



The Person & the Work of the

Holy Spirit

*5. The Role of the Holy Spirit
in the Church - 2*





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42. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
43. A sense of awe came over everyone, and the apostles performed many wonders and signs.
44. All the believers were together and had everything in common.
45. Selling their possessions and goods, they shared with anyone who was in need.

Acts 2:42-45

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Acts 2:46-47

▶ The myth of the sacred-secular divide

- ▶ A false divide between what would be called spiritual and secular could be viewed as the besetting sin of the church in the 21st century.
- ▶ We have become double-minded, seeing a false divide between what would be called spiritual and secular. This divide is responsible for the popular misconception that our relationship with God can be reduced to church-related events and activities.

Hugh Whelchel (Institute for Faith, Work & Economics)

For because of Him the whole body (the church, in all its various parts), closely joined and firmly knit together by the joints and ligaments with which it is supplied, **when each part [with power adapted to its need] is working properly [in all its functions],** grows to full maturity, building itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:16 (Amplified Bible)



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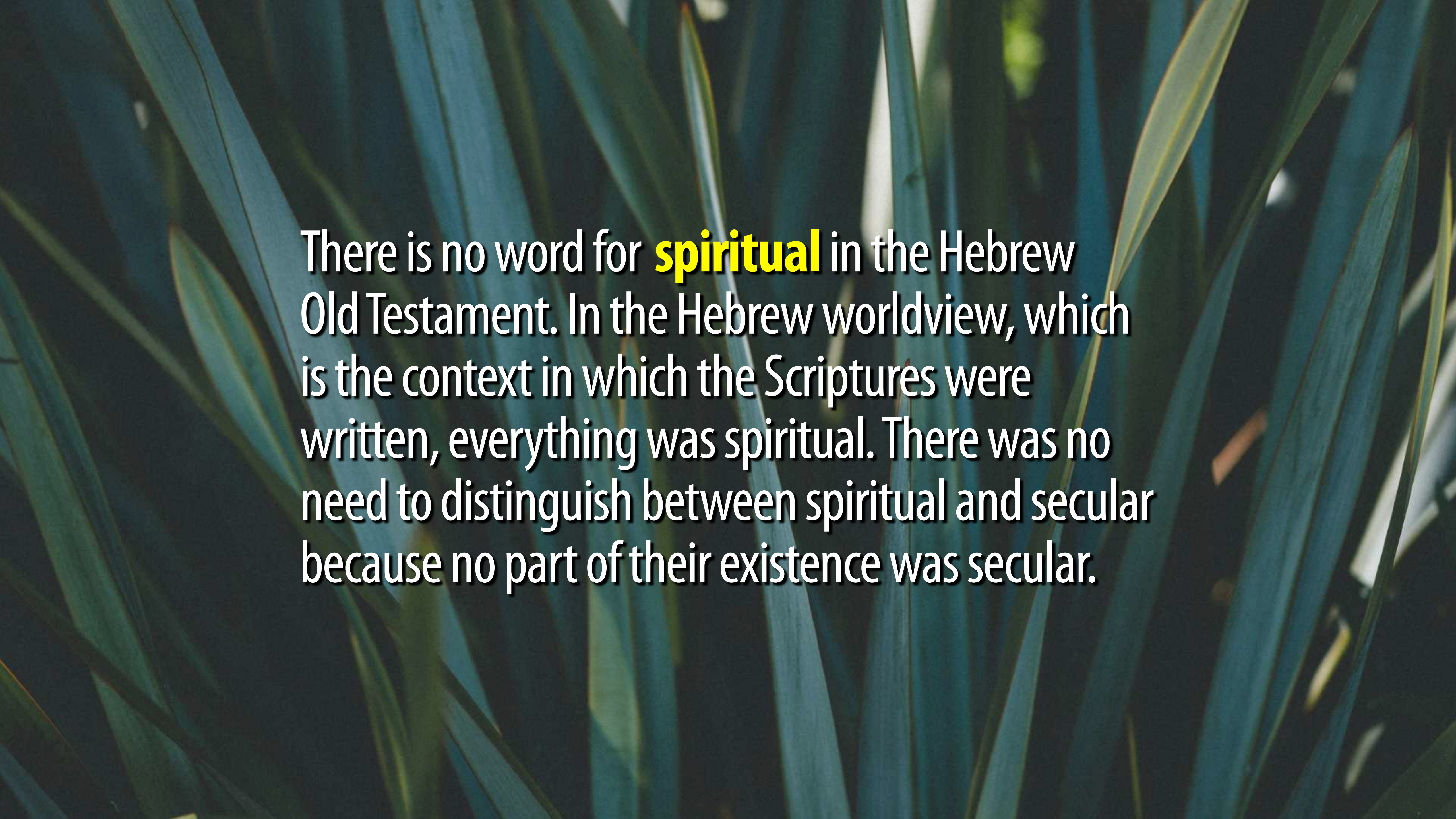
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- ▶ The sacred-secular divide is unbiblical primarily because it leads to compartmentalisation of life. We don't connect faith with our work, money or everyday lives. We pull it out on Sunday, and put it away the other days of the week.
- ▶ It also leads to guilt. If you don't work in a church or ministry setting, you are tempted to believe that somehow God is less pleased with you.

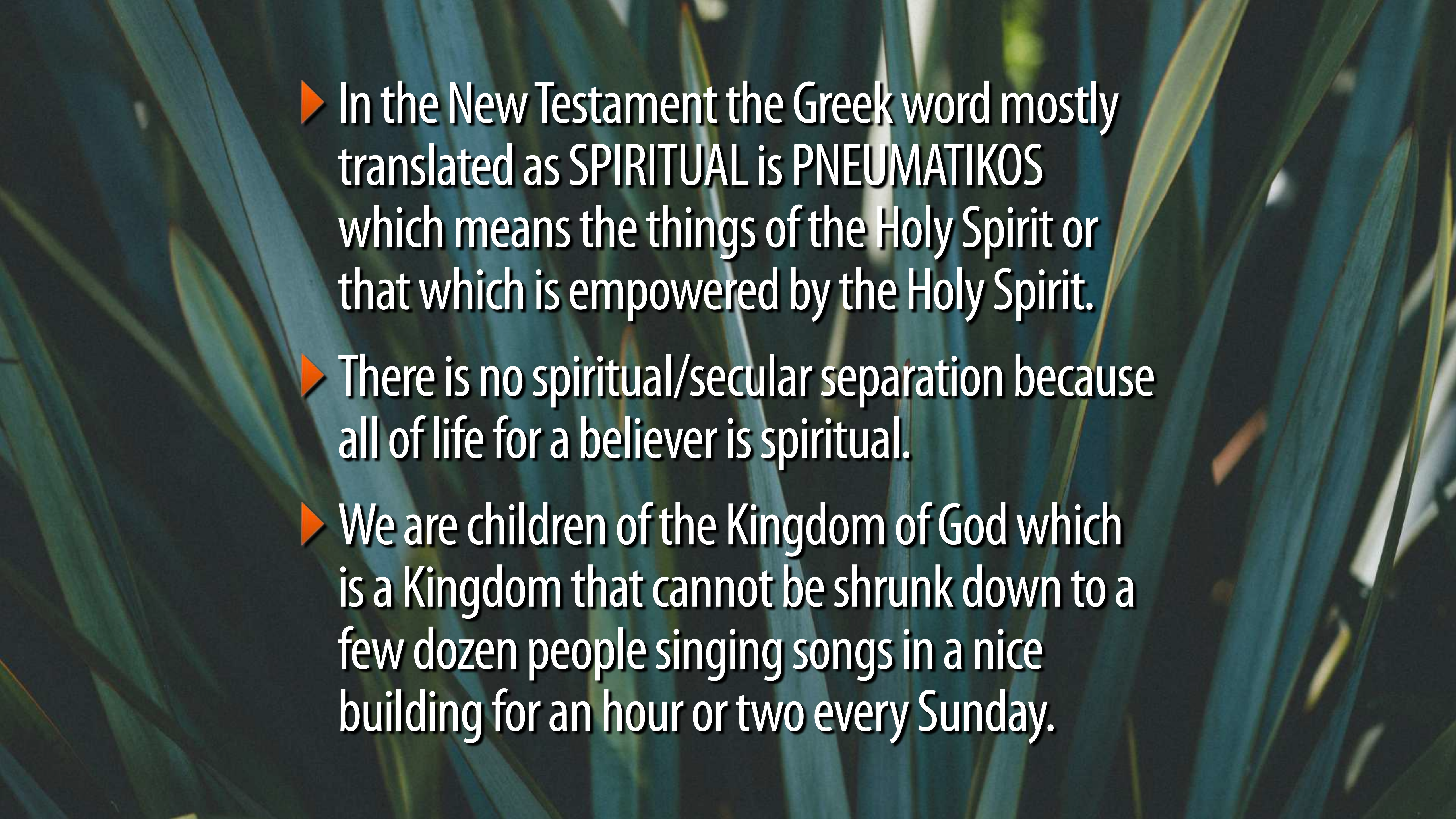
Wade Trimmer

Most of us can feel a little bit frustrated, because we think that what we do every day - our work and our rest, how we play and unwind and enjoy God's world - is meaningless and doesn't really matter in the grand scheme of eternal life.

John Mark Comer

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There is no word for **spiritual** in the Hebrew Old Testament. In the Hebrew worldview, which is the context in which the Scriptures were written, everything was spiritual. There was no need to distinguish between spiritual and secular because no part of their existence was secular.

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- The background of the slide features a close-up, slightly blurred image of green leaves, possibly from a plant like a peace lily, with prominent veins and a soft, natural lighting. The leaves are layered, creating a sense of depth and texture.
- ▶ In the New Testament the Greek word mostly translated as SPIRITUAL is PNEUMATIKOS which means the things of the Holy Spirit or that which is empowered by the Holy Spirit.
 - ▶ There is no spiritual/secular separation because all of life for a believer is spiritual.
 - ▶ We are children of the Kingdom of God which is a Kingdom that cannot be shrunk down to a few dozen people singing songs in a nice building for an hour or two every Sunday.

- 16.** I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, that He may be with you forever;
- 17.** that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

John 14:16-17

And He put all things in subjection
under His feet, and gave Him as
Head over all things to the church.

Ephesians 1:22

There is no inch of creation where Christ does not rule and consequently no dimension of our lives in which He is not present.

Abraham Kuyper (paraphrase)

Whether, then, you eat or
drink or whatever you do,
do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

- 23.** Whatever you do, do your work heartily,
as for the Lord rather than for men,
24. knowing that from the Lord you will
receive the reward of the inheritance.
It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

Colossians 3:23–24

Your job, your career, or whatever it is you do all day long, isn't something outside of Jesus' calling on your life—it's right at the centre of it.

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For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand **so that we would walk in them.**

Ephesians 2:10

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.

Colossians 1:13

Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe.

Hebrews 12:28

For in Him we live and move and have our being.

Acts 17:28

But seek first of all (above all else) His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

Matthew 6:33 (Amplified Bible)

- ▶ You have a Christian life, and it is that same life that worships God on Sunday and goes to work on the days in between. The heart that beats at church is the same heart that beats as you perform every secular task in your life.
- ▶ The circumstantial Christian only calls out to God under certain circumstances. The abiding Christian calls out to God in everything they are doing. If Christ is in your life, then stop acting like He is not there in every part of your life.

Paul Balius

The key to rejecting the myth of a division between sacred and secular in our lives is to recognize God in every hour, in every moment, in every task of our day. If you have a job that requires mental focus, pray before you begin. Ask God how you can glorify Him in the act you are about to undertake. If you are about to watch a ball game or enjoy a hobby, seek Christ. He has given you a desire to enjoy this hobby and partaking of it should draw your heart to Him. When you are with the family He has blessed you with, praise Him for them.

Teddy James

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- ▶ Each of us are children of the Kingdom of God & each of us have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this
- ▶ Each of us are in full-time ministry representing the King of the Kingdom
- ▶ Each of us are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them
- ▶ The Holy Spirit is IN each of us & WITH each of us to enable each of us to fulfil all that God has called us to do in all aspects of Christian life & ministry
- ▶ Each of us are representatives of the Body of Christ, including the local Church that is to be manifested in & through each of us ...24/7/365(6)

When we understand that God cares about every aspect of our lives, we will work, play and worship differently. This way of understanding God's relationship with the world has profoundly altered my understanding of the Christ-following life. No longer is the Holy One to be encountered only within particular places, special times and certain states of mind. His living presence pervades all things and every experience, and waits only to be invoked. Wherever we may be standing—in the kitchen or at the workplace—is holy ground.

Trevor Hudson

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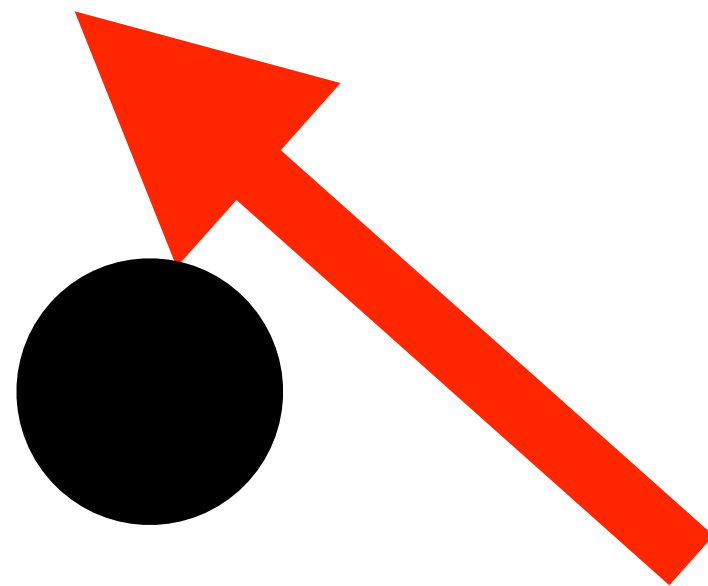
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3. Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, **whom we may put in charge of this task.**
4. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.
5. **The statement found approval with the whole congregation . . .**

Acts 6:3-5

If we once get above our Bibles, and cease making the written Word of God sole rule both as to faith and practice, we shall soon lie open to all manner of delusion, and be in great danger of making shipwreck of faith and a good conscience. Our blessed Lord, though He had the Spirit of God without measure, yet always was governed by, and fought the devil with, 'It is written'.

George Whitefield

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- ▶ The Church has no human leaders – only Jesus

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

Hebrews 13:17

The Church that Jesus said He would build
will be built by the power of **the Spirit of God**
on behalf of & under the Headship of **the Son of God**
& in alignment with **the Word of God**.



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