

# Body Soul & Spirit

I WILL PRAISE YOU FOR I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE. PSALM 139:14



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Series#2: The Purpose and Function of the Soul  
Lesson #2 The Power of the Mind  
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**OPENING STATEMENT:** The Greek word NOUS, defines the mind as “the highest power of the soul.” It is for this reason that the enemy desires to control and corrupt our minds. A mind that is under Satan’s control can be a very destructive force. Hitler used his mind to destroy millions of Jews. Ben Laden used his mind to sabotage governments. The stories of those who used their minds to bring about destruction are endless. By the same token, Jonah Salk, used his mind to find a cure for polio; Thomas Edison invented the light bulb; and Charles Drew invented blood transfusions. This is why the bible tells us in *Romans 12:2 - Be transformed by the renewing of your mind*. God wants us to use this powerful gift called “the mind,” to do great works for His kingdom.

Because Satan understands the power of the human mind, it is the first place where the attacks will come. First, the Enemy attempts to keep us from coming into the knowledge of God’s Word because he knows we will be transformed. *Colossians 3:10 says: Having put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him*. Secondly, the Enemy will attack your mind with negative thoughts. He will try to convince you that you are a failure and that God doesn’t love you. This is why *1 Peter 1:3 says: Therefore gird up your mind and be sober*. I want to urge you not to let the Devil attack your mind with negative thoughts. Fight back with the Word of God. When you surrender your mind to the leading of the Holy Spirit, new doors will open inside of your soul and you will begin to see your purpose clearly unfold. When you open your mind to the Lord, wisdom, knowledge and understand will flood your soul. *Job 38:36 says: Who endows the heart with wisdom and gives understanding to the mind?* I think you already know the answer to that question. It is the Lord God, our Creator.

1. **Solomon’s Temple:** The bible says that there is nothing that we cannot accomplish when we open our mind to the Holy Spirit. 1 Chronicles 28:11-12 (Paraphrased) – Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the temple. He gave him the plans for all that **the Spirit had put in his mind** for the courts of the temple of the LORD and all the surrounding rooms. 2 Chronicles 30:12. Also in Judah the hand of God was on the people to give them **unity of mind** to carry out what the king and his officials had ordered, following the word of the LORD.

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2. **The Tower of Babel:** The bible tells us that when two people come into agreement; or a group of people have one mind, they can accomplish anything that they imagine or hope for. Genesis 11:4-6 And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens...And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men built. And the LORD said, behold, **the people is one (mind)** and they all have one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have **imagined** to do.

**OBERVATIONS AND INTERPRETATION:**

The mind is a vast storehouse of power, intellect and creativity. The following scriptures demonstrate how God can use our mind once it has been renewed by the Spirit.

**Wisdom:** Good sense and wise counsel. Exodus 31:1-5 Ecclesiastes 8:16

**Knowledge:** Skill, intelligence. Isaiah 33:5-6 Isaiah 47:10

**Understanding:** Meaning and purpose. Job 32:8 Proverbs 3:5

**Invent:** Creativity and ideas. 2 Chronicles 26:14-15

**Remember:** Deposit of God's Word. Lamentations 3:21 Psalm 119:11

**Learn:** Information and skill. Psalm 119:73 Luke 24:45

**Teach:** Training and instruction. Ecclesiastes 12:9

**Envision:** Picture with the mind. Habakkuk 2:2-3

**Reason:** Make right decision. Isaiah 1:18

**Choose:** To select from several possible alternatives. Deuteronomy 30:19

**Persuade:** To convince. Acts 19:26

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