean	Foolish Talking	Lie	

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### Matthew 15:18-20

18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

20 These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.





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 B. When we sin, we grieve the Holy Spirit.

**Ephesians 4:30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.



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- C. Whenever we grieve the Holy Spirit in those specific areas, we give ground-foothold to the evil one.

**Ephesians 4:27** nor give place-ground to the devil.

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D. We are then exposed to the attacks of the devil.

**1 Peter 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.



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### Ephesians 4:22-24

22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.



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E. We must mature spiritually in increasing righteousness and holiness.

- What was permissible is no longer permissible.
- What is permissible for ordinary nominal Christians is no longer permissible for us as we mature in the Lord.



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- Separate from the things that do not value-add to our godliness.
- Separate to the things that will value-add to our godliness.



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F. Whenever God speaks to us, we must respond to Him.

### Hebrews 3:7-8, 15

7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, 8 do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness. 15 while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."



**Hebrews 4:7** again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts."

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



# Surrender

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The degree of pain of brokenness depends on our response.

There are 3 ways we learn the lessons of life:

- A. Pay "Tuition-Fees" ourselves - Pain
- B. Learn from people and situation of others who have paid "Tuition-Fees" - No Pain
- C. Obedience to the Word of God - No Pain

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G. This is a journey where our every response is a progress from:

(1) Faith to Faith.

### Romans 1:16-17

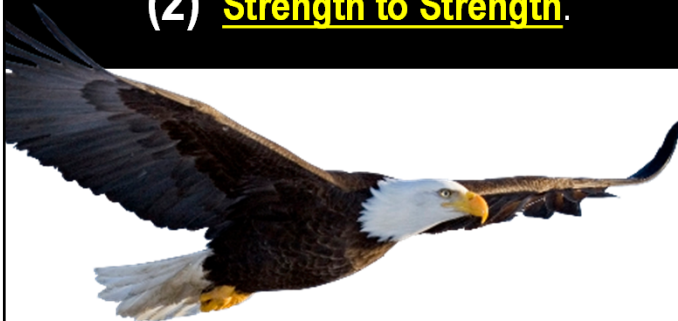
16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."



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G. This is a journey where our every response is a progress from:

(2) Strength to Strength.



**Palm 84:7** They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.



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G. This is a journey where our every response is a progress from:  
(3) Grace to Grace.

**John 1:16** And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.



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G. This is a journey where our every response is a progress from:  
(4) Glory to Glory.



## 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

**17** Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. **18** But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

4. In God's love for us, He will use all manner of communication to speak to us.

A. In a gathering of God's people, the Lord will release specific words of knowledge and words of wisdom to His vessels of honour.

## 1 Corinthians 12:7-10

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,

10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.



4B. The Lord in His Sovereignty can use anyone in any situation to speak to us.



## Numbers 22:27-28, 30

27 And when the donkey saw the Angel of the Lord, she lay down under Balaam; so Balaam's anger was aroused, and he struck the donkey with his staff. 28 Then the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"

30 So the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden, ever since I became yours, to this day? Was I ever disposed to do this to you?" And he said, "No."

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## Acts 9:5-6

5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?"

Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." 6 So he, trembling and astonished, said,

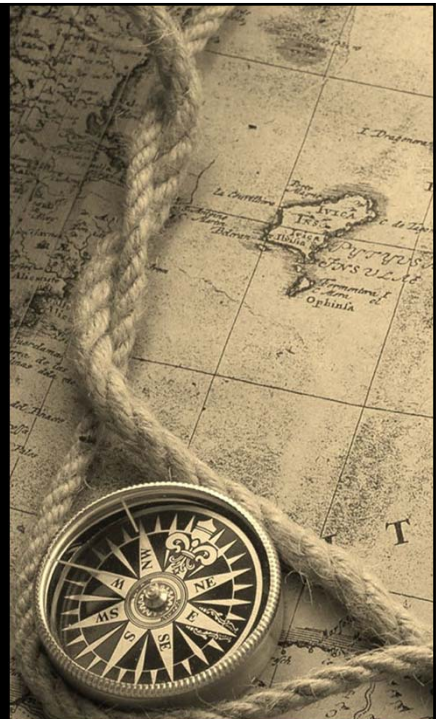
"Lord, what do You want me to do?"

Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

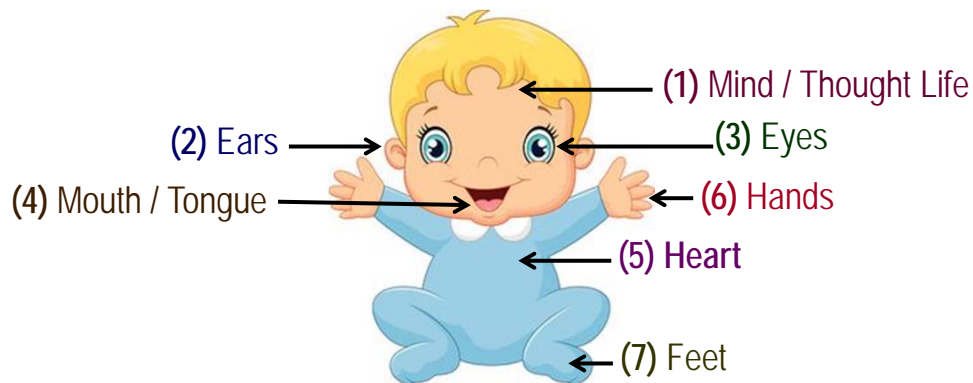


## Isaiah 6:1, 5, 7-8

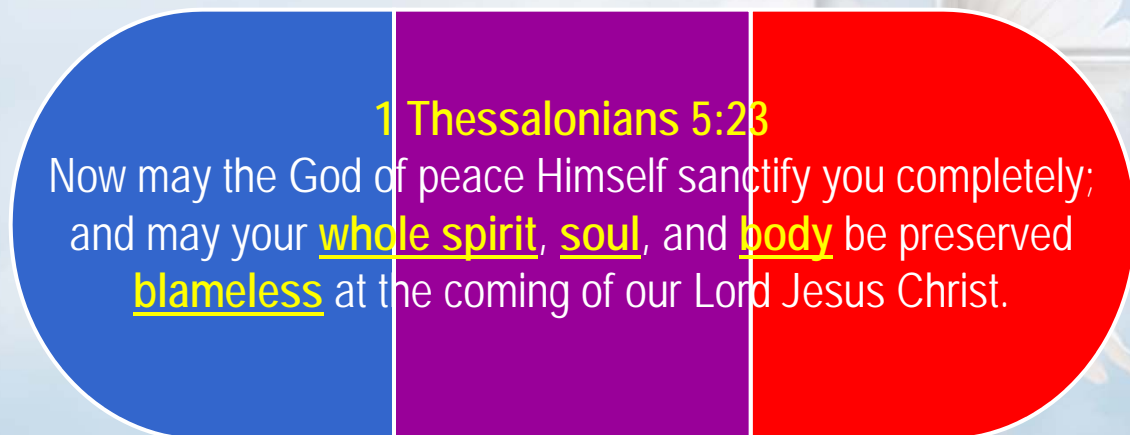
1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone!" Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." 7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged." 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."



5. To be overcomers and live a victorious life, build our altar to God by  
 A. continually consecrating the 7 areas of our bodies:



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 B. paying attention to the well-being of our tri-partite man.





5. To be overcomers and live a victorious life, build our altar to God by

C. strengthening our spirit-man via:

(1) Deepening our relationship with God.

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

SPIRIT

3 main functions of:

(1) Our Relationship  
with God.

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C. strengthening our spirit-man via:

(2) Sensitizing our conscience.

Romans 9:1

I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying,  
my conscience also bearing me witness  
in the Holy Spirit ...

SPIRIT

3 main functions of:

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C. strengthening our spirit-man via:

(3) Sharpening our discernment.

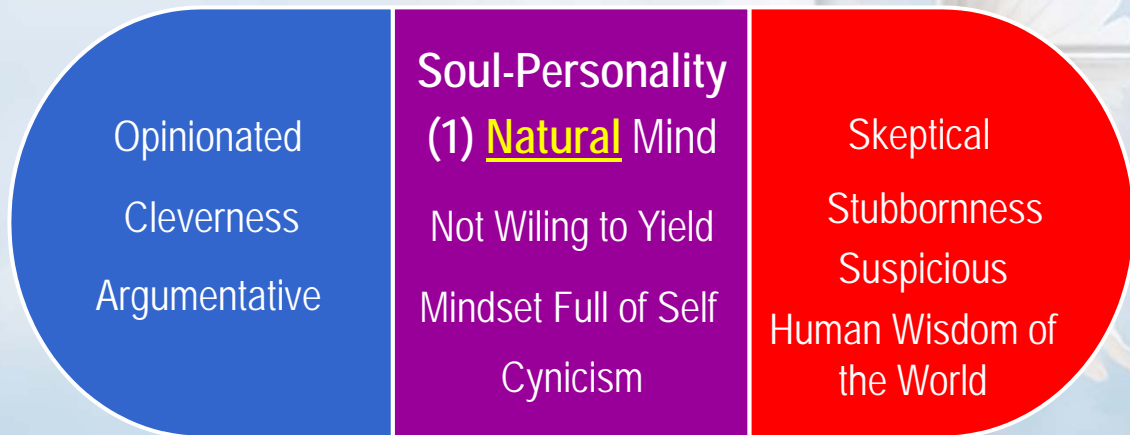


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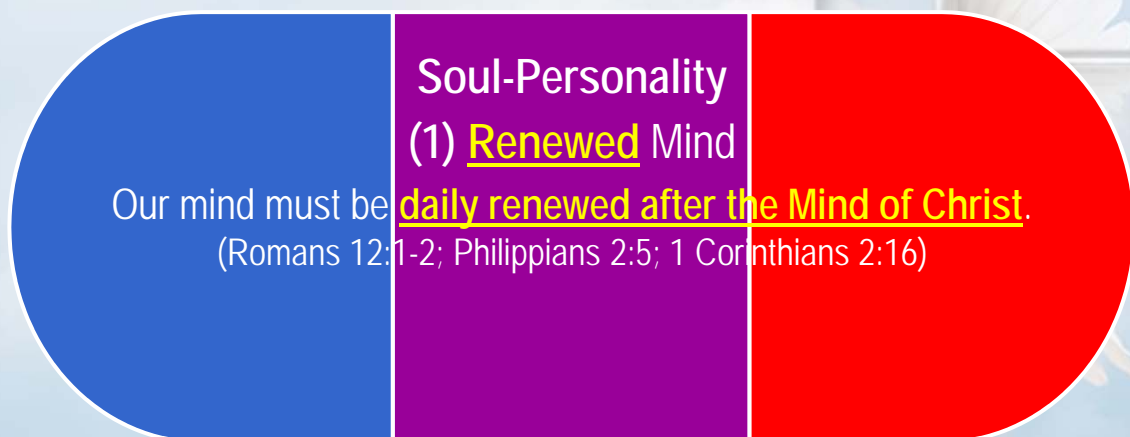
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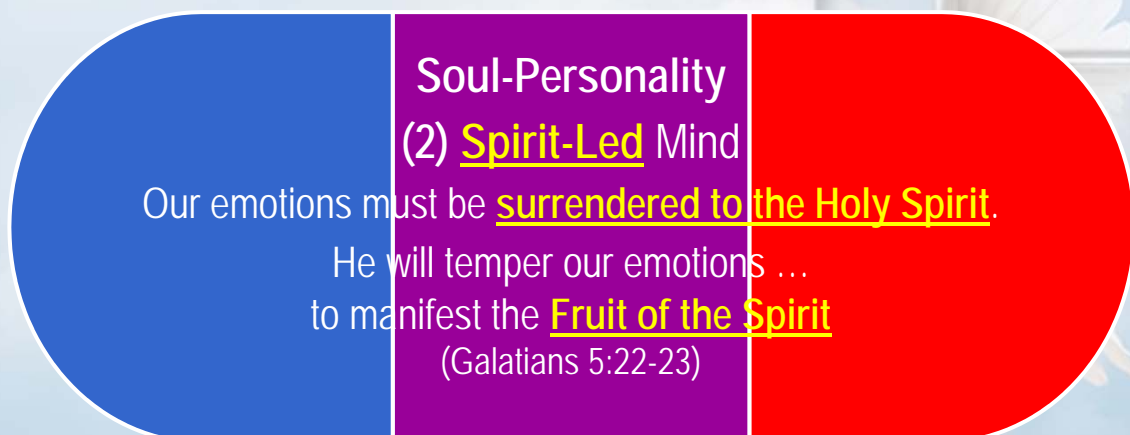
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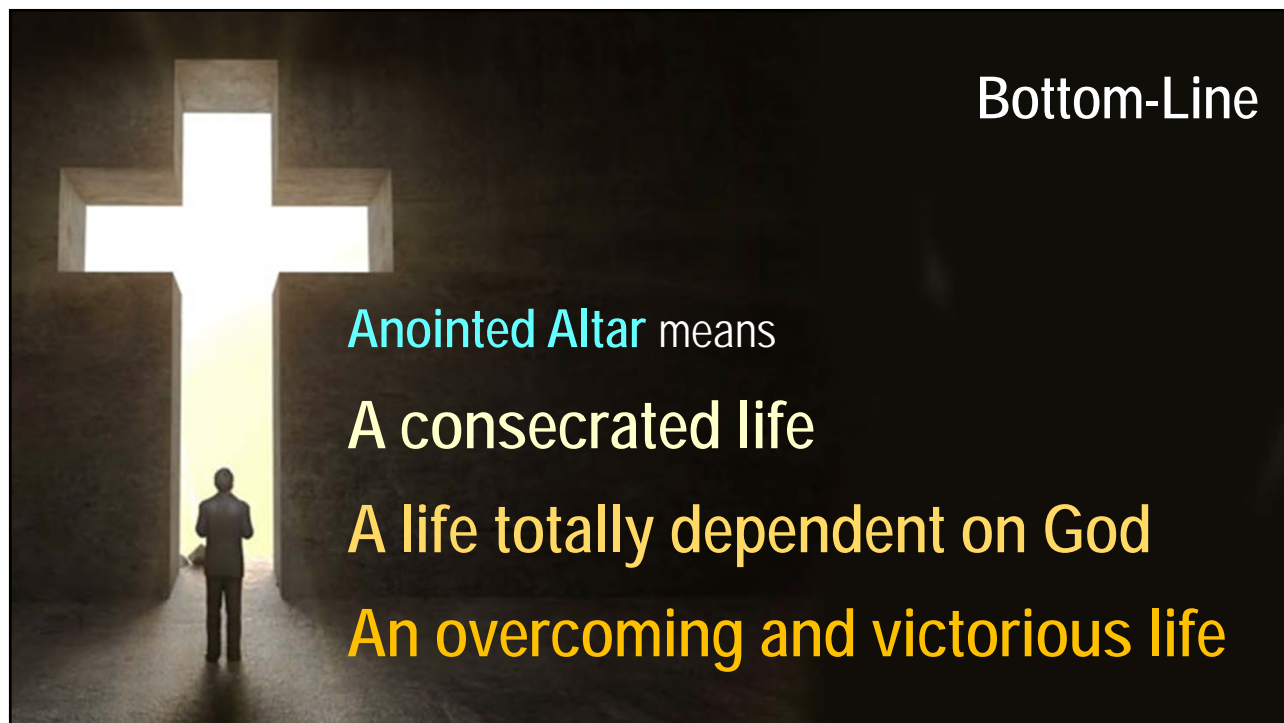
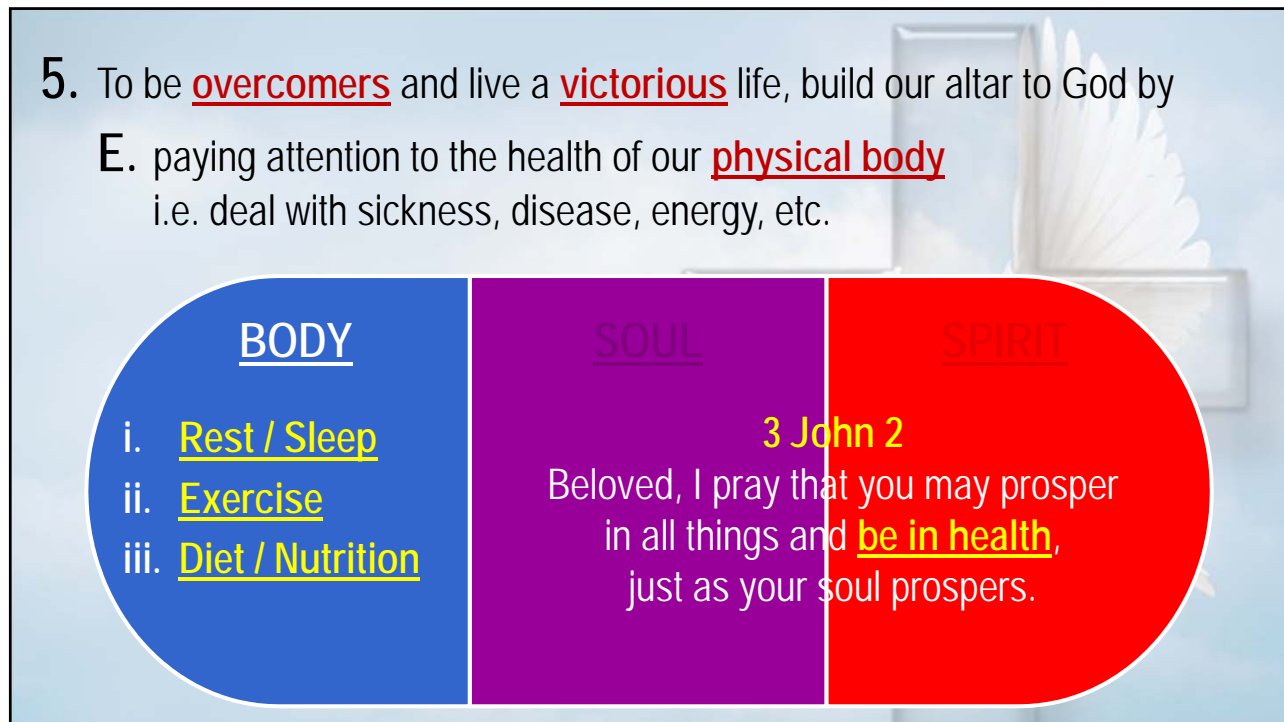


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5. To be overcomers and live a victorious life, build our altar to God by

E. paying attention to the health of our physical body  
i.e. deal with sickness, disease, energy, etc.



## Bottom-Line - Anointed Altar

### James 5:16 (AMP)

Therefore, confess your sins to one another [your false steps, your offenses], and pray for one another, that you may be healed and restored. The heartfelt and persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power].

