

Soul vs. Spirit Nurture

A group of us was sitting around the day after a huge celebration of our Great King, just savoring the event and letting conversation drift comfortably. Someone asked me about how to stop nurturing the soul so they could focus all their attention on unpacking the treasures of their spirit.

It was one of those Holy Spirit moments when a finished idea leaped off my lips when I had never thought about it before this way. Ya gotta love it!

Hanna was there so I used her as an illustration. She was designed by God to be an artist who sees heavenly truths with her spirit and expresses them through graphics and other means. This gift lay dormant for a long time, then was discovered. For a couple of years now, she has been learning how to use graphics to express what her spirit sees.

BUT graphic design is a soul function. She works in the Mac and Adobe environments and was marginal in her skill set at the beginning. Recently she took a series of classes to learn how to leverage her Mac to better effect. Then she took an Adobe Illustrator class so she can design original things she has never been able to capture before. And now she is taking an InDesign class so that she can find all of the right, fast ways of getting where she needs to go, to express what she sees in her spirit.

So all of the soul training is valuable and she wants much more. **But the point is that she is training her soul to be able to express the immensity of her spirit better.** To the degree that she invests deeply in her spirit, spending time with God, immersing herself in the Word, having people minister to her spirit, or any other spiritual discipline, that will draw her closer to God, but will leave her with a minimal impact in the Kingdom of God.

On the flip side, if she were unaware of her spirit, but had a finely honed graphic skill set, she could produce good secular products but once again have only a minimal impact on the Kingdom of God.

Only when her spirit can see heaven's pictures and her soul can express them in earth's languages will she be dangerous in the way God intended.

The deposit of God on our spirit determines what sector of the Kingdom we are designed to impact. The deposit of God in our soul, is designed to empower our spirit to effectively express itself in the culture, in a transformational way .

This is the beauty of the two portions of our being working together. The spirit leads with a heavenly message and objective. But the soul has to be adept at something



to enable the spirit to have as large an impact in the culture as God intended.

Here is another picture. I am also a change agent and a passionate subject of the Great King. What I see in my spirit I communicate with words, not graphics. My verbal abilities as a wordsmith are soul skills designed to help my spirit express its wisdom better.

Now, I can improve on that if I were to train my soul more. For example, I have thought for years about taking a week long training at a clown school to learn how to be a silent clown, communicating everything that is in me with actions and facial expressions not words.

I would also love to take a beginning acting class, to learn how to keep my body in synch with my message more completely.

Being a good actor or a great clown would not, in and of itself, change the world for my King. However, if I were to learn a little or a lot about either of those two skills it would enable my good communication skills to become even better. And if my soul could more dynamically communicate the truths that are in my spirit, I would be a more Noble Subject of the Great King, because I could bring more to the table for Him.

In short, our spirit is supposed to be served by our soul. Most of the greatness in your spirit will be held hostage by your soul until you develop your soul more thoroughly. That picture you see in your spirit will need the artistic ability of your soul to be able to express it. The song in your spirit needs some soul skill in music to be able to express it.

So hone all of the skills God has placed in your soul, but do it understanding that the soul skills are designed to express the message of your spirit.

When your spirit has unpacked the choice treasures that God has placed there, it will use the skills of the soul to bring those tools to the town square in a transformational way.

THIS is a Noble Subject of the Great King: someone who has a message from heaven (in his spirit) and can express it powerfully in this culture (with his finely developed soul).

Anything less than that is merely a loyal subject, not a Noble Subject.

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