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"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your <u>soul</u> is getting along well." 3 John 2

"The Lord is my shepherd...He restores my **soul**." Ps. 23

"As a deer pants for water, so my **soul** longs for you." Ps. 42

"Bless the Lord O my **soul**, and all that is within me bless his holy name." Ps. 103 The Psalms are the key tool that God uses in the spiritual formation of our souls.

From God's perspective, the most important thing about you is not what you are achieving or possessing; but who you are becoming.



The Soul is consistently seeking integrity with one's self, others and God.

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The soul needs a keeper and that keeper is you.

SOUL = 'nephesh'

'The word, nephesh in Hebrew is repeatedly described as longing or wanting or striving, like a stomach or throat, always craving yet never satisfied.

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! *Come, buy wine and milk* without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what **does not satisfy**? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare." Isa. 55:1-2

"The paradox of the soul is that it is incapable of satisfying itself, but it is also incapable of living without satisfaction. We were made for soulsatisfaction, a satisfaction that is only found in God." John Ortberg

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How do we pursue a satisfied soul?

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Embrace the fact that sin has caused our souls' dissatisfaction.

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"My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water."

Jer. 2:13

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Embrace the fact that as much as our bodies need water, our souls need to be with God.

"And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my <u>soul</u> shall not reject you." Lev. 26:11

"Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the <u>breath of life</u>, and the man became a living being." Gen. 2:7 "And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your <u>soul</u> will be required of you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

Luke 12:19-20

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Prioritizing a time to meet with God positions your soul to be satisfied by God.

What you consistently set your eyes on has a direct effect on the satisfaction of your soul.



"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

The law of the LORD is perfect, <u>reviving</u> <u>the soul</u>. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple."

Ps. 19:1-2;7

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people." Eph. 1:18

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See the gifts of God as signs pointing you to Godthe God who can satisfy thirsty souls.



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"When David says that the love of God is better than life and therefore better than all the beauty that life means, he is not denying that all these good things come from the love of God. He is saying that his heart has not settled (even gratefully!) on the beauty of God's gifts, but yearns for the infinitely greater beauty of the Giver!" -John Piper

Our souls have great need, because God is great in supply!

Are you experiencing 'Strategic Dissatisfaction?'

Jesus continually invites the thirsty among us!

"Come! Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life." Rev. 22:17