

Developing Spiritual Sensitivity

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INTRO.

I have been sharing with you the importance of becoming spiritual ... To break this point down a bit more – I am actually talking about becoming “spiritually sensitive” ... Once we become spiritually sensitive – Both in soul and spirit – we will be able to navigate this life very easily ... The reason many struggle so much with the things of this world – is because they are not spiritually sensitive so that they may discern the signs of the times – and make an appropriate plan to navigate the issues of life ... Everything in this natural realm has a spiritual dynamic attached with it ... This is simply common sense and it boggles my mind that people struggle with this concept ... A Spirit – Elohim created everything ... HE created man in His image which is spirit ... The Words HE speaks is Spirit ... So, understanding these elementary concepts – how can anyone believe that anything in this realm doesn't have a spiritual component to it? ... Just look at the evil all around us – that ought to be enough proof right there – that there is a spiritual component to everything in this realm.

So – why is this point so important to grasp? ... You will never become spiritually sensitive – if you do not believe there are spiritual dynamics or spirit beings functioning in this natural realm ... We are to be the greatest of all the spiritual beings that are functioning upon this earth

Matthew 6:10 Contemporary English Version

Come and set up Your kingdom, - so that everyone on earth - will obey You, - - as You are obeyed in heaven.

Ephesians 5:1-2 New Living Translation

Imitate God, - therefore, - in everything you do, - because you are his dear children. ... 2 Live a life filled with love, - following the example of Christ. ... He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

TRANS

So, let's lay some foundational concepts as we seek to understand and enhance our spiritual sensitivity

Foundational Concepts

Our Flesh / Soul is spiritual in nature – to the place where – we can discern “spiritual things”

Have you ever sensed the presence of God – say in our time of worship? ... There are times where His presence – is so tangible in this place – that it causes people to cry and sometimes laugh ... Have you ever felt a breeze blow by you? ... Or feel like something touched you or brush across your face? ... How about the door behind me – when it simply opened all by itself – when I was preaching ... How about you saw something out of the corner of your eye ... Have you ever felt chill-bumps? ... Have you ever felt your body vibrate or feel heavy like something was sitting on you? ... Let's get really practical – how many of you have ever walked into a room of people and went whoa – there are some bad vibes in here? ... These are all manifestations of the flesh sensing things of the spirit.

Now catch this – this is the lowest form of spiritual sensitivity you can function in ...

Unfortunately – some cannot even function at this level ... Know what is sad – I have had people tell me – in the past for full disclosure – that they do not sense the spirit of God – here in the church – as if there is something wrong with me or this body.

Matthew 18:20 Expanded Bible

This is true because if [For where] two or three people ·come [are assembled/gathered] together in My Name, - I Am there ·with them [among them; in their midst].”

So – according to this scripture – if you are here in this place and you do not sense the presence of God ... Then by your own admission – you are neither fleshly nor spiritually sensitive enough to know He is here ... The issue isn't that the Lord isn't present ... The issue is you are spiritually insensitive or spiritually dead ... I don't mean to be harsh – but let's be biblically

accurate – amen! ... This is why it is so important to understand this principle and develop ourselves in this area of becoming more spiritually sensitive.

So again, Because we are designed as spiritual beings, we have the ability to sense “spiritual things” through our soul/flesh ... We should also seek to develop these senses – but remember this is the lowest form of spiritual discernment ... Now let me caution you ... When sensing spiritual things from the flesh/soul – we can get into the area of presumption and assumption ... Be careful because:

Jeremiah 17:9 New Life Version

“The heart is fooled more than anything else, - and is very sinful. ... Who can know how bad it is?

We Learn in our Flesh/Soul nature to be Spiritually Sensitive by Observing Patterns

2 Kings 4:8-9 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

One day Elisha went on to Shunem, - where a rich and influential woman lived, - who insisted on his eating a meal. ... Afterward, - whenever he passed by, - he stopped there for a meal. ... 9 And she said to her husband, - Behold now, - - I perceive that this is a holy man of God - - who passes by continually.

John 4:18-19 New King James Version

For you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.” ... 19 The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

1 Samuel 3:8 New King James Version

And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. ... So, he arose and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you did call me.” ... Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy.

Proverbs 7:6-8 New King James Version

The Crafty Harlot

6 For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice, ... 7 And saw among the simple,

I perceived among the youths, - A young man devoid of understanding, ... 8 Passing along the street near her corner; - And he took the path to her house

Beware of the Dangers of Relying upon your Fleshly/Soulsh Discernment

Never Rely solely upon your fleshly/soulsh senses of discernment

John 20:25 Amplified Bible

So, the other disciples kept telling him, - - “We have seen the Lord!” ... But he said to them, - -
“**Unless I see** - in His hands the marks of the nails, - and put my finger into the nail prints, - and put my hand into His side, ... **I will never believe.**”

2 Corinthians 5:7 Easy-to-Read Version

We live by what we believe will happen, ... not by what we can see.

Be Cautious and Recognize Sensory Overload

Col. 2:8 Passion

Beware that no one - distracts you - or intimidates you in their attempt - to lead you away from Christ's fullness - by pretending to be full of wisdom - when they're filled with endless arguments of human logic. ... For they operate with humanistic and clouded judgments - based on the mindset of this world system, - and not the anointed truths of the Anointed One.

Luke 11:34-35 Amplified Bible

The eye is the lamp of your body. ... When your eye is clear [*spiritually perceptive, focused on God*], - your whole body also is full of light [benefiting from God's precepts]. ... But when it is bad [spiritually blind], your body also is full of darkness [devoid of God's word]. ... 35 Be careful, therefore, that the light that is in you is not darkness.

TAKE AWAY

Those who are in the place of struggling with spiritual sensitivity ... You struggle in this area of fleshly/soulsh discernment – nether mind spiritual discernment of your spirit man which is

completely different from soulish discernment ... Let me help you receive the blessings of the Lord while you are developing yourself in spiritual sensitivity

2 Kings 4:8-16 New Living Translation

Elisha and the Woman from Shunem

One day Elisha went to the town of Shunem. ... A wealthy woman lived there, and she urged him to come to her home for a meal. ... After that, whenever he passed that way, he would stop there for something to eat.

Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

9 And she said to her husband, - Behold now, - **I perceive that this is a holy man of God** - who passes by continually.

2 Kings 4:10-16 Living Bible

10 Let's make a little room for him on the roof; - - we can put in a bed, - a table, - a chair, - and a lamp, - and he will have a place to stay whenever he comes by." ... 11-12 Once when he was resting in the room, - he said to his servant Gehazi, - - "Tell the woman I want to speak to her." ... When she came, ... 13 **he said to Gehazi**, "Tell her that we appreciate her kindness to us. ... Now ask her what we can do for her. ... Does she want me to put in a good word for her to the king or to the general of the army?" ... "No," she replied, "I am perfectly content." ... 14 "What can we do for her?" - he asked Gehazi afterwards. ... He suggested, - "She doesn't have a son, and her husband is an old man." ... 15-16 "Call her back again," - Elisha told him. ... When she returned, - he talked to her as she stood in the doorway. ... "Next year at about this time you shall have a son!" ... "O man of God," she exclaimed, "don't lie to me like that!"

VOICE

Elisha: This time next year, when spring is full of new life, you will hold a son of your own in your arms. ... **Shunammite Woman:** That's impossible, my lord! ... You are a man of great integrity, - a man of God, - so please do not deceive me, your servant.