

Moving Forward in Spiritual Development

Being in the Kingdom is not a theology, it's a way of life. Jesus' main teaching was: "The Kingdom". This was his passion, and he lived it.

Jesus showed that Kingdom living is operating in both the physical and spiritual realms. This is because God's intention in creating humanity¹ in the first place was to bring these 2 realms together. Why? We are not told in scripture, so it's one question that I'll get the answer for in eternity. Besides that, that's how it is – this is our reality.

Adam was created as a spiritual being in a physical body and he operated from that position – both physically and spiritually. He communed with nature and talked with God – the physical and the spiritual together. When he named the animals he didn't give them pet names like 'biggie', 'blackie', or 'spottie' like we would by looking at their appearance. He looked 'into' the animal's being and perceiving what they did and what their purpose was and gave them functional names – by operating in the physical and the spiritual at the same time.

Jesus did the same thing. He operated in the physical and the spiritual realms at the same time. He is our example, not just our teacher. A better statement about him is that he was (is) our **PROTOTYPE**. He was the first-born of the New Covenant, the first of a new 'species'. Actually, he was the first-born of a restored 'species' that had become extinct. Adam was the first of our combination spirit/physical being, but the spiritual side was lost in the Fall. Until Jesus came as a spirit-man in a human body, no one was able to operate like Adam did. Jesus did!

All those who come into the kingdom as born-again human beings have the spiritual side of them restored – not to perfection, but restored to the 'embryonic' stage. What needs to happen then is, we need to be like Jesus by operating in both the physical and spiritual realms. To do that we need to exercise our spirit-man.

Since birth we have learnt to operate in the physical world, because that's what our physical senses tell us is our reality. Our spirit inside us is dormant right up to the time we are born again into the Kingdom. Then we're activated spiritually. Our job then becomes learning how to operate as a spirit-man as well as a physical person. We need training in how to do this, but the Christian religious system hasn't given it to us.

So, here's how you can start operating spiritually with your spirit.

1. First: Get baptised in the Holy Spirit to get the anointing from the Lord to quicken your spirit.
2. Second: Find out what your spiritual gift is.
3. Third: Train yourself in your spiritual gift and learn how to operate in it.

At the same time, 'plug' into heaven. By that I mean, start developing a relationship with God in your prayer time. How?

1. Develop an intimate prayer life: Prayer is not babbling or chanting words – that's being a 'God botherer'. Prayer is your communication with God. It's personal communication, where you share your heart with him.
2. Practice listening to God talk back to you. Open your spiritual ears and listen with your spirit.

1 - i.e. mankind

3. Develop a relationship with all members of the Trinity – Father, Son (Jesus) and Holy Spirit. Even though the Trinity is ONE, they operate separately and they all want to connect with you because they have different functional relationships with you.

Other things you can do to develop spiritually is to investigate how to operate as the Apostle Peter said we would when he gave the first spirit-led preaching on the Day of Pentecost in Jerusalem in about 33AD. Peter quoted the Old Testament prophet Joel² when he said, “*But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maid-servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.’*³

So, prophesying, dreaming and visioning are what happens when the Spirit is poured out on a person. If that’s the case, we’re free to explore this spiritual mode of operation. Actually, these are the characteristics of a Seer. There’s no spiritual gift of a Seer, it’s something that is inherent in our spirit-man that we should be able to do supernaturally naturally.

Let’s mature in both the physical and spiritual realms. It takes a serious desire to do it, plus practice.

We can ALL do it.

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2 - Joel 2:28-29

3 - Acts 2:16-18