



Introduction

? How many differing understandings of the soul are you aware of in today’s culture? Why do you think it is so difficult to concisely define a person’s “soul”?

? What items can you think of that are described by using “soul” as an adjective? What commonly shared effects do those different items have on a person who partakes of them? What do those commonly shared qualities indicate about the experience of a satisfied soul?

**1. Loving God with the Soul by Knowing His Word
(Matthew 22:37; Colossians 3:16-17)**

? What has been the most life-changing thing that God has shown you as you studied Scripture in the last month? How did that discovery impact the way you lived in the following days? How is it continuing to have an impact now?

? How do you know if you are doing something “in the name of the Lord Jesus”? How would you explain it to someone seeking to apply this passage?

**2. Loving God with the Soul in Key Relationships
(Colossians 3:18-22)**

? What about familial relationships make them formidable testing grounds for loving God with all one’s soul? How would you describe the impact of the heightened intimacy in familial relationships?

- ❓ How does Paul's inclusion of the qualifiers "in the Lord" and "pleases the Lord" raise the level of accountability for those addressed? Why would this make loving the Lord with one's soul all the more important?
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3. Loving God in Everything Done (Colossians 3:23-24)

- ❓ Describe a time when you worked in an environment in which working as worship seemed impossible. What did you find to be the most effective way to maintain a spirit of thanksgiving and soul love for God?
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- ❓ Who in your life comes to mind when you think of joyfully serving God through their occupation? What does that indicate to you about their relationship with Christ?
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Conclusion

- ❓ How would you describe your work ethic? If you were your supervisor, how much joy and godliness would you be exposed to day in and day out? How would you like that answer to change in the next six months? What should be your first step?
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- ❓ How often during a typical week do you benefit from an infusion of God's Word? What differences do you notice when you miss those regular appointments?
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- ❓ What relationships in your life would benefit the most from your pursuing harmony and reconciliation? What particular factors would make you hesitant to do so? How would pursuing that restoration mirror Christ?
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Daily Readings

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| - Monday - Proverbs 1:7 | - Thursday - 1 Peter 3:15 |
| - Tuesday - Proverbs 2:6 | - Friday - Proverbs 18:15 |
| - Wednesday - Philippians 1:9-11 | - Saturday - Colossians 4:5-6 |