

Alive Again

How Can I Bring God's Transforming Love Into My Relationships?

1. Understand our _____

Assault and Withdrawal

2. _____

John 15:5 *I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*

3. _____

a) I surrender every part of myself to _____

Luke 17:20-21 *Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the *kingdom of God is in your midst."*

1 Corinthians 4:20 *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.*

Colossians 2:6 *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him...*

KEY: We enter by _____ *Jesus*
John 14:6 *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life."*

b) I release all _____
I do what love and faithfulness require of me, then I trust God with what happens next.

c) I accept my new _____

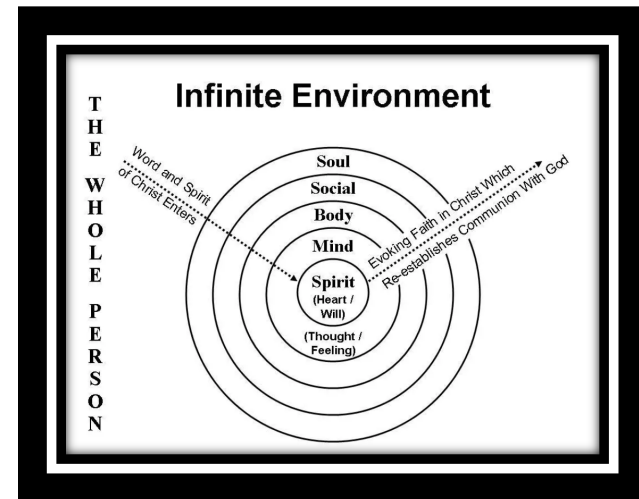
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1 Corinthians 4:12 *When we are cursed, we bless*

1 John 3:14 *We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death.*

"Welcome friend! This is the perfect opportunity for you to flood my life with your love for this person. If there is any way you want me to bless them now, please show me."

John 13:35 *By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*



Spiritual formation, good or bad, is always profoundly social. You cannot keep it to yourself. Anyone who thinks of it as a merely private matter has misunderstood it. Anyone who says, "It's just between me and God," or "What I do is my own business," has misunderstood God as well as "me." Strictly speaking there is nothing "just between me and God." For all that is between me and God affects who I am; and that, in turn, modifies my relationship to everyone around me. My relationship to others also modifies me and deeply affects my relationship to God. Hence those relationships must be transformed if I am to be transformed. Dallas Willard

We like being our own little king or queen. We want the freedom and the control. Ironically, what we get is not true freedom.

My rule: Addiction. Bondage. Conflict. Anxiety. Exhaustion.

His rule: Freedom. Peace. Love. Joy. Power.