

Mark 12:28–30 One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is ONE LORD; ³⁰ AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'..." (NASB)

Deuteronomy 6:4–5 Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (NASB)

How do you love God with all your soul?

- "Soul" in Greek = _____
- "Soul" in Hebrew = _____

III John 1–6 The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth. ² Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers. ³ For I was very glad when brethren came and testified to your truth, that is, how you are walking in truth. ⁴ I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth. ⁵ Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially when they are strangers; ⁶ and they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. (NASB)

Three Practices of the Prosperous Soul:

III John 3–4 For I was very glad when <u>brethren came and testified to your truth, that is, how you are walking in</u> <u>truth</u>. ⁴ I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

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III John 5–6 Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially when they are strangers; ⁶ and they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God.

III.

Mark 8:34–37 And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.³⁵ For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and <u>forfeit his soul</u>?³⁷ For what will a man give in exchange <u>for his soul</u>? ..."

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Something to take home and chew on!

1. How is it with your soul? Would you say that you have a soul that prospers? What could you do to cultivate a prosperous soul?

2. What would it look like for you to walk daily in the truth?

3. What would it look like for you to act faithfully in your relationships in life?

4. What would it look like for you to deny yourself and follow Jesus?

5. When do you feel like your soul is defeated? Restless? Tired? Prospering?

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ANSWER KEY:

Greek: <u>PSUCHE</u> ψυχή

נְפֶשׁ Hebrew: <u>NEPHESH</u>

I. WALK IN THE TRUTH

II. ACT FAITHFULLY

III. DENY SELF, TAKE UP CROSS, AND FOLLOW JESUS

Point: THE SOUL THAT LOVES, PROSPERS.