

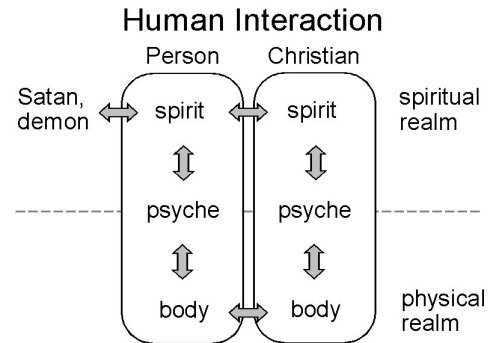
Spiritual Interaction with Other People

Intro

- Last week: As children of God, redeemed from sin, it's time to reclaim and redevelop the spiritual abilities God gave us!

Spiritual interaction with other people

- Every person has a spirit, regardless of their spiritual condition
- We clearly interact with others at physical level, but also spiritual level
- 1 Co 2:11, "For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God."
 - Based on our model of humans having spirit, psyche, and body, what part has or processes thoughts?
 - What does this verse imply about the interaction between the psyche and spirit?
- Mt 12:25, "Jesus knew their thoughts."
- Mt 9:4, "Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said . . ."
 - If a person's spirit knows his thoughts and we interact on the spiritual level, then how does one person know another person's thoughts?
- We affect each other spiritually
 - If you interact with a non-believer who's influenced by a demon, even if you don't know it, what response might you provoke in them?
 - How might that spiritual interaction affect you, even if you don't know their condition?
- We interact with people spiritually without realizing it
 - Have you ever known intuitively what someone's attitude was or what they were about to do?
 - Have you ever had an instantaneous reaction to someone you just met?
 - Have you ever felt drawn to someone, couldn't keep your eyes off of them or couldn't stop thinking about them, yet couldn't explain why?
 - Have you sensed someone's presence before you could see or hear them?
 - Do you believe love at first sight is possible?



Family

- Jn 3:6, “Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the [spirit] gives birth to spirit.”
- Ex 20:5, “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me.”
- 1 Co 7:13-14, “And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him. For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.”
 - What impact does a Christian have on immediate family who are not believers?
- Spiritual heads of families
 - You serve your family by destroying spiritual opposition
 - Everything you do affects every member of your family
 - Who you are spiritually influences who they become
 - Your intercession for them invites Father to work in their lives
 - Serve & protect
- Do you think this spiritual interaction among family members is affected by geographical distance? Explain.

Blessing

- May you become keenly aware of the spiritual interaction you have with others and use your spiritual senses to serve them.