

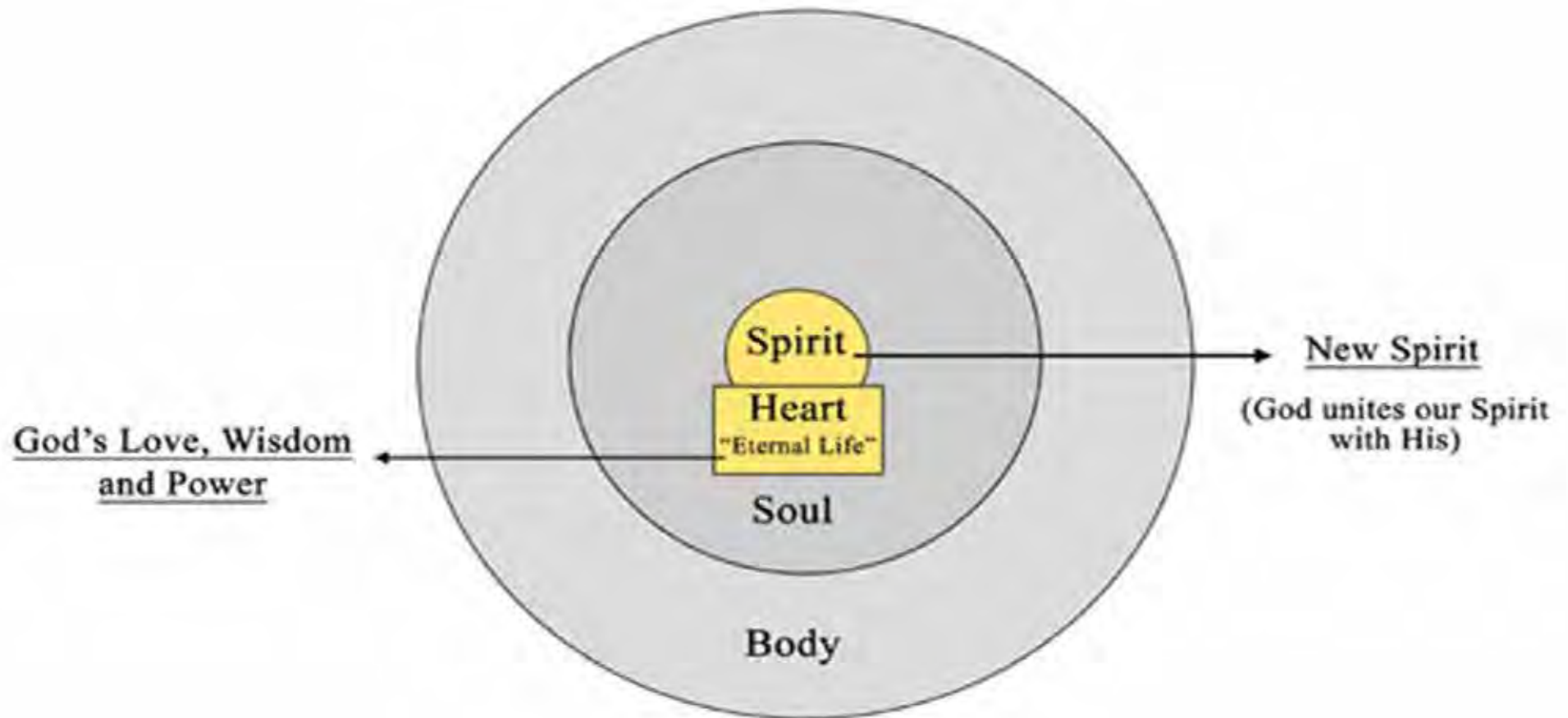
How to Deal With Satan

Matthew 4: 1-11

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How to make faith choices

Indwelling of the Spirit

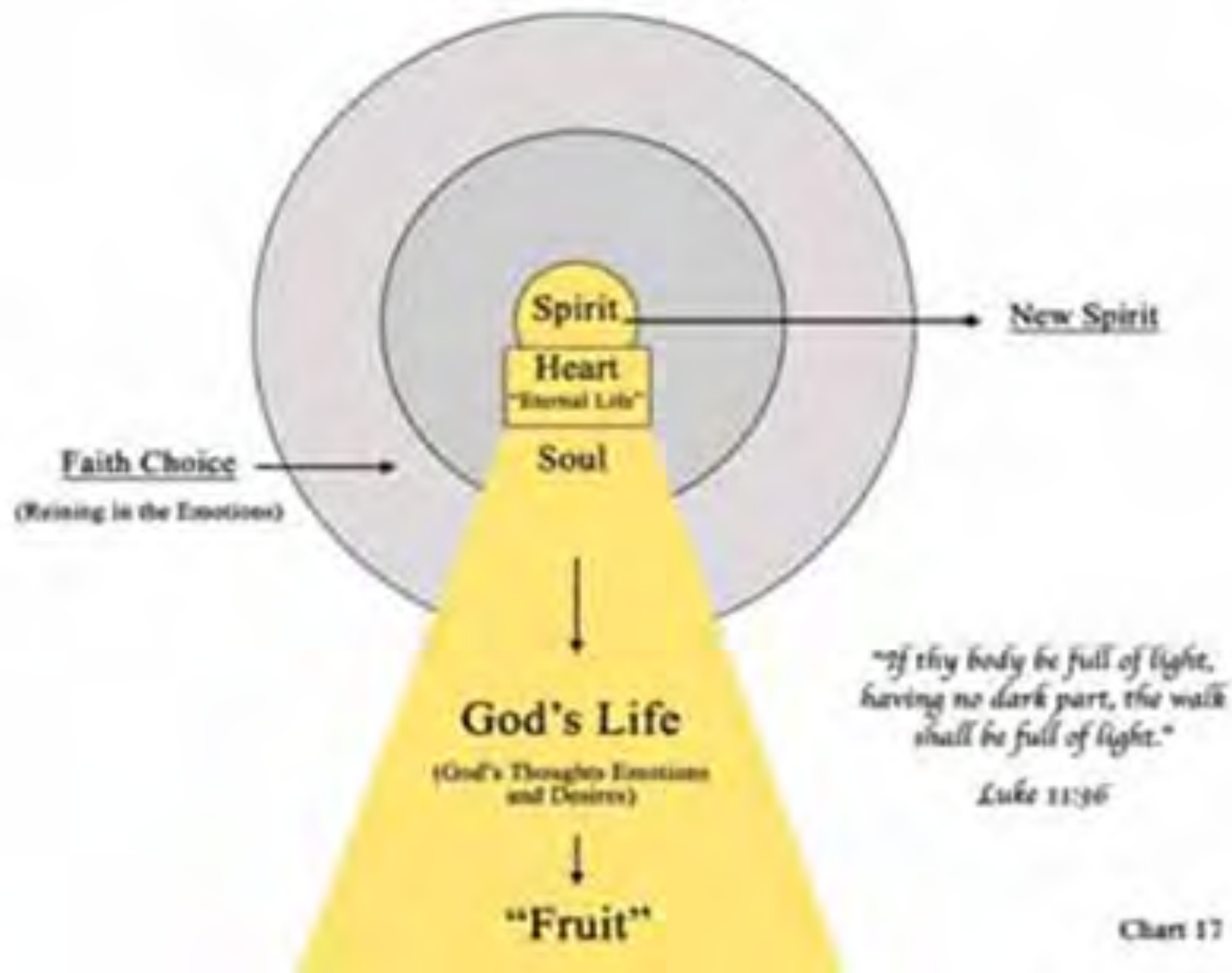


Spirit Comes In Us

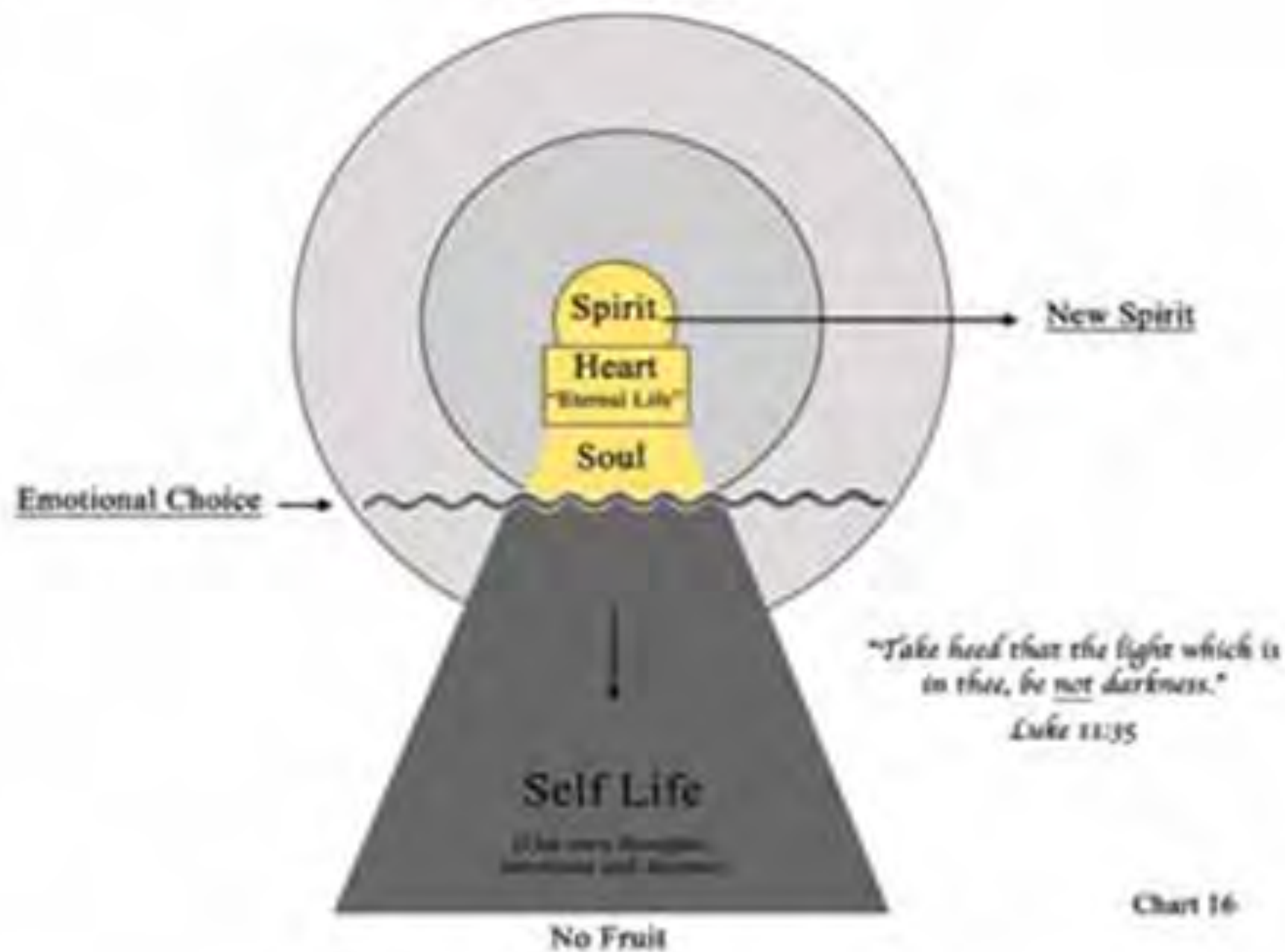
(The New Birth)

Single-Mindedness

(One Life Being Lived)



Double-Mindedness (Living Two Lives)



We glorify God by obeying God!

When we obey God, we please God!

***“This is my beloved Son in whom
I am well pleased.”***

Matthew 3: 17

Verse 1 - 2

**Jesus' character is tested by
Satan - *the wilderness***

What is character?

- Strength of moral fiber
- The excellence of moral being
(Tozer)
- Character is influenced and developed by our choices =
Faith choice or Flesh choice

The tempter chooses his spots; he comes at an opportune time

You will pass your character test if:

- 1) If you are yielded to the Holy Spirit's control**
- 2) If you remain in Christ**
- 3) If you stay connected to your power source**
- 4) If you do not rely on your own strength**
- 5) If you make faith choices, not flesh choices**

***You can, through the Spirit,
overcome the tempter!***

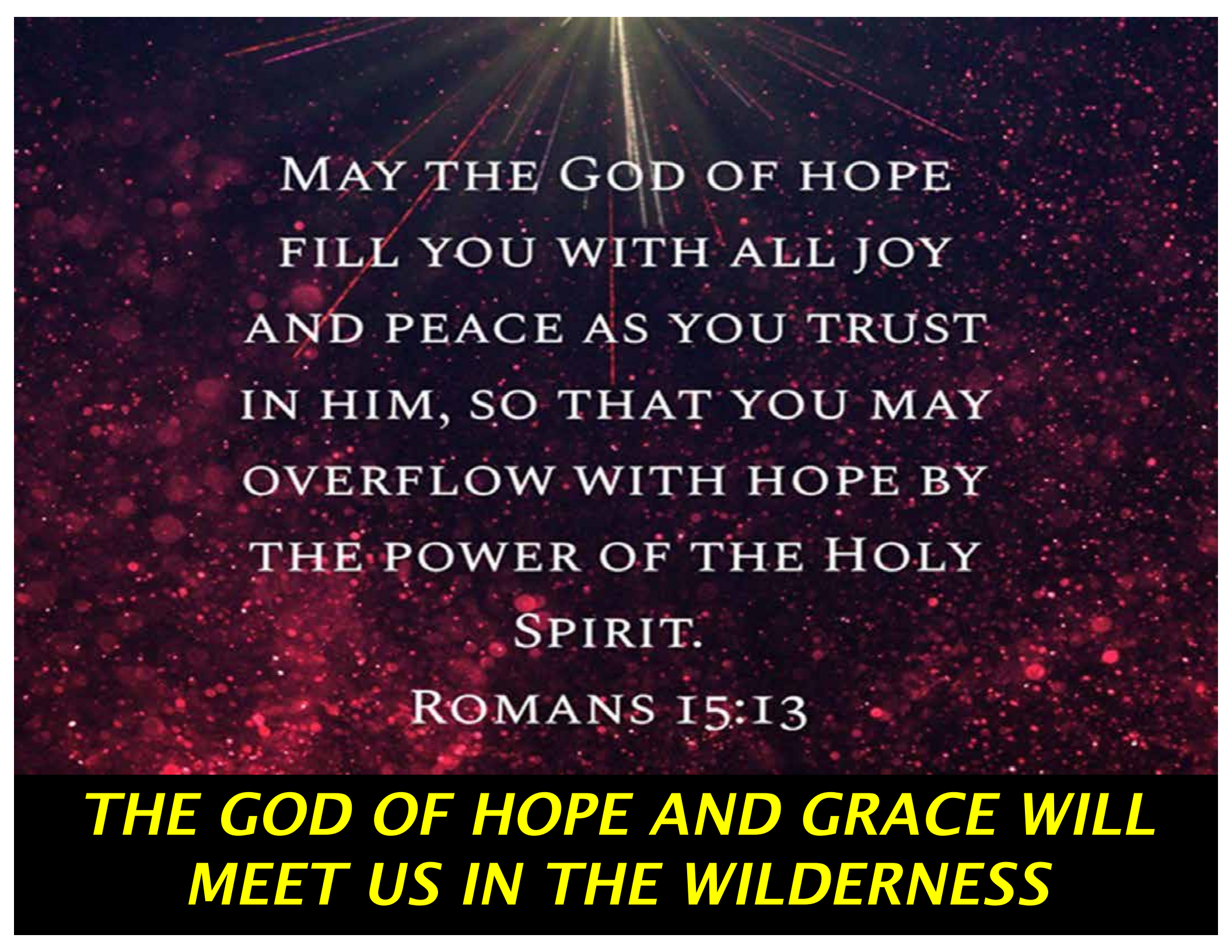
The wilderness, what is it?

It is a time of God-ordained testing

What do we learn in the wilderness?

The wilderness is a place that we learn to rely on God alone for our needs

*The wilderness is a place where the **GOD OF HOPE** breaks through the fog of life*



MAY THE GOD OF HOPE
FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY
AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST
IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY
OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY
THE POWER OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT.

ROMANS 15:13

***THE GOD OF HOPE AND GRACE WILL
MEET US IN THE WILDERNESS***

Verse 3 - 4

The First Temptation – *the flesh*

Satan is a tempter and a slanderer; he accuses and divides; he is a liar and a murderer – John 8: 44

THE TEST:

Satan is tempting Jesus to act independent of God

Jesus' mission and purpose is total submission to the will of God
John 6: 38

**All temptations come from the world,
the flesh and the devil**

**How did Jesus deal with temptations of
the flesh?**

“It is written”

**In dealing with the devil, you *must*
know and use the Word of God!**

The Word of God is your sword!

Ephesians 6:17

Verse 5 - 7

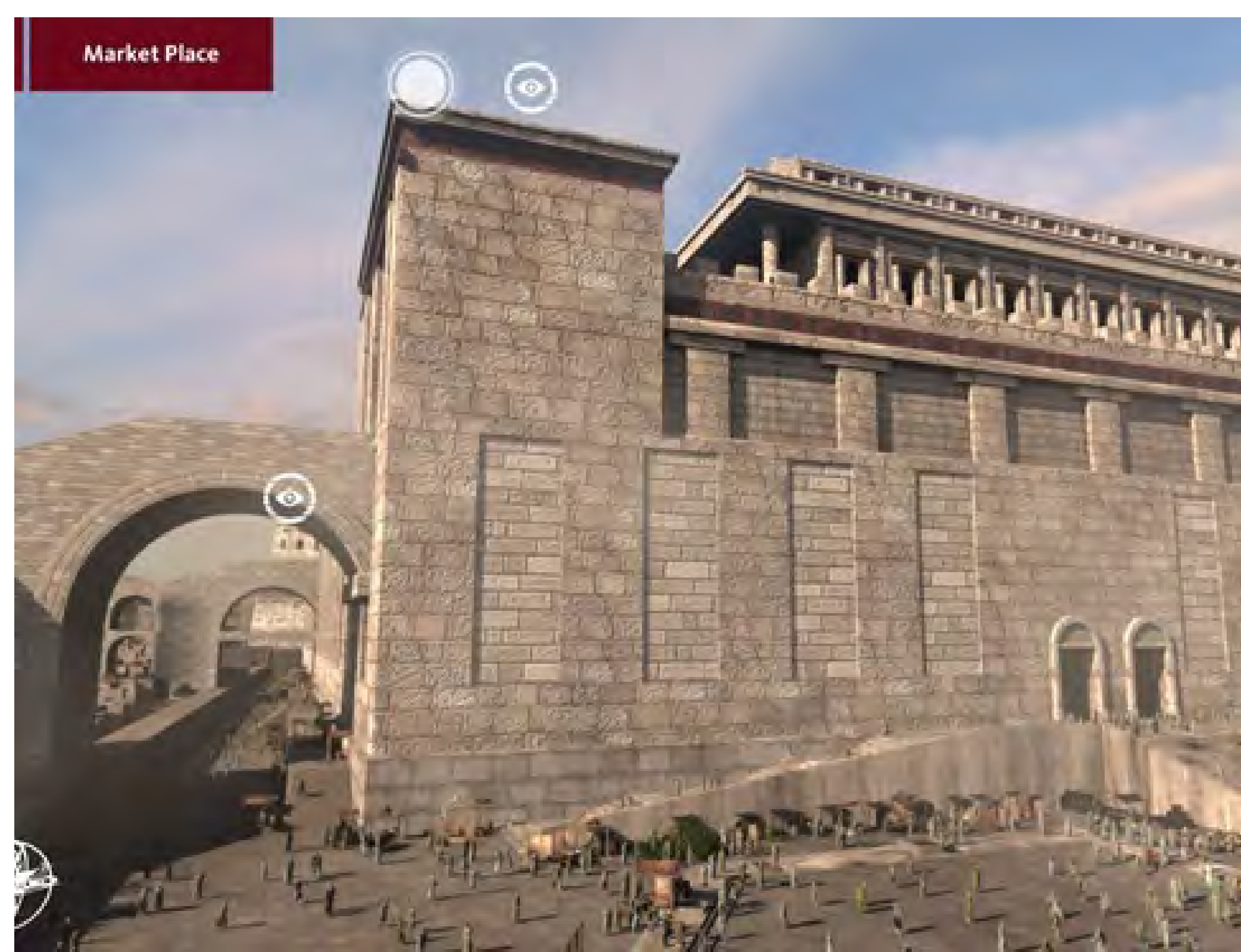
The Second Temptation
- *the world*

This is world-pride test

Christ is tempted to attract
attention by doing the spectacular
= *pride*

To presume upon God to rescue
Him from something God did not
tell Him to do

Market Place





MY WAY

MY WILL VS GOD'S WILL

NO EXIT

NEXT EXIT

GOD'S
WAY



MY
WAY



Verse 8 - 11

The Third Temptation
- *the devil*

The devil is sly; he is presenting
Jesus with a COMPROMISE!

You can have all the kingdoms
of this world, Jesus, just
worship me (Satan) –

COMPROMISE!

Avoid the cross, take the easy
way, no suffering, no sacrifice –

COMPROMISE!

COMPROMISE is the devil's tool;
compromise your integrity,
character, take the easy way!

Jesus sets Satan straight:

“Away with you Satan!”

Scripture tells us how to handle Satan's temptations:

- 1) Make a faith choice instead of a flesh choice – Galatians 5: 16
- 2) Say NO to his schemes – Ephesians 6: 11
- 3) We are instructed to flee the flesh 2 Timothy 2: 22
- 4) We are instructed by James to resist – James 4: 7

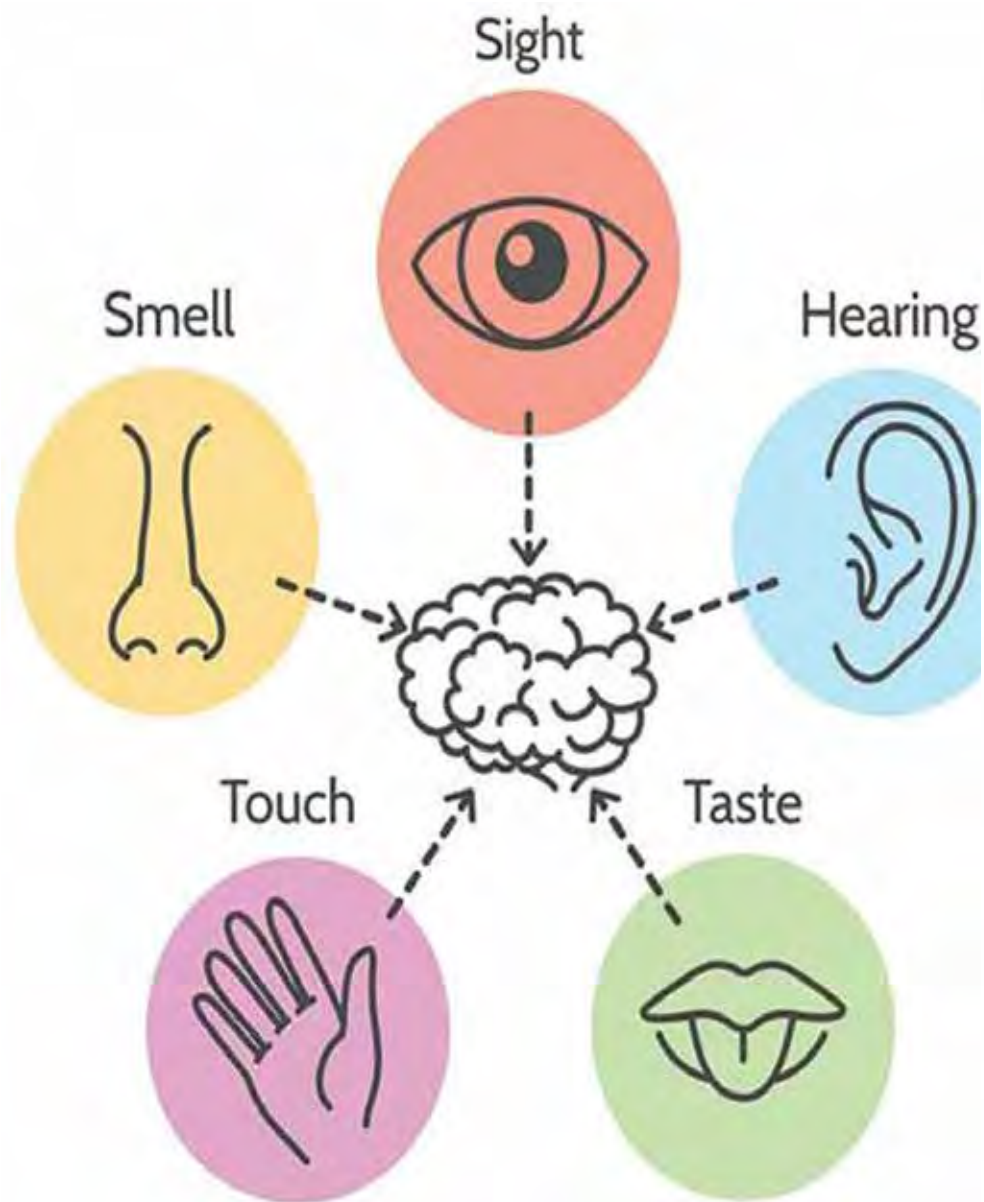
CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Two errors people make with the devil (C.S. Lewis)

- 1) Too much emphasis on the devil - the devil of everything!
*The devil cannot make you do anything***
- 2) Do not believe the devil at all!**

**How does Satan have access to
your mind?**

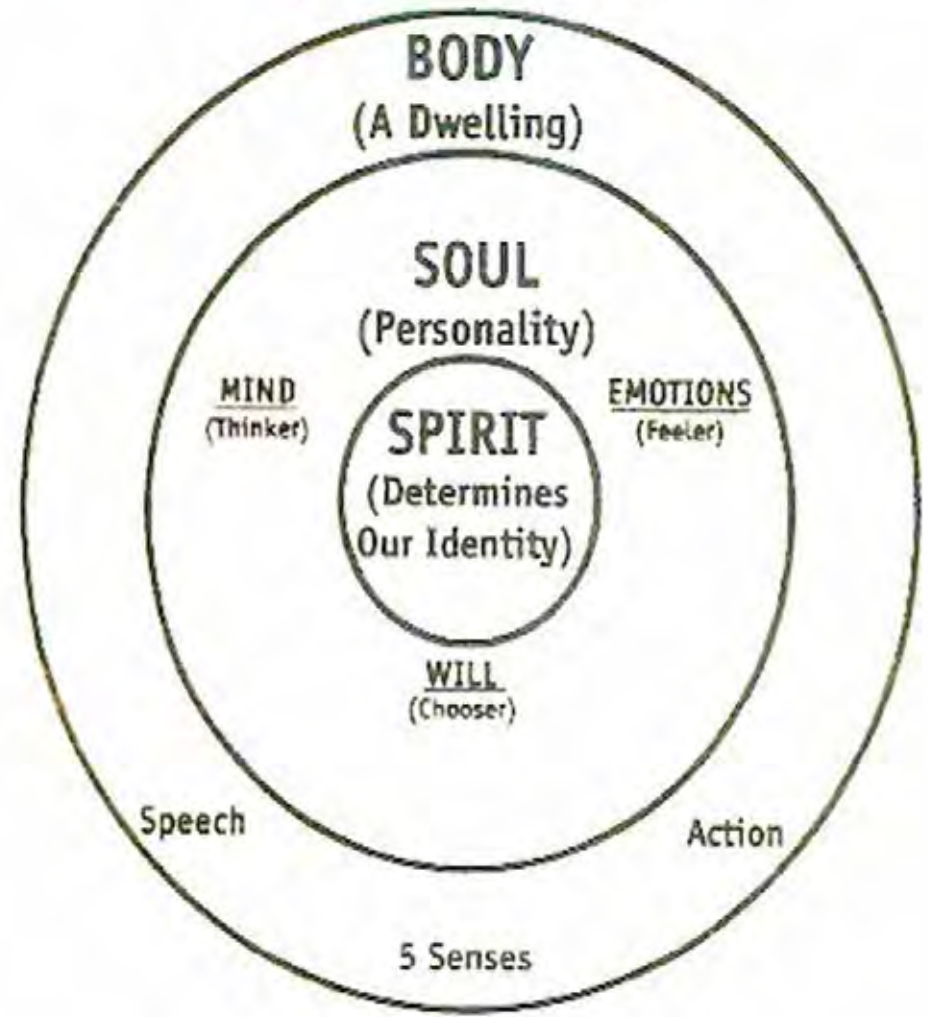
**Through your God-given
senses**



A Biblical Picture of Man

Man — A Three-Part Whole

(I Thessalonians 5:23)



Our minds are not wired for constant negative, ungodly inputs



There is a giant coming to *America!*



What do we need to navigate these troubled waters?

GOD'S WISDOM!

WISDOM = *God's chokhmah*

The ability to judge correctly and skillfully; to be wise in mind, word, or action

Proverbs 2: 6

**Take a break from technology and
practice the presence of God!**

**Let us allow Chuck Swindoll to help us
to relax our minds:**

**How do we deal with Satanic
technology overload?**

STOP

SOLITUDE

SURRENDER

SOVEREIGNTY

***IN THIS YOU WILL FIND PEACE
IN A WORLD OF CHAOS!***

This is how we deal with Satan

This is how we maintain *our*
character, our integrity, and
our sanity!

***PRACTICE THE PRESENCE
OF GOD!!***



Practicing the Presence of God



STOP

We are commanded to stop (literally)...rest, relax, let go, and make time for God. The scene is one of stillness and quietness, listening and waiting before Him. Such foreign experiences in these busy times! Nevertheless, knowing God deeply and intimately requires such discipline. Silence is indispensable if we hope to add depth to our spiritual life.

Psalm 46:10 *Be still and know that I am God.*

SOLITUDE

Solitude is an oasis of the soul where we see ourselves, others, and especially our God in new ways. In solitude, struggles occur that no one else knows about. Inner battles are fought here that seldom become fodder for sermons or illustrations for books. God, who probes our deepest thoughts during protracted segments of solitude, opens our eyes to things that need attention. It is here He makes us aware of those things we try to hide from others.

Psalm 94:19 *When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, your consolations delight my soul.*

SURRENDER

Anyone whose determined purpose is to become more deeply and intimately acquainted with God cannot retain the rights to his own position or place...or be anxiously preoccupied with working out the details of his own life. There must be complete and unqualified reliance on the Living Lord. In other words, one must develop the discipline of surrender.

Psalm 62:5 *My soul, wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from Him.*

SOVEREIGNTY

God is fully trustworthy. I am finally learning this. I'm finally learning that His sovereign plan is the best plan. That whatever I entrust to Him, He can take care of better than I. That nothing under His control can ever be out of control. That everything I need, He knows about in every detail. That He is able to supply, to guide, to start, to stop, to sustain, to change and to correct in His time and for His purposes. When I keep my hands out of things, His will is accomplished, His Name is exalted, and His glory magnified.

2 Thessalonians 3:5 *May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.*