

## Keys to Our Purpose and Identity

1 Thessalonians 5:23 We are body, soul, and spirit.

Genesis 2:7 A dusty, fleshy body + a 'breathy' spirit = a living soul

Galatians 5:16 Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Our soul has three functions, and when all three are working together, we can call it our heart.

Prov. 2:10 shows mind \* Psalm 35:9, Job 30:25 shows emotion \* 1 Chr. 22:19 shows will

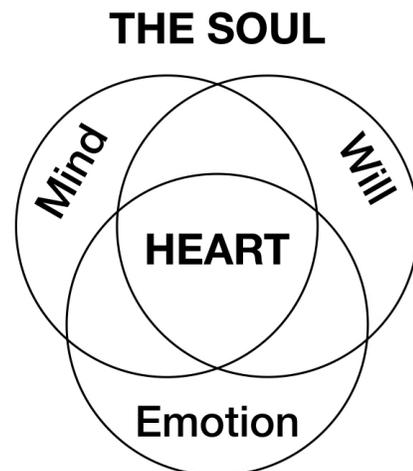
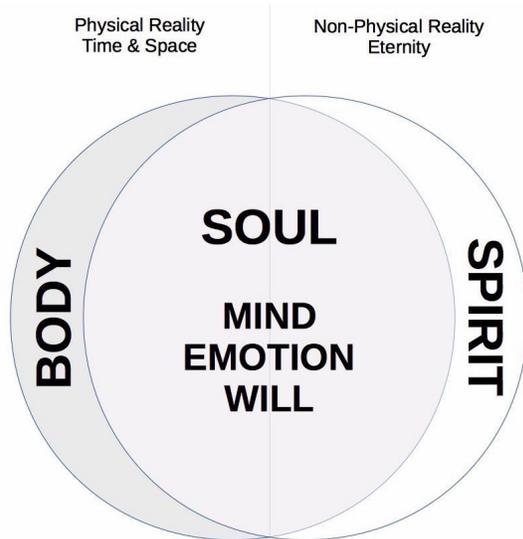
Proverbs 23:7 says "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he..."

This is why and how we are transformed by the renewing of our minds — Romans 12:2

...and why it is so important to keep our hearts with all diligence according to Proverbs 4:23

	Mind	Emotion	Will
<b>Function</b>	THINKING	FEELING	DOING
<b>Virtue</b>	FAITH	LOVE	HOPE
<b>Gift</b>	ANALYSIS	EMPATHY	DRIVE
<b>Points to Time</b>	PRESENT	PAST	FUTURE
<b>Biblical Temptation</b>	LUST OF THE EYES	LUST OF THE FLESH	PRIDE OF LIFE
<b>Example Struggle</b>	MATERIALISM	PEER PRESSURE	TECHNOLOGY
<b>Struggle Indicator</b>	JEALOUSY	FRUSTRATION	DISCOURAGEMENT
<b>Traditional Enemy</b>	WORLD	FLESH	THE DEVIL
<b>Potential Excuses</b>	CURIOSITY	FRIENDLINESS	PROGRESS
<b>Too Much Looks Like</b>	OBSESSION	INFATUATION	COMPULSION
<b>Not Enough Looks Like</b>	IGNORANCE	APATHY	LAZINESS
<b>Healthy Exercise</b>	DISCIPLINE	ACKNOWLEDGMENT	PATIENCE
<b>Sanctification</b>	MIND OF CHRIST	COMFORT OF H.S.	WILL OF THE FATHER

"Humans are amphibians...half spirit and half animal...as spirits they belong to the eternal world, but as animals they inhabit time." CS Lewis in *The Screwtape Letters*



## SIX IMBALANCES TO WATCH OUT FOR:

1. Mind-dominant, emotion and will lacking. You act like a computer.
2. Emotion-dominant, mind and will lacking. You act like a drama king/queen.
3. Will-dominant, emotion and mind lacking. You act like a machine.
4. Mind/Will-dominant, emotion lacking. Thoughts + Actions - Feelings = robot.
5. Mind/Emotion-dominant, will lacking. Thoughts + Feelings - Actions = dreamer.
6. Will/Emotion-dominant, mind lacking. Actions + Feelings - Thoughts = drama machine.

## CORRECTING THESE IMBALANCES

1. For the mind:  
Develop discipline & integrity to maintain a healthy thought-life—feed on the Word!
2. For the emotion:  
Use acknowledgment & godly connection as tools for healthy emotion—have godly friends!
3. For the will:  
Have patience & direction in waiting and working—do what is right, leave results to God!

**SEEK YOUR SATISFACTION IN GOD ALONE,  
SUBMIT YOUR HEART AND ENTIRE SOUL TO HIM!**

