

## Dividing to Connect in Prayer

Proverbs 20:27- The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

Hebrews 4:12- For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

How cerebral have our prayers become? Are we receiving optimum opportunity to communicate and hear from our Heavenly Father? As Christians, we feel like it is our duty to pray. The duty become functional, repetitive, and center on what we think, not who we are in relationship with the Father. These above passages of scripture give entrance to the honor of relational context and sharing from a deeper pretext than what we often offer ourselves. Challenges in life sometimes spur us to pray in earnest. Troubles and situations sometime cause us to rely totally on Him during our impossible circumstances (Luke 18:27). But it is God's desire that we have a continuum of dialog with Him regardless to whether we are up or down. How does this occur? One would love to simply unscrew our heads from our shoulders, and allow God to speak directly into our hearts. That is what these passages suggest. The truth of our makeup and image as creation must assist us to gain understanding that He does and will speak to us, but not from that ear fixed upon our heads. God is spirit; we are His image or in context the greatest, God part of us is spirit. According to these passages, He speaks to us Spirit to spirit. The spirit of the man is the candle, or the seat where illumination takes place, not in our heads. The key is to position ourselves to be divided by His Word enough for our hearts to receive and not the head knowledge to can so easily deceive us. Taking time with God in worship, meditation, study and fellowship will create a dividing process that opens our hearts to be illuminated by God as He speaks and shares intimately with His likeness (our spirit). It is difficult to has this connection without allowing a dividing to take place within us.

The ALIVE speaking, sharing, probing Word of God separates the "doing" process from the "being" dynamic. When the Word of God comes into our hearts, our thinking is divided to wit our hearts begin to understand and follow Him (Proverbs. 3:4,5).

As this dividing takes place the thoughts and intents of the heart are on display and God can reveal all that He has for us. The subsequent connecting or reconnecting process gives God-led direction in our lives. That may be arbitrary at best if we don't seize the opportunity to allow the illuminating, dividing progression to reconnect ourselves relationally. We may get a cerebral message that is from God, but, to accept the chance of things going right, when it is His desire to light us up, and direct us through all of life, seems senseless. Our spirit is His candle. Let us play a part in the illuminating, dividing procedure, so we can be fully connected relationally, and personally.