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I will pause here so I can explain briefly, the three parts of man – for a complete teaching on it, [click here](#) and go to [page 6 of my teaching, "What Is Hindering Your Healing?"](#) The teaching, "Three Parts of Man" is on pages 6-17.

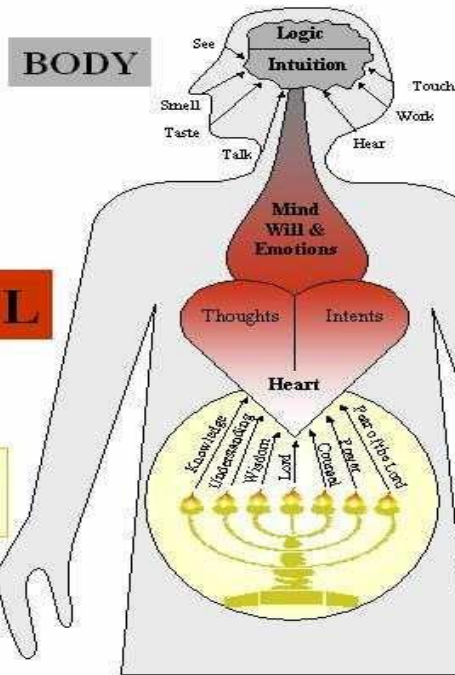
1. **Spirit:** Our spirit man is who we really are, it is who God made us to be. [Job 32:8](#) says, "But there is [a vital force and] a spirit [of intelligence] in man, And the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding" (biblegateway.com – AMP). God is a Spirit, we are made in His image and likeness, therefore we are a spirit first and God communicates with us through our spirit man, not through our soul or bodies – God does not live in these realms (soulish or physical). It is the spirit man in us that is reborn when we [accept Christ as our personal Lord and Savior](#), not the body or soul ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#); [John 3:1-21](#)) – this rebirth takes place in our human spirit. Apostle Paul lets us know in [1 Corinthians 15:50](#) that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God.

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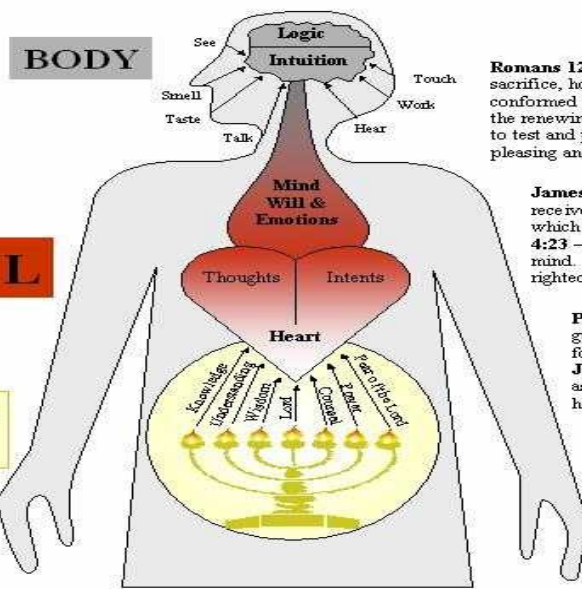
- 2. Soul (Part A):** God breathed the breath of life into us and we became a living soul ([Genesis 2:7](#)). Our soul consists of the mind, will, intellect, and emotions; this is where we acquire knowledge. The soul is where the battles against our spirit man takes place. Apostle Paul talks about the conflict of the two natures within us in [Romans 7:14-25](#) – the sin nature wants us to yield to it and your spirit man wants to yield to God. We have a choice which nature we are going to choose; are we going to choose God or allow the devil to work through the old sinful nature to keep us in bondage to the things Jesus has already delivered us from? Our choice to choose right from wrong and good from evil, came when Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden; their eyes were open and now so are ours ([Genesis 1:26-28 – God creates males and females and blesses them](#); [Genesis 2:7 – God formed a body for man and breathed life into His creation](#); [Genesis 3 – the fall of man](#), their eyes were opened in [verses 6-7](#), and they became knowledgeable of good and evil in [verse 22](#)).

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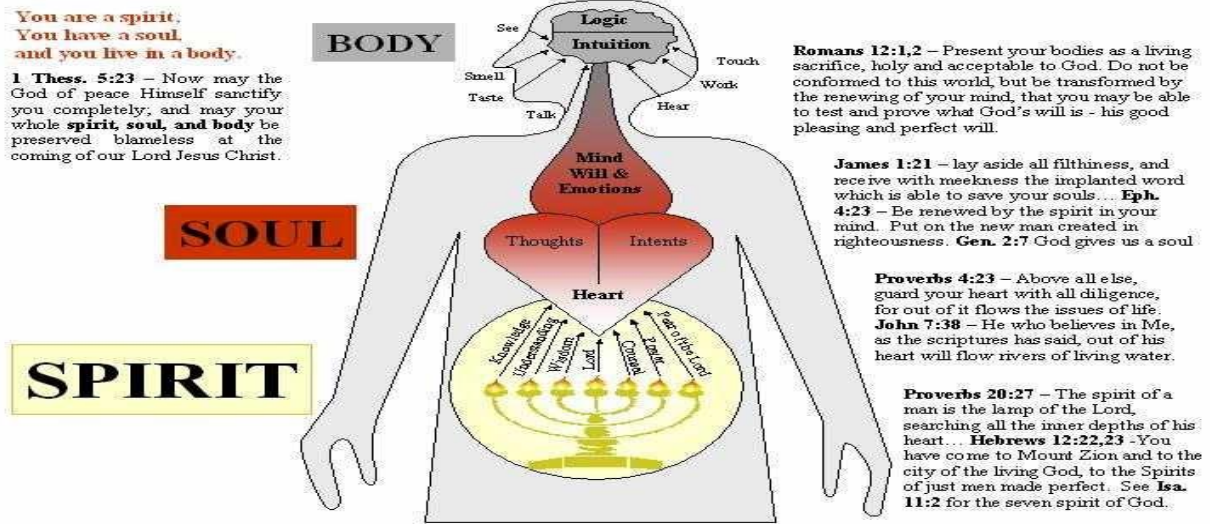
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Apostle Paul tells us in [Ephesians 4:23](#) to continually be renewed in the spirit of our mind and he tells us in [Colossians 3:10](#), “and have put on the new [spiritual] self who is being *continually* renewed in true knowledge in the image of Him who created the new self-” (biblegateway.com – AMP). Since knowledge is acquired by the mind, and the mind is a part of the soul, we must be delivered in the soul from the things that happened to us in the past so we can be continually renewed in true knowledge in the image of God. In order for us to be able to continually be renewed in the spirit of our mind as Apostle Paul said in [Ephesians 4:23](#), we must seek the things above where Christ is seated on the right hand of God and not on the earth ([Colossians 3:1-2](#)). Also, we are to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, THEN, EVERYTHING else will follow ([Matthew 6:33](#)). Katie Souza teaches about healing the soul; [click here](#) for the link to her teachings; [click here for Katie's ministry page](#).

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When the battles between our two natures ([Romans 7:14-25](#)) begin to rage on the inside of us, we should ask ourselves these questions: “Do I really believe God?” “Do I really believe that Jesus has healed me spiritually and physically?” The only way we will have victory over them, is to trust God and know that temptations will come ([Luke 17:1; 1 Peter 4:12-19](#)) but Jesus has made us more than conquerors ([Romans 8:31-39](#)). Also know, temptations does not come from God – [James 1:12-18](#) lets us know where they come from, along with letting us know, every good and perfect gift comes from God.

“¹² Blessed [happy, spiritually prosperous, favored by God] is the man who is steadfast under trial and perseveres when tempted; for when he has passed the test and been approved, he will receive the [victor’s] crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God” [for temptation does not originate from God, but from our own flaws]; for God cannot be tempted by [what is] evil, and He Himself tempts no one.

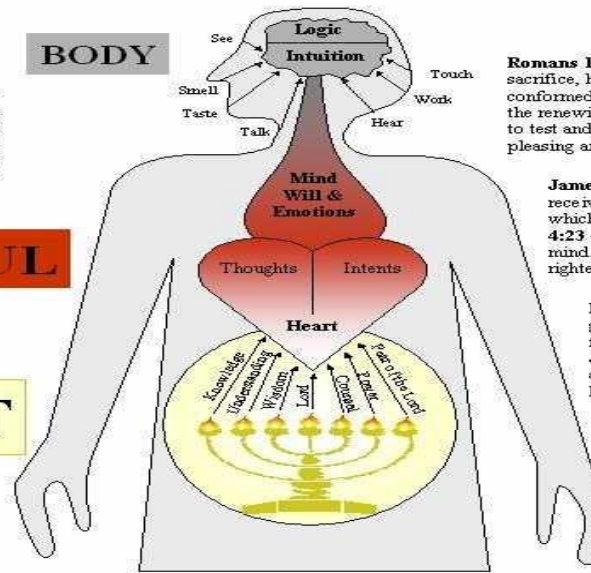
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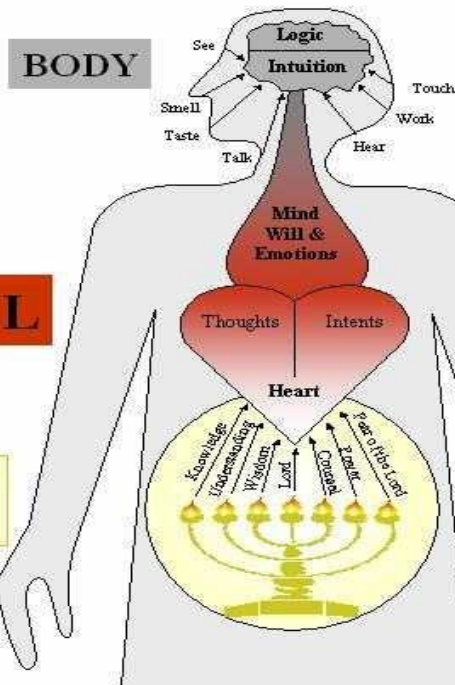
¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is dragged away, enticed and baited [to commit sin] by his own [worldly] desire (lust, passion). ¹⁵ Then when the illicit desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin has run its course, it gives birth to death. ¹⁶ Do not be misled, my beloved brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above; it comes down from the Father of lights [the Creator and Sustainer of the heavens], in whom there is no variation [no rising or setting] or shadow cast by His turning [for He is perfect and never changes]. ¹⁸ It was of His own will that He gave us birth [as His children] by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits of His creatures [a prime example of what He created to be set apart to Himself—sanctified, made holy for His divine purposes]” (biblegateway.com – AMP).

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3. **Body:** Before God breathed the breath of life into us, He formed us out of the dust of the ground (made our body) ([Genesis 2:7](#)). The body is where the spirit man and soul lives; it is the physical part of man. Jesus will redeem our body when He returns to get us ([1 Corinthians 15:52](#)). As I said before, flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God ([1 Corinthians 15:50](#)). Apostle Paul tells us in [Romans 12:1-2](#) to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. We are not to be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of our mind (soul – so the spirit man will win the battle over the soul); this way, we will be able to test and prove what God's will is – His good and perfect will.

In His Service,

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