



Making a *Course Correction*

Luke 5:37 - 39



Above all, put on love,
which is the perfect
bond of unity.

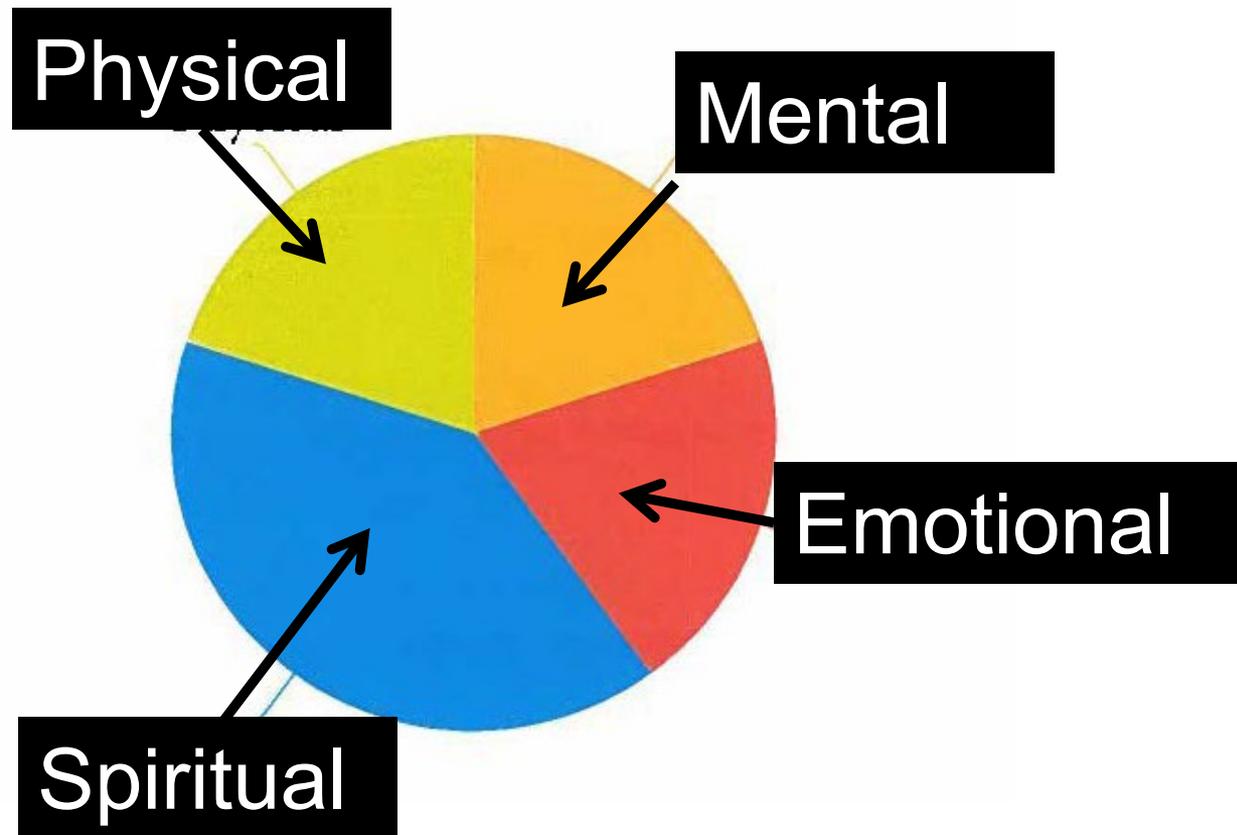


1. The mind is the gateway to embracing a change in our lives.

“Old wineskins” that Jesus violated:

- A. Fasting.
- B. Healing (work) on the Sabbath.
- C. Associating w “sinners.”
- D. Bloodline through Abraham does not equate with being “right” with God. John 1:12-13

Four Primary Areas of Our Lives



2 Cor. 4:4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (ESV)



2. Real change is impossible when “new wine” is placed in “old skins.”

- A. Change cannot occur by simply adding a little Jesus to my life. By my will, I must take out the old to make room for the new of Christ.
- **Col. 3:1-3** If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. 3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (NAS)



3. We are called to be continuously embracing Christ's "New Wine" in our lives.

- Col 3:1, “. . . keep seeking the things above...”
- Rom 12:2 “Do not be conformed to the world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”

John's Model of Change

John's Old "Present"

John's "bubble":
life in the desert.
"Comfortable."

God spoke.

Change

John's Future

John's "new."
Stress-filled,
with
uncertainty.

Call to Action.

- 1. Examine your life.** Where are your priorities? Do you need to “prepare a way for Christ? Is your path to Him “straight”?
- 2.** Are there areas in your life, physical, mental, social, or spiritual where a “course correction” is needed? Decide today to take a step; by tomorrow, take your first step, and continue to do so, one step at a time.

