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Mark 8:34-37 Calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; *I* am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to saving yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you? What could you ever trade your **soul** for?

Romans 8:6 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the **Spirit** control your mind leads to life and peace.

Romans 14:7 For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy **Spirit**.

Matthew 10:28 Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your **soul**. Fear only God, who can destroy both **soul** and body in hell.

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New Living Translation
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"External manifestation of 'Christlikeness' is not, however, the focus of the process...The 'outward' interpretation of spiritual formation, emphasizing specific acts as it does, will merely increase 'the righteousness of the scribe and Pharisee.' It will not, as we must, go beyond it (Matthew 5;20, PAR) to achieve genuine transformation of who I am through and through—Christ's man or woman, living richly in his kingdom." (23)