

MasterLife

DISCUPLESHIP TRAINING

Be filled with the Spirit

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Disciple's Personality

- **Week 1: Do God's will**
- **Week 2: Renew your mind**
- **Week 3: Master your emotions**
- **Week 4: Present your body**
- **Week 5: Be filled with the Spirit**
- **Week 6: Live victoriously**

- **Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. (Eph. 5:18)**
 - **Which do you consider worse: being drunk or not being filled with the Spirit?**
 - **Is not being filled with the Spirit an option for Christians?**
 - **The apostles were accused of being drunk on the day of Pentecost. Why?**

Be filled with the Spirit

1. A changed Life
2. Your spirit and God's Spirit
3. Filled without limit
4. How to be filled
5. Accomplishing God's purpose

As a result of last week's study, you should be able to...

- 1. Explain the relationship between God's Spirit and human spirit;**
- 2. List four important facts about being filled with the Holy Spirit;**
- 3. Identify two purposes of being filled and explain the way God accomplishes each purpose;**
- 4. List three steps to being filled with the Spirit.**

1. A changed life

- **Something was missing: much effort, no fruit.**
 - Doing God's work without being filled with the Spirit
- **Everyone who has accepted Christ has the Holy Spirit living in him/her.**
- **But not everyone is filled with the Holy Spirit.**
- **God wants you to be filled and overflowing with his Spirit.**

2. Your spirit and God's Spirit

- When you are born of the Spirit, your spirit is made alive, and you are able to respond spiritually. The Holy Spirit helps you...
 - Understand spiritual things;
 - Allow God to work through you.
- The Holy Spirit and your spirit is different. God is holy, you are human. God's Spirit enters your personality through your human spirit. You are responsible for letting God's Spirit to come in.
- Revelation 3:20.

3. Filled without limit

- Not all Christians allow God to control their lives.
- You must first open the door before the Spirit of God can fill your personality.
- The Spirit will not fill you completely until you acknowledge Christ's lordship and submit to His authority.
- I would
 - Confess and forsake sin in my life;
 - Spend more time in Bible study and prayer;
 - Ask the Spirit to fill me;
 - Turn to God first when a crisis occurs;
 - Seek Christ-honoring solutions rather my solutions.

4. How to be filled

- Four important facts about “be filled with the Spirit:”
 1. **Passive voice.** It means you cannot do it to yourself. Only God can fill you.
 2. **Present tense.** You are to be filled now. Not latter.
 3. **Continuous action.** It means keep on be filled.
 4. **Imperative mood.** It’s an order from God. It’s not an option.

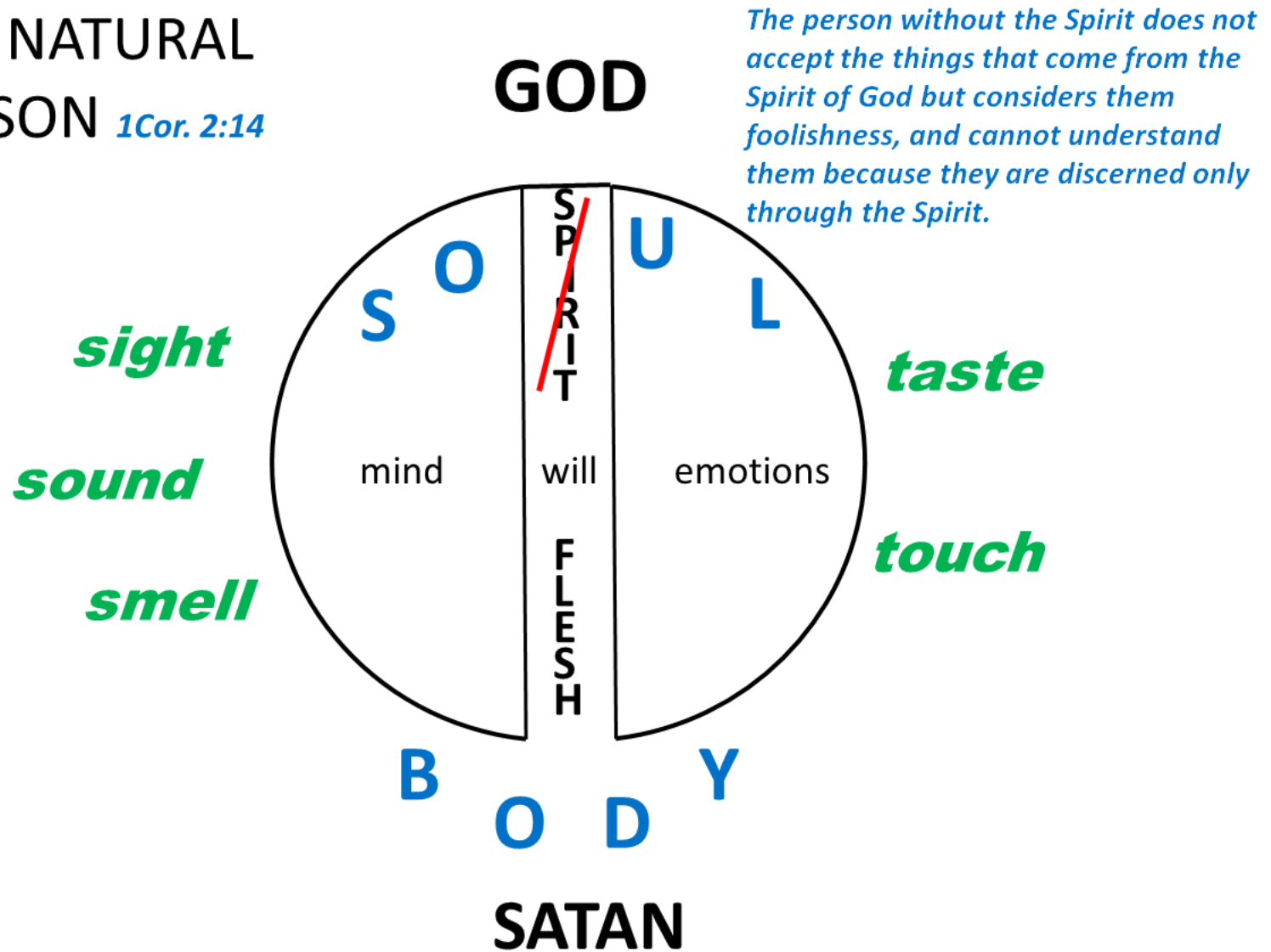
- **Three steps to be filled by the Holy Spirit:**
 - 1. Confess your sin, disobedience, and need for God's cleansing.**
 - 2. Present every member of your body to God. Offer them to be made righteous instruments in God's hand.**
 - 3. Ask God to fill, control, and empower you.**

- **God's purpose in filling you:**
 - 1. To develop Christ-like character in you.**
 - 2. To empower you to do his work.**

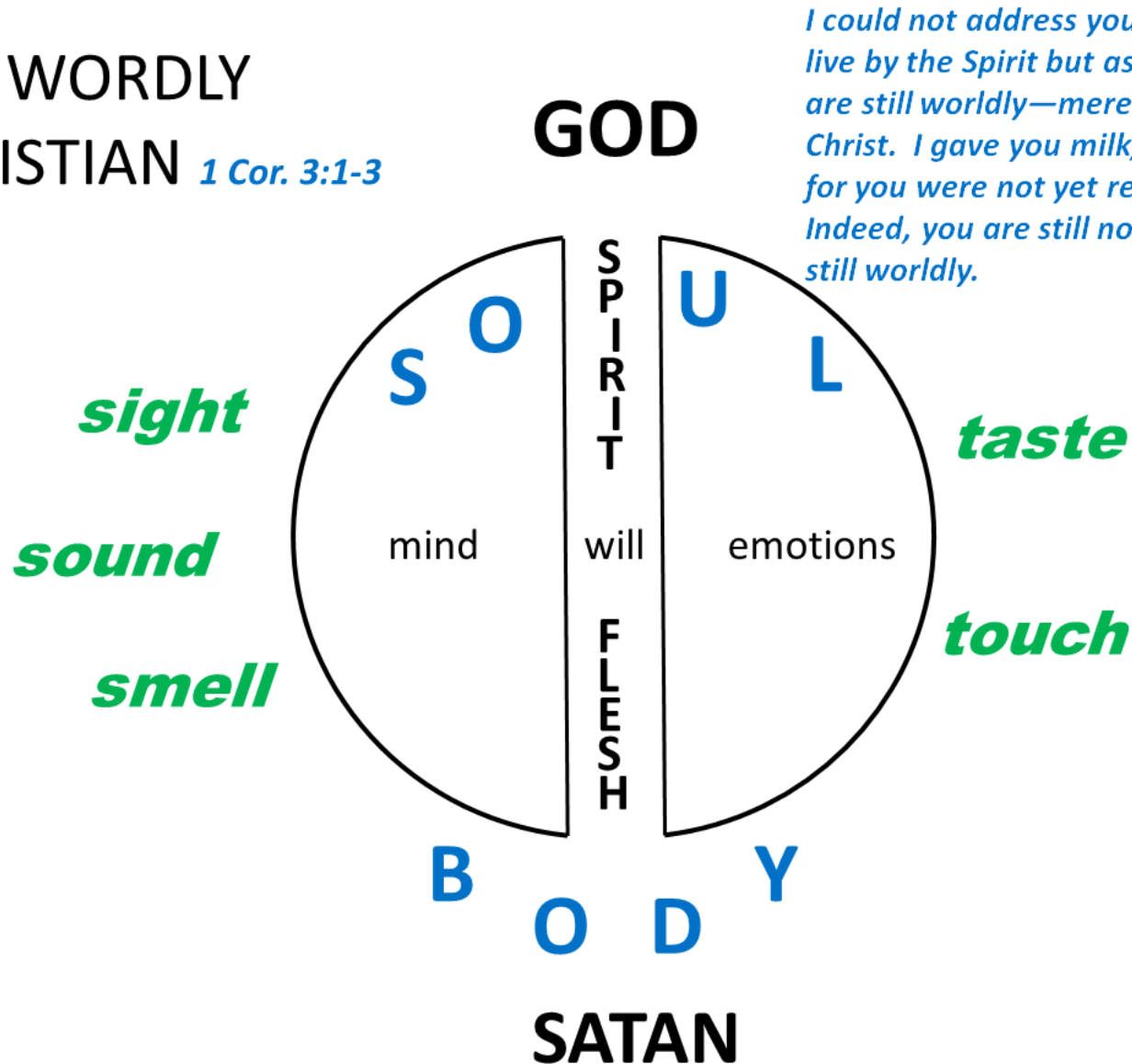
5. Accomplishing God's purpose

- God's first purpose in filling you with his Spirit is to develop Christ-like character in you. This purpose is accomplished through the fruit of the Spirit.
- God's second purpose in filling you with his Spirit is to equip you for His ministry. This purpose is accomplished through the gifts of the Spirits.

THE NATURAL PERSON *1Cor. 2:14*



THE WORDLY
CHRISTIAN *1 Cor. 3:1-3*



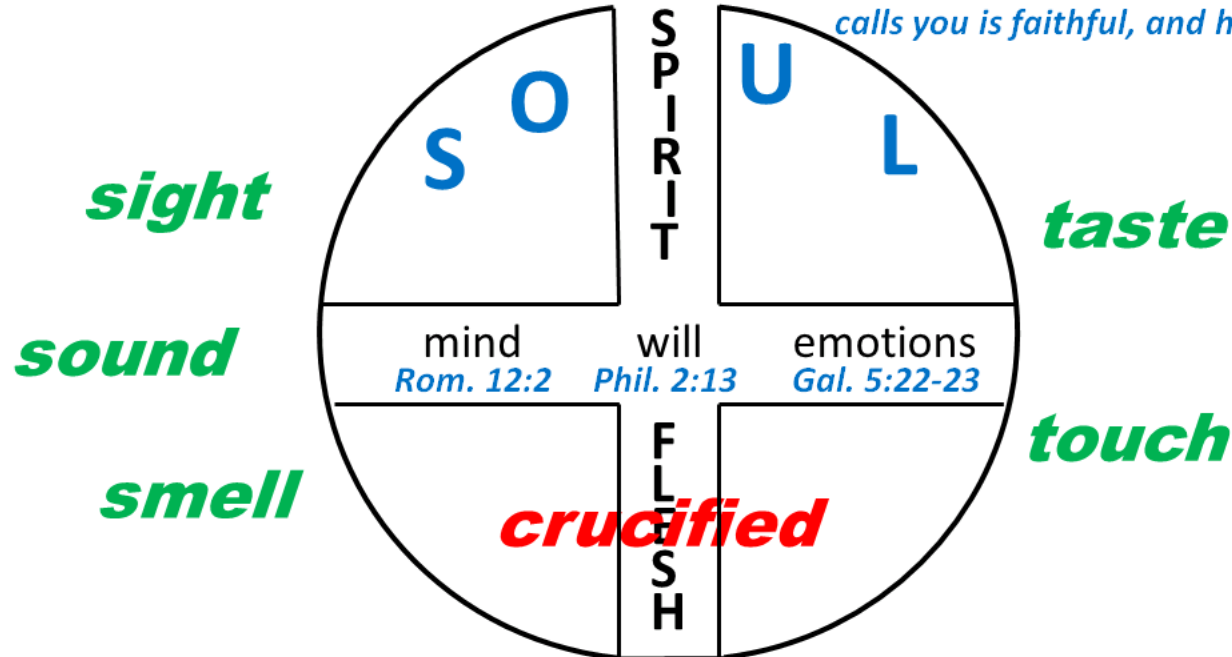
I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly.

THE SPIRITUAL CHRISTIAN

Gal 2:20
1 Thess. 5:23-24

GOD
Eph 5:18

*May God himself, the God of peace,
sanctify you through and through.
May your whole spirit, soul and body
be kept blameless at the coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who
calls you is faithful, and he will do it.*



1 Cor. 6:19-20

BODY
Rom. 6:12-13

Rom. 12:1

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Salvation Testimony

- **There are two kinds Christian testimonies:**
 1. Salvation testimony
 2. Life-experience testimony
- **P. 69, Salvation Testimony outline**
 1. My life and attitudes before I follow Christ.
 - Paul had not always followed Christ.
 2. How I realize that God was speaking to me.
 - God began to deal with Paul's rebellion.
 3. How I became a Christian.
 - Paul received Christ as his Lord.
 4. What being a Christian means to me.
 - Paul's new life was centered on Christ's purposes.

Next week's assignment

- P. 114, “my walk with the Master this week.”
- Pray for two lost people. Your coworkers or neighbors.
- 8/14/11, Testimony Workshop.

Small Group Time

1. Check each other's "my walk with the Master this week."
2. Quote memory verses Eph. 5:18, 1 Cor. 6:19-20, Romans 12:1-2, Phil. 2:13 to each other.
3. Practice explaining the Disciple's Personality to each other according to what you've learned so far.
4. **Sharing**: Share your experience of taking notes on a sermon this week.
5. **Testimony**: Share your 3-minute salvation testimony to each other. Critique and evaluate.
6. Practice Conversational Prayer with your group members.