

Faithfulness: To be reliable, steadfast and unwavering-- keeping promises
God's faithfulness seen through His eight promises: Discovering God's will

- 1) Edenic—**Rule**—*Fill the earth with people and bring it under your control. ...I have provided all kinds of fruit and grain for you to eat.* Gen 1:26-29; 2:18
- 2) Adamic—**Redemption** Christ will **overcome and destroy** the Evil one *"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; it will bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel."* Gen 3:15
- 3) Noahic—**Restraint**— *"Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, Gen 8:21*
- 4)Abrahamic—**Restore ...** *"And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."* Gen 12:3 *"The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him."* Ps 67:7 **Through one man!**
- 5)Mosaic—**Reveal** *"If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit..."* Lev 26:1-4; (see 5-46) **Up to God, now conditions>man**
- 6)Palestine—**Return** *He will bring you to the land that belonged to your ancestors, and you will take possession of it... if you obey the Lord your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.* Dt 30:1-10

How to love God with all your soul? How do you strengthen a weak will?

- 1) **Make the right choices**—*"Take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ."*
- 2) **Obey the right choices**—*"If you love me, you will obey what I command."* Jn14:15
- 3) **Walk in the spirit of God with humility**—*"O God, be merciful to me a sinner."*

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh"; and "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." (Galatians 5:16, 25)

Word of God—study every day, meditate, journal, create "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night..." (Josh 1:8)

Adoration—salvation, praying, worshipping, fasting, repent "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts..." (Jeremiah 31:33)

Learning with others—church, small group, prayer retreats "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship..." (Acts 2:42)

Kick out the devil—resist, rebuke, and run away! lock/limit/leave "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (Ja 4:7)

Serve others in word and in deed—preach, teach, give, go...! "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all... "(Col 3:17)

7) Davidic--**REIGN** "When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will **build a house for my Name**, and I will establish **the throne** of his **kingdom forever**. I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your **house** and your **kingdom will endure forever** before me; your **throne** will be established **forever**." 2 Sam 7:12-16

1. House--

2. Kingdom--

3. Throne—to be LORD--- Is Jesus **L.O.R.D.** in your life?

8) New Covenant--**REGENERATE** "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a **new covenant** with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will **put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts**. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will **forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more**." Jer 31:27-34; Ezek 36: 26,27; Jn 1:29; Lk 22:20; Matt 5:17; Eph 2:8,9

1. New Heart--

2. Holy Spirit--

Homework:

1. In what way has God kept his promises to you? How has he cared for you?
2. Is Jesus on the throne of your heart? What areas haven't you surrendered?
3. Do you sometimes feel like you have a heart of stone? Why do you feel this?
4. What do you think of when you think of the Holy Spirit? What comes to mind?
5. Do we still have to ask for forgiveness once we've been saved? See James 5:16
6. Do you have a hard time forgiving others? What does the Cross mean to you?
7. How did God's truth speak to you this morning from His Word to your heart?
8. What adjustments do you need to make in your life as a result of this truth?

What areas does God expect us to be **faithful** to in our daily lives? In addition to our love *for* and devotion *to* God in Bible study, prayer and fasting, here are nine more areas:

Finances— "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" Matt 6:21 How's your tithing, saving, and spending going? Are you consistent? Are you generous? "...for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor 9:6-7

Abilities— Develop your natural talents, acquired skills, and spiritual gifts. Do you know your spiritual gift(s)? 1 Peter 4:10, 11 (See *The Spiritual Gifts Survey -- Lifeway*) "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware... But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12: 1-7

Inter-personal relationships: "But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the Day of Judgment for every careless word they have spoken." Mt 12:36; Eph 4:32 How can you better control your attitude, temper, etc.?

Time-- Psalm 90:12-17 says, "Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Do you make lists and follow a daily plan? Are you diligent to work hard? What distractions are keeping you from God's best?

Health—"Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body." 1 Cor 6: 19, 20 How is your eating, sleeping, and exercising going? Do you have regular medical checkups? See a godly counselor for help!

Family—Deut 6 Gen 18:19— For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children.." Are you being diligent in leading those whom God has given you?

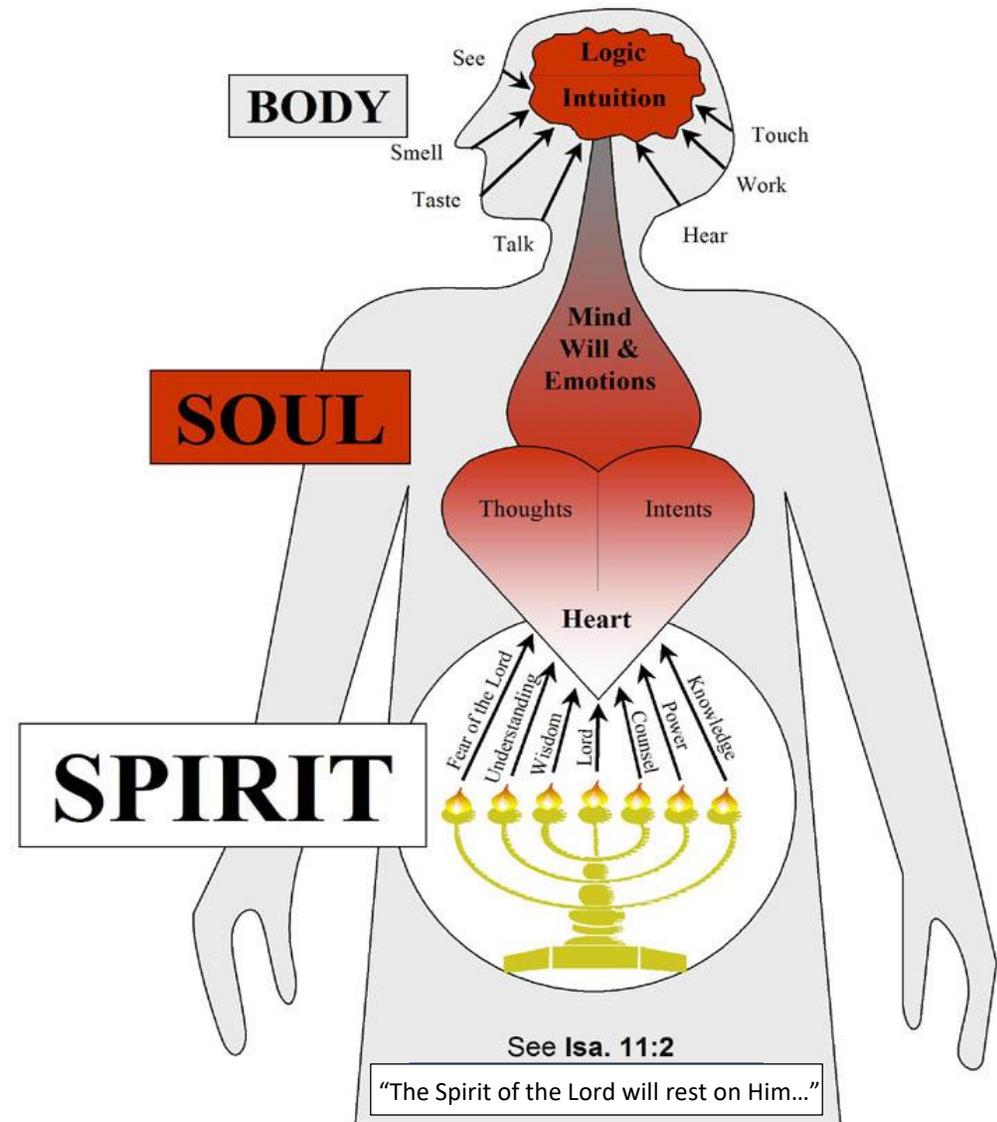
Unsaved—Matt 18 & Mark 16 Go and preach the Gospel. Go and make disciples. Be strong, be courageous and do not fear or be discouraged the Lord is with you. Josh 1:9 Use Truelife.org, The GPS Guide, Four Spiritual Laws

Leisure—recreation, entertainment— Have a take it or leave it attitude with media. "I will set no worthless thing before my eyes" Psalm 101:3 WWJW-- What would Jesus watch? "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman." Job 31:1 **Have you** made this kind of covenant?

(L)ivelihood-- "Now David, after he had served God's purpose in his own generation, died." Acts 13:36 Our careers may end but not our calling. What is your calling? "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5, 6 How God made you is how He wants to use you. How has He made you? What is your **S.H.A.P.E.**? (Read the *Purpose Driven Life* and do the *SHAPE Assessment*.) Psalm 37:4 Don't waste your life!

Please examine your life as you talk and pray about these areas with God, your family, and small group. Get organized and make a plan of action. It's never too late to start doing what is right. Be **faithful** to the next thing that God

calls you to do. Remember the goal. Jesus wishes to say to you when you meet Him in heaven: "The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my **good and faithful servant**. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!" Matt. 25:21 Be faithful in the little things! "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant?" Isaiah 49:6 What is your next step in being and serving like Christ? Just do it!



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