

Created in the Image Of God

Part 1

Discipleship Community

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I. THE HUMAN “INNER BEING”

“For in my **inner being** I delight in God’s law.” Romans 7:22

“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your **inner being**.” Ephesians 3:16

The Bible refers to the “inner being” as:

HEART - MIND - SPIRIT - WILL All are synonymous terms.

The “inner being” is composed of THREE elements:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

All three elements of the “inner being” are _____ in that they effect each other.

THOUGHT - EMOTION - WILL = _____ .

“The heart is where we think, feel (experience emotion), and will the actions of our life . . . these three personal functions are joined together in inseparable unity in the depth of the heart. Thus there is an inevitable interchange between our thought, emotion, and will in our heart.”

For example, a change in our thought will bring change in our emotion and will, or behavior. The same is true with our emotion and will. A change in any one of the three functions brings change in the other two. This is only natural if all three are united in the core of our heart.”

-Dr. Robert Saucy, *Minding The Heart*, loc. 2659, Kindle e-book

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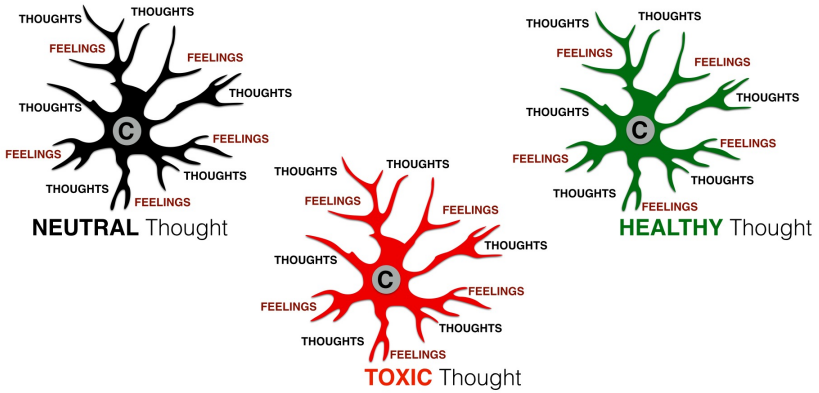
II. THE ANATOMY OF A THOUGHT

A Neuron is a thought/memory. You have 100 Billion neuron's in your brain.

“Neurons are interconnected in complex arrangements, and use electrochemical signals and neurotransmitter chemicals to transmit impulses from one neuron to the next; axon terminals are separated from neighboring neurons by a small gap called a synapse, across which impulses are sent.”

-https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Axon_terminal

THREE TYPES OF THOUGHTS



III. SHAPING FACTORS FOR THE HEART

IV. CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

All of God's creating requires _____ to survive.

"In the **beginning** God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

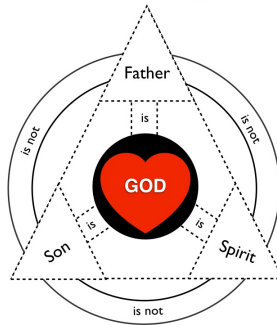
"For **by him all things were created**: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and **in him all things hold together**." Colossians 1:16-17

"He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life..." John 1:2-4a

"You alone are the Lord. You **made** the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the **earth** and **all** that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. **You give life to everything**, and the multitudes of heaven worship you. " Nehemiah 9:6

God is a **RELATIONAL** being

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"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message.

²¹that all of them may be one, **Father, just as you are in me and I am in you**. May they also be **in us** so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²⁴I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as **we are one**: ²³I in them and you in me. May they be brought to **complete unity** to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

John 17:20-23

God exists as a self-sustaining community of three persons in one— each one loving the other.

"God is exalted, and we do not know Him; the number of His years is unsearchable." Job 36:26

"Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God." Psalm 90:2

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, 'who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.'" Revelation 1:8

LOVE IS THE OXYGEN OF THE SOUL

People are not self-sustaining. In order to flourish, we depend upon love outside of ourself.

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

God is the source of love—He _____ it! God is a love producing factory.

ISOLATION = _____ .

"The Lord God said, 'It's not good for man to be alone.'" Genesis 2:18

RELATIONSHIP is _____ .

"The most important human need is to be loved. Our relationship with God and others is what life and love are all about. . . . People need connection with God and others. We are hardwired for it in every neuron in our brain. Biological systems predispose us to form and sustain enduring, nurturing relationships. We need to be loved and nurtured by one another, always."

-Dr. Catherine Hart Weber, *Flourish: Discover Vibrant Living*, 71.

V. THE CAUSE AND EFFECTS OF SIN

