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The Soul of a Disciple

נֶפֶשׁ NEP HESH

"and the man became a living being."

GENESIS 2:7



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"and the man became a living being."

a soul, living being, life, self, person



“The thief comes only to steal
and kill and destroy;
I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full.”

John 10:10



COLOSSIANS 1:3-6

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you.



COLOSSIANS 1:3-6

In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you **heard** it and truly **understood** God's grace.



**THE SOUL OF A DISCIPLE
IS REORIENTED AND ANCHORED
BY THE GOSPEL

AND NOTHING ELSE**

COLOSSIANS 1:9-10

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...



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ἐπίγνωσις EPIGNŌSIS

"We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives..."

precise & correct knowledge; insight



σοφία SOPHIA

"We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives..."

*mental excellence in its highest
and fullest sense; wisdom*



σύνεσις SYNESIS

"We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives..."

*a putting together in the mind;
apprehending the bearing of things;
discernment*



Πνευματικός PNEUMATIKOS

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pertaining to the spirit; spiritual



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COLOSSIANS 1:10

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**THE SOUL OF A DISCIPLE
GROWS AND GROWS
BY CONTINUALLY LEARNING
TO KNOW GOD BETTER**

DALLAS WILLARD

“As a disciple of Jesus I am with him, by choice and by grace, learning from him how to live in the kingdom of God. This is the crucial idea. That means, we recall, how to live within the range of God’s effective will, his life flowing through mine. Another important way of putting this is to say that **I am learning from Jesus to live my life as he would live my life if he were me.** I am not necessarily learning to do everything he did, but I am learning how to do everything I do in the manner that he did all that he did.”



The Divine Conspiracy



COLOSSIANS 1:11-12A

being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father...



**THE SOUL OF A DISCIPLE
IS ALWAYS FILLED
WITH JOY**

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”

Matthew 13:44



Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you.

Psalm 51:12

