

THE BALANCE OF THREE

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“COMPLETENESS...DIVINE PERFECTION...RESURRECTION”

Three: Bible (KJV) mentioned 477x's **Third:** 181x's

Creation:

In the beginning GOD: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit

Three celestial bodies: Sun, Moon, & Stars

Third Day: dry land, seed-bearing plants, fruit-bearing trees (first sign of life)

Man: tri-part being: **body, soul, & spirit** (Let “US” make man in “OUR” image)

Family: a father's love, a mother's love, a child's love (to point to God's love)

Adam: Cain, Abel, Seth (three sons)

Noah: Ham, Japheth, Shem (three sons)

Three Stories of floors in Noah's Ark

Three components of a COVENANT:

Words, Blood, Seal

Three patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob of the Hebrew nation of Israel

Three Angels visited Abraham

Levi: Gershon, Kohath, & Merari

Three tribes on each side of the Tabernacle (North, East, South, West)

Three areas of the Tabernacle – Outer Court, Holy Place, Most Holy Place

Three articles in the Ark of the Covenant: golden bowl of manna, budded rod, 10 commandments

Three OT Feasts: Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles

Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego: three in the fiery furnace

Jonah in the Belly of the Whale: three days/nights (symbolizes resurrection)

Three OT Resurrections:

Elijah-widow's son, Elisha-Shunammite's son, Elisha-dead body

Three Gospel Resurrections: Jairius' daughter, Widow's son from Nain, Lazarus

Jesus: three days/nights...on the third day I will rise again.

Three Heavens: atmosphere, universe, God's throne (cry Holy, Holy, Holy)

Three Judgments of “7s” in Revelation: seals, trumpets, bowls

Trumpets: 1/3 of vegetation, 1/3 of sea, 1/3 of fresh water, 1/3 of light

Time: Past, Present, Future (Who was, and is, and is to come) 3 days, 3 weeks, 3 months, 3 years

Three Primary Colors: Yellow, Blue, Red

Three Natural Kingdoms: Animal, Vegetable, Mineral

Sun: light, heat, chemical rays

Three forms of Matter: gaseous, liquid, solid

Three forms of Water: fluid, steam, ice

Three sections to the brain: hind, mid, fore-brain

Three Dimensions: height, width, length

Three components of the Atom: nucleus, protons, neutrons

Three components of an organization: Cause, Community, Coporate

Rope (3 strands)...**3 objects** (juggled)...**triangle** (architectural strength)...**easels**...tripods-camera/survey

As you can see, **THREE** is a significant number. It is also critical to maintain all three areas of each thing we've looked at in a balanced way. (Rope, Easel, Atom, Sun). What does this all have to do with you and me?

(Paul) 1 Thess 5:23

“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” KJV

Deuteronomy 6:4 (Shema - The Confession – means: “to hear”)

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is **one** (Hebrew: *echad* – a compound unity noun)!

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your **heart** (spirit), with all your **soul**, and with all your **strength** (body).

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SPIRIT (Greek: *pneuma* – wind, to blow, breathe, invisible)

The God-conscious part of man...the higher element.

Exercised/Fed/Strengthened by: **Prayer** (also in tongues), **Meditation**, the **Word**, & **Worship**

Prov 20:27: The **spirit** of man is the Lord's **lamp**, it searches out his inmost being.

Vines Dictionary: the sentient element in man, that by which he perceives, reflects, feels, desires.

Sentient: having the power of perception by the senses; conscious.

It is the INTUITIVE part of our being often referred to as the “**Heart**” of man.

Mark 2:8 - NIV

“Immediately Jesus knew in his **spirit** that this was what they were thinking in their hearts.”

Ps 27:8 My **heart** says of you, "Seek his face! Your face, LORD, I will seek.”

SOUL (Greek: *psuche* – self-life, seat of the will, personality, emotions, intellect)

The Self-conscious part of man...the lower element.

Exercised/Fed/Strengthened by: **Prayer**, the **Word**, **Worship**, **Community**, & **Fasting**

It is the CARNAL part of our being, also referred to as the “**Heart**” of man.

Ps 42:5-6 - Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Prov 4:23 - Above all else, guard your **heart**, for it is the wellspring of life.

BODY (Greek: *soma* – flesh and bone of man)

The World-conscious part of man...the tangible element.

Exercised/Fed/Strengthened by: **Rest** (Sabbath), **Exercise** (Labor), & **a Proper Diet**

It is the CARNAL part of our being, also referred to as the “**flesh**” (carnal appetites) of man.

1 Tim 4:8 - physical training is of some value.

1 Cor 6:19-20

Do you not know that your **body** is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? **You are not your own**; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

If Christians waver in letting one of these three areas go, it can effect the whole of the person and hinder the whole & completeness of their effectiveness/purpose in life.