

## Freedom Study 3 “Spiritual Order”

### I. Order gives life.

The universe has order that sustains it.  
God has set order and direction for life & freedom.

Proverbs 8:29–30 (NLT)...I (Wisdom), was there when God set the limits of the seas, so they would not spread beyond their boundaries. And when he marked off the earth’s foundations,

<sup>30</sup>I was the architect at his side. I was his constant delight, rejoicing always in his presence.

Spiritual order brings:

- Life
- Joy
- Protection
- Spiritual growth
- Power to overcome
- Freedom

### II. **Spiritual Order is where Satan came and tempted Jesus.**

Matthew 4:4 (ESV)...But he answered, “It is written, “ ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

**(Live spiritually not fleshly.)**

Matthew 4:7 (ESV)...Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” **(Don’t try to manipulate and use God.)**

Matthew 4:10 (ESV)...Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “ ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’ ”

**(Don’t put anything ahead of God.)**

Approach life as God’s Child, on a spiritual journey, directed by the Holy Spirit, living in His Word, loving Jesus, and giving all glory and honor to God.
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### III. **We have a different nature.**

Galatians 5:16 (NLT) ...So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves.

We have His life, His presence, His joy, His order of life.  
We are led not driven.

Romans 8:14 (NLT) For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Paul taught us that we are made up of body, soul, and spirit. (1 Thess. 5:23)

### **The Body....**

### **The Soul...**

Feelings don't necessarily reflect reality.
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### **The Spirit...**

#### **IV. The Spirit is the strongest part of our being.**

It is the command-center of who we are and what we do.  
The spirit takes charge of our life.

- Our spirits are redeemed.
- The soul is restored and healed
- The body is surrendered

“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”

This means we have to feed our spirit man!

We are externally exposed.  
We are internally empowered.

## V. The Heart of the matter.

The center of the soul is the “heart”.  
 The Bible uses this term to describe the real you.  
 Your deepest intentions, motives, and desires.  
 It is the summary statement of your spiritual life.

Proverbs 4:23 (ESV)...Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

To live out of the Tree of Life and be free...we have to guard our hearts.

Satan is shooting missiles at our heart.  
 He wants to wound you with fear, condemnation, shame, and distractions.

“Keep your heart” Prov. 4 is the word “guard”= suggests exercising great care over

Did those things get into your heart?  
 Are they impacting your heart?

## VI. The Offended Heart

Jesus said offenses will come.

Every day we have plenty of opportunities to get angry, stressed, and offended. But what you do with it all is what counts!

Offense= a feeling of hurt and resentment toward someone who has disappointed you or wounded you, indignant, annoyed, displeased

John 6:61 (ESV)

<sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this?”

The word “offense” Gr. skandalon= a snare, a trap

The devil will use offense to separate and divide, to keep you from worship and fellowship, to make you rage with anger, to tempt you to speak prematurely and unwisely. It will make you question sincerity and become prideful in your position.

Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

<sup>13</sup>Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

Proverbs 19:11 (NIV84)

<sup>11</sup>A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.

## **VII. Ways to Overcome Offense**

### **1. Be committed to not let offense become a stumbling block to yourself or others.**

Romans 12:18 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

James 3:16 (NIV84)

<sup>16</sup>For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

### **2. Remember we are all frail and human.**

Prov. 10:12 "love covers all offenses" (LB)

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered....

Forgive anyway

Be kind anyway

Be honest and sincere anyway

Build up anyway

Do good anyway

Include them anyway

### **3. Don't take on and carry the offenses of others.**

### **4. Leave justice in the hands of God.**

There's a place for justice, correction, and agreements.

There's a place for anger.

There's a place to speak truth with love.

But sometimes it goes beyond our ability to control and to do anything else will hurt your heart.

### **5. Stay humble and dependent upon the Lord.**

**Psalm 51:10 (ESV)**

**<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Create= bara .... To shape, form, fashion, to make something that has not been in existence