

A Surrendered not Split Life.

Acts 4:32 - Acts 5:11

A united heart + mind is a surrendered life to Jesus' vision for your life, not a life of divided loyalty.

Acts 4:32

James 1:7-8 — “7 Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.”

1 Timothy 6:17-19 — “17 Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. 18 Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. 19 By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.”

You cannot serve both God and money.

Matthew 6:21-25 — “21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. 22 “Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. 23 But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is! 24 “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money. 25 “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing?”

When we surrender our heart and mind to God, there is no area of our life we feel like we own, but rather steward everything as it belongs to God.

Acts 5:3-4

We are all Priests who minister before the Lord.

1 Peter 2:9 — “9 But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.”

A united heart + mind is a honest person, not a duplicitous life.

God will not heal the you that you pretend to be.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 — “1 You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. 2 For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. 3 They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. 4 They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. 5 They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!”

PRACTICING THE WAY

As disciples of Jesus, we know our allegiance to Him as King is expressed in our daily practice. We are not pursuing perfection but want to practice our faith each day. These practices will point you toward spiritual formation as an apprentice (disciple) to Jesus.

Start the Fresh Start Pathway with a friend.

Pray through “The Lord’s Prayer” five times this week.

Talk it Over (with friends, a spouse, or connect group)

- Read Acts 4:32-37. What do you notice within this passage?
- Why is greed such a big deal? How does it impact your relationship with God?
- Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19. What do you notice about this passage?
- Read Acts 5:1-11. What does this passage communicate about God?
- What are some thing in your life that make it challenging to cultivate a surrendered heart, mind and soul to God?
- Read 2 Timothy 3:1-15. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this passage?