

The **SPIRITUAL** AREA of LIFE

Introduction to the 7 Areas of Life

- A. Scripture speaks to how we should live in all areas of life.
- B. We have identified seven general areas of life.
- C. These seven areas are listed in diagram 150-A of the [Victorious Christian Living Manual](#).
- D. The 7 Areas of Life are:
 - 1. Spiritual-our relationship with God.
 - 2. Psychological-our relationship with mind, will and emotions.
 - 3. Physical-our relationship with our bodies.
 - 4. Financial-our relationship with money and work.
 - 5. Social-our relationship with other people.
 - 6. Marital-our relationship with our spouse.
 - 7. Parental-our relationship with our children.
- E. As part of our 7 Areas of Life Training, we will look at the godly model for each one of these specific areas.

I. Definition

The spiritual area of life is not just going to church, reading the Bible, or Christian service. The spiritual area of life consists of only one thing—a person's relationship with God. Isaiah 43:10-11

II. Importance

- A. This is the most important relationship in a person's life. Jeremiah 9:23-24; John 17:3
- B. It is the only relationship that gives life. John 17:3

III. Godly Model

- A. Relationship with God is the priority of a disciple's life. Matthew 22:3, 7-38
 - 1. A disciple desires to know God and seeks His presence.
 - a. God desires that we seek Him and a disciple responds. Psalm 27:8
 - b. A disciple grows in his knowledge of God even in suffering. Philippians 3:10
 - c. What happens when a person stops seeking God? Romans 1:28

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2. A disciple meditates on the Word of God.
 - a. A disciple goes to the Word, not to the world. Psalm 1:1-2
 - b. A disciple remembers God's Word. Psalm 119:11
 - c. What happens when a person reads the Bible and does not apply it? James 1:23-24
3. A disciple acknowledges God in all his ways.

Dictionary definition of "acknowledge": "To admit the claims or authority of someone."

 - a. A disciple acknowledges that everything belongs to God, including his own life.
Romans 14:7-8
 - b. A disciple knows how to manage what God gives him because he first acknowledges God. Proverbs 3: 5-6
 - c. What happens when a person fails to acknowledge that God owns his life?
Matthew 16:25
4. A disciple loves God and obeys His Word.
 - a. A disciple loves God as a reflection of God's love for him. 1 John 4:19
 - b. A disciple obeys His commands. John 14:23
 - c. What happens when a person loves self rather than God? 2 Timothy 3: 2-4
5. A disciple hears God's voice!
 - a. Jesus didn't die and only leave us with the Bible. He is a living and speaking Savior.
John 10:27
 - b. A disciple knows the difference between God's voice and his own desires. He already is willing to do what God says before God speaks. John 5:30
 - c. What happens when you set your mind on doing your own will? 2 Timothy 4:3-4

B. Relationship with God affects a disciple's character.

1. A disciple has overflowing joy as a fruit of the Spirit.
 - a. Joy comes from God, not circumstances. Psalm 16:11
 - b. A disciple has peace with God because he has been justified by God. Romans 5:1
 - c. What if a person is not experiencing joy and peace? Romans 8:6
2. A disciple has a humble view of self.
 - a. A disciple understands his position before God. Micah 6:8
 - b. A disciple considers others as more important than himself. Philippians 2:3
 - c. What happens when a person loses a humble view of himself? 1 Peter 5:5
3. A disciple has wisdom.
 - a. Jesus is the source of all wisdom. Colossians 2:3
 - b. A disciple doesn't trust in his/her knowledge, but in Christ's wisdom. 1 Corinthians 1:27, 30-31
 - c. What if a person does not make wise choices? Proverbs 12:15

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4. A disciple lives by faith.
 - a. A disciple believes what God says in spite of what he sees. Hebrews 11:7
 - b. A disciple believes that the real is the unseen. 2 Corinthians 4:18; 2 Corinthians 5:7
 - c. What happens when a person focuses on the seen? Matthew 14:28-31
5. A disciple lives as an epistle of God.
 - a. God wants to reveal Himself through His children. Matthew 5:16
 - b. People see Jesus in a disciple in times of stress. 2 Corinthians 4:8-11
 - c. What happens when a person's life doesn't reveal Christ? 1 Corinthians 3:3

SEEING CHRIST AS MY VERY LIFE IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SPIRITUAL AREA OF LIFE.
Colossians 3:4