

The Pivot Point

Lesson 3 – Teacher's Guide

1. After being born again, the rest of the Christian life consist simply of renewing and releasing. As we renew our minds and believe God's Word, our souls will agree with what's already transpired in our spirits. When our spirits and souls agree, we release and experience the life of God. When our bodies and souls agree, we cut off the supernatural flow of life from our spirits. What's in our born-again spirits must flow through our souls in order to get out to our bodies and the physical world around them.
2. Notice the diagram of the three circles inside each other (appears like a target).



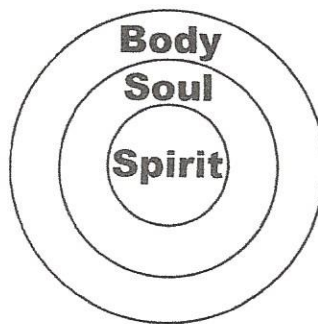
The outer circle represents our bodies. It's the part we can see and feel. The inner circle represents our souls. It can't be seen, but it can be felt. Also, it touches both one's body and spirit. The innermost circle represents spirits. Although it's the center of who we are, it can't be seen or felt. It's completely surrounded by the soul.

3. Your spirit is the core of your being, "the real you," your life-giving part (James 2:26 and Gen. 2:7).
 1. A. Once we're born again, what does the Christian life consist of? (Renewing and releasing)
B. What must we renew? (Our minds)
C. What must we renew it to? (God's Word)
D. What must happen in order for us to release and experience the life of God within? (Our spirits and souls must agree)
E. What happens when our bodies and souls agree? (We cut off the supernatural flow of life from our born-again spirits)
F. What part of our beings must the life of God flow through in order to get out to our bodies and the physical world around us? (Our souls)
 2. Diagram of three circles (appears like a target).
 - A. According to the diagram, which part(s) can be seen? (Body)
 - B. Which part(s) can be felt? (Body and soul)
 - C. Which part(s) does the soul touch? (Body and spirit)
 - D. Which part is completely surrounded by the soul? (Spirit)
 - E. Can our spirits be seen or felt? (No)
 3. A. Which part is the core of our being? (Our spirits)
B. What does James 2:26 tell us about the relationship between the body and spirit? (Without a spirit our bodies are dead)
C. Read Genesis 2:7. The Hebrew word translated "breath" is also rendered "spirit" in other verses (e.g., Job 26:4 and Prov. 20:27). What does Genesis 2:7 tell us about our spirits? (Adam's body and soul—physical, mental, and emotional parts—had no life in them until "spirit" was imparted. Our spirits are our life-giving part)

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Lesson 3 – Outline

1. After being born again, the rest of your Christian life consists simply of renewing and releasing.
 - A. As you renew your mind and believe God's Word, your soul will agree with what's already transpired in your spirit.
 - B. When your spirit and soul agree, you release and experience the life of God.
 - C. When your body and soul agree, you cut off the supernatural flow of life from your spirit.
 - D. What's in your born-again spirit must flow through your soul in order to get out to your body and the physical world around it.
2. The diagram of three circles inside each other (appears like a target).



- A. The outer circle is your body. It's the part you can see and feel.
 - B. The inner circle is your soul. It can't be seen, but can be felt. Also, it touches both your body and your spirit.
 - C. The innermost circle is your spirit. Although it's the center of who you are, it can't be seen or felt. It's completely surrounded by your soul.
3. Your spirit is the core of your being, the real you, your life-giving part.

"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:26).

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7).

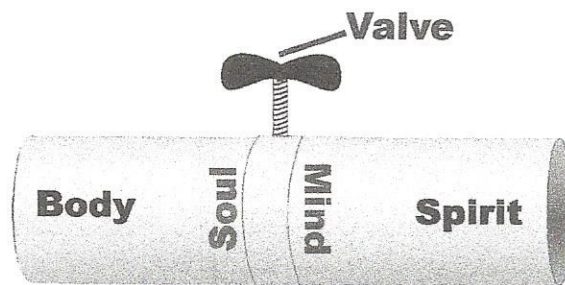
4. The diagram of three rings.



A. Your spirit has no direct access to your physical body.

B. Everything that comes out from your spirit to your body must go through your mental, emotional part.

5. The pipe diagram.



A. Your soul acts as a valve in between your spirit and your body.

B. The flow of God's supernatural life from your spirit to your body (natural realm) depends on how open your soul is.

6. Can you see how pivotal your soul is?

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Lesson 3 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to James 2:26, what is the body without the spirit?
2. What is faith without corresponding works?
3. Read Genesis 2:7. What did the LORD God form man out of?
4. What did God do next?
5. What part of our beings is this?
6. Once God did this, what happened?
7. According Job 33:4, who did Job say made him?
8. What gave him life?
9. What do 2 Samuel 23:2, Job 26:4, and John 6:63 have in common?
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
10. Read Proverbs 20:27. What is the candle of the LORD?
11. Where does it search?
12. According to John 7:38-39, where is the seat of our born-again spirits?
13. What did Jesus say is the requirement for this living water to flow?
14. At what level did the Lord say this living water should flow: a trickle, a stream, or rivers?
15. According to Ephesians 1:18-20, what power do we have in our born-again spirits?
16. Read Galatians 5:22-23. What is the fruit of the Spirit?
17. Where does this fruit stem from?

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Lesson 3 – Answer Key

1. Dead.
2. Dead.
3. The dust of the ground.
4. He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.
5. Our spirits.
6. Man became a living soul.
7. The Spirit of God.
8. The breath of the Almighty.
9. A. Spirit
B. God's Word
C. Life
10. Our spirits.
11. All the inward parts of the belly.
12. Our bellies.
13. Believe on Him.
14. Rivers.
15. The same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead.
16. Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance.
17. The Spirit.

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Lesson 3 – Scriptures

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“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul” (Gen. 2:7).

“To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?” (Job 26:4).

“The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly” (Prov. 20:27).

“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63).

“He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water” (John 7:38).

“The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:18-20).

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law” (Gal. 5:22-23).