

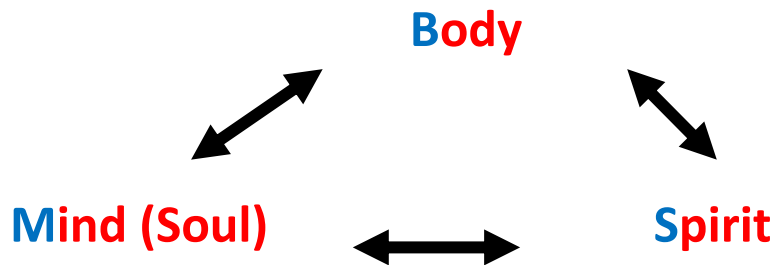


FINDING FULFILLMENT IN YOUR GOD-GIVEN PURPOSE

How can I discover true fulfillment in what I do? Your key to opening that door comes when you begin to discover how God has wonderfully made you who you are. It also comes as you experience God's call and leading in your daily life. Both, knowing your true self and how your unique gifts/talents are called forth by the Love of God, is an invitation to everyone from Jesus Himself. It is a day to day journey of trust.

TWO THINGS TO CONSIDER:

1. New Testament Description of *Being* Human:



1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. New Testament Description of *Acting* Human:



Romans 8:6 ⁶ For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

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MY GOD-GIVEN SHAPE

Spiritual gifts

"... Each man has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that." 1 Cor. 7:7b

Heart's desire (passion)

"God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose..." Rev. 17:17

"For it is God who works in you, inspiring both the will and the deed, for his own chosen purpose!" Phil. 2:13 (NEB)

Abilities

"There are different abilities to perform service..." Cor. 12:6

"I (God) . . . have given him skill, ability, and knowledge in all kinds of crafts . . ." (Exodus 31:3)

". . . our competence comes from God." 2 Cor. 3:5b

Personality

"Your life is shaped by your thoughts. . ." Pr. 4:23 (GN)

Experience

"And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans." Rom. 8:28 (LB)

(Courtesy of Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose Driven Church*)