



## Lesson : Leadership Lessons from the Word

### The Big Idea:

### **Bring It All Together**

“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

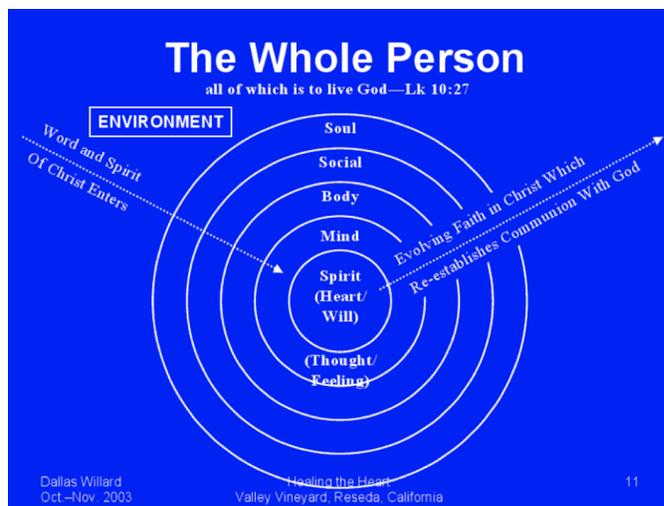
*1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NIV)*

Can you think of a time when bringing something together required the priority of considering the order in which the process took place? Imagine making a pie or putting an automobile back together. You would not put in the pie filling before the crust or leave out any of the pieces of the car designed to be used. In I Thessalonians 5:23, Paul is talking about three components of every human being. They are all required and must be integrated as designed. The soul is the seat of emotions and makes us conscious of our being. The body connects us to our environment, and the spirit is the real core, existence of our being. “As human beings, we live eternally as a spirit, we have a soul, and we dwell in a body”. <https://www1.cbn.com/questions/what-are-the-three-parts-of-man>

### The Whole Person

“[Jesus] matters because of what he brought and what he still brings to ordinary human beings, living their ordinary lives and coping daily with their surroundings. He promises wholeness for their lives. In sharing our weaknesses he gives us strength and imparts through his companionship a life that has the quality of eternity.” (Dallas Willard in Ruthless Trust - Brennan Manning)”

— Dallas Willard, [The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God](#)





## **Biblical Hospitality: Bringing It All Together (Spirit, Soul & Body)**

As Christians, God designed ordinary people to live integrated lives in community extending a form of biblical hospitality only possible when living lives that are not disintegrated individually or collectively. In her work, *Biblical Hospitality: An Environment for Leader Development*, Dr. Joanne Holz expands the more widely used definition of biblical hospitality (“welcoming the other”) quoting Christine Valters Paintner:

“both an inner and outer spiritual practice that not only welcomes the other external to ourselves but welcomes in all of the exiled pieces of ourselves, essential for the healing of the world...”.

### *A Thought to Ponder:*

**What would it look like to discover the exiled pieces of ourselves bringing them authentically to God for renewal and integration?**

### *What Difference Would It Make:*

**- to the world and our witness if we modeled lives genuinely integrated in community?**

### *Suggested Resources:*

Biblical Hospitality: An Environment for Leader Development  
by  
Dr. Joanne Holz

READ THE ENTIRE WORK

Biblical Hospitality: An Environment for Leader Development by Major Dr. Joanne Holz  
<http://digitalcommons.georgefox.edu/dmin/133>

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