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Spirit-soul (heart, inner person, self)
= the deepest part of our being as human

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## Proverbs 4:20-23

- <sup>20</sup> My son, pay attention to my words; listen closely to my sayings.
- <sup>21</sup> Don't lose sight of them; keep them within your heart.
- <sup>22</sup> For they are life to those who find them, and health to one's whole body.
- <sup>23</sup> <u>Guard your heart above all else,</u> for it is the source of life.

### Hebrews 4:12

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of <u>soul and spirit</u>, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

#### Matthew 15:16-20

<sup>16</sup> "Do you still lack understanding?" he asked. <sup>17</sup> "Don't you realize that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is eliminated? <sup>18</sup> <u>But what comes out of the mouth comes from the heart</u>, and this defiles a person.
 <sup>19</sup> For from the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adultories sexual immeralities thefts false testimonies.

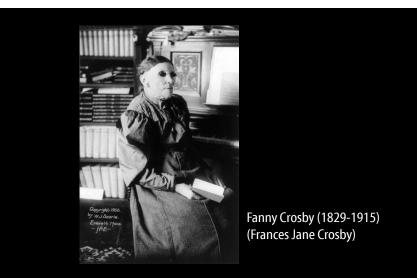
adulteries, sexual immoralities, thefts, false testimonies, slander. <sup>20</sup> These are the things that defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile a person."

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- 1. Our spirits-souls are the control centers of our lives. (Prov 4:20-23)
- 2. Our spirits-souls need to be healthy in order to live the life that God wants us to live. (Eph 4:17-24)

#### Ephesians 4:17-24

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, I say this and testify in the Lord: You should no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thoughts. <sup>18</sup> They are darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them and because of the hardness of their hearts. <sup>19</sup> They became callous and gave themselves over to promiscuity for the practice of every kind of impurity with a desire for more and more.

<sup>20</sup> But that is not how you came to know Christ, <sup>21</sup> assuming you heard about him and were taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup> to take off your former way of life, the old self that is corrupted by deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup> to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, the one created according to God's likeness in righteousness and purity of the truth.

#### 2Corinthians 4:16

<sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not give up. Even though our outer person is being destroyed, <u>our inner person is being</u> <u>renewed day by day</u>.

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## <u>John 15:1-5</u>

<sup>1</sup> "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not produce fruit he removes, and <u>he prunes every branch that produces fruit so that it will</u> <u>produce more fruit.</u> <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me.

# Sharing & Praying Together

Being a Christian or not, in my life, the one thing I wish I could change about myself is \_\_\_\_\_

because \_\_\_\_\_

(no need to share your answer with the big group) (If you have questions, please share them with the big group if possible.)