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YOUR INNER MAN

I Thessalonians 5:14-24

The enemy is a Scandalous Being. In fact he is a SCANDAL. What do you think Gladiators? The enemy is building an EMPIRE. He has a BLACKLIST filled with the names of the HAVES and the HAVE NOTS. His ANATOMY IS GRAY and for BETTER OR WORSE he does not want you to LOVE YOUR NIEGHBOR. Satan can SLAP you with a STATE OF AFFAIRS like a DESPERATE HOUSE WIFE. On a serious note: you must realize that the enemy has an agenda and it is to pervert the Word of God. He wants you to believe that there is no wrong, no sin, no hell and no God. He wants your total ALLEGIANCE! If you are watching or hearing something that belittles God and His Word stop watching it. The enemy is challenging your *Inner Man!* What you are feeding *Your Inner Man?*

Surely, you are acquainted with your *Inner Man*. It is *Spirit* which makes a bold statement of who you are. Your *Inner Man* is responsible for forming relationships, making decisions and exhibiting spiritual conversations: your talking, your walking and your appearance. Your *Inner Man* is Valuable! SS My *Inner Man* is Valuable!

David's plea in *Psalms 51:10* after he had sinned was "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation..." He wanted to start over. He wanted to be righteous before God. *Job 32:8* reads "But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." This is your *Inner Man!*

Your spirit/your Inner Man is so very important. It is your decision maker. Life is all about choices. You have to make a choice. We have to live out the consequences of our choices. God help us to make good choices.

What kind of spirit resides in you? Is it a kind spirit, a mean spirit, a good spirit or perhaps an arrogant spirit? Do you possess an humble spirit or a prideful one? *Proverbs 16:18* – "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." The spirit you choose is your choice. What you feed it is your choice!

I John 3:24 – "And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us." God gave us His spirit and it is up to us to feed it!

In this Book of I Thessalonians, Paul addresses some ethnical issues in a letter to the Church at Thessalonica. Though they were faithful in spreading the gospel, they were having some misconceptions about God's plan for those who died before the coming of Christ and they needed some instructions on how to live as a Christian.