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Ephesians 3:14-21

## Cultivating the Inner Life

Ephesians 3:14-21

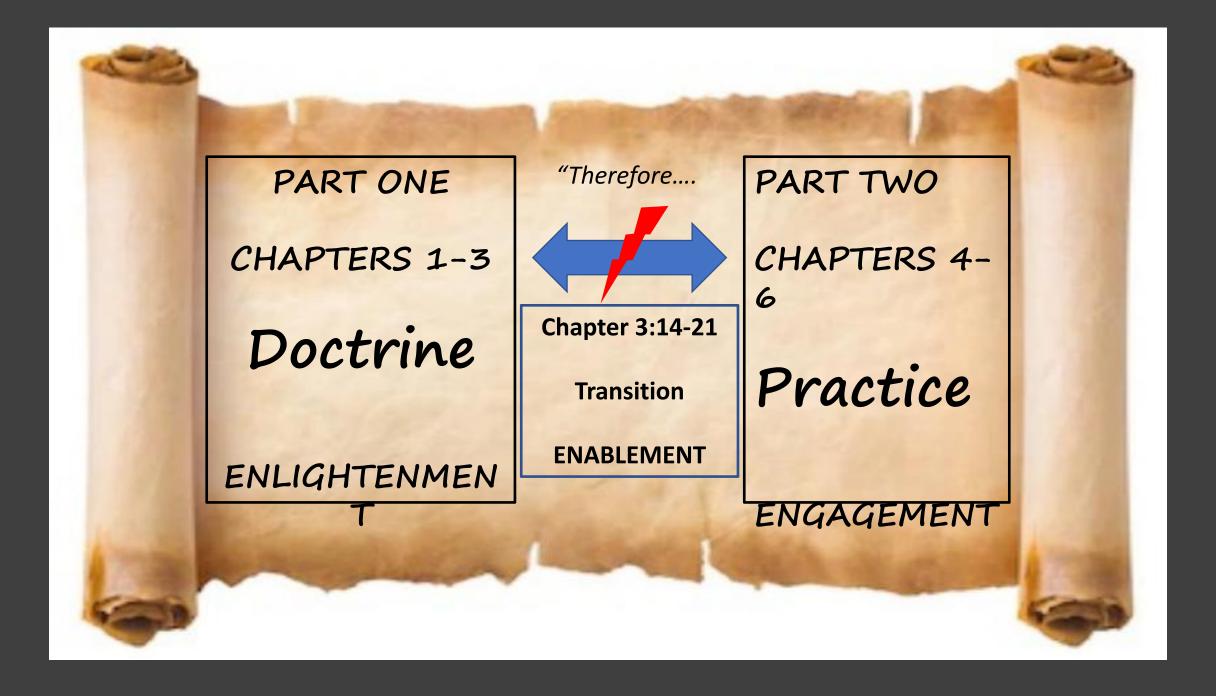


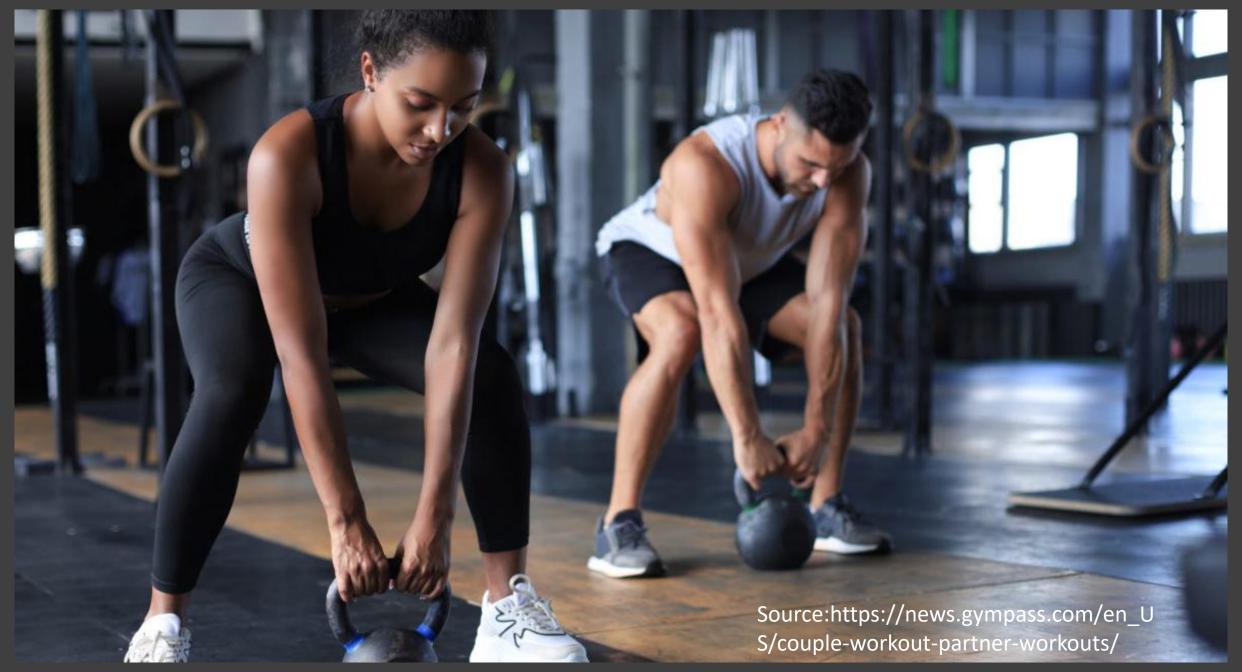
<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with *every spiritual blessing* in the heavenly places

<sup>7</sup> In him we have <u>redemption through his blood</u>, the <u>forgiveness of our</u> <u>trespasses</u>, according to the riches of his grace,

<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained *an inheritance*...

and what is the *immeasurable greatness of his power* toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

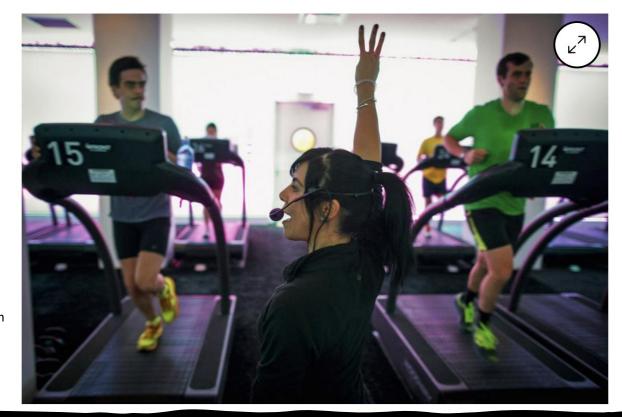


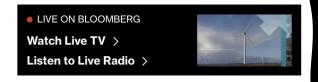


#### CityLab Culture

## The Rise and Fall of New Year's Fitness Resolutions, in 5 Charts

The January gym spike is real, but it drops off just a few weeks later, according to data from location and fitness apps.





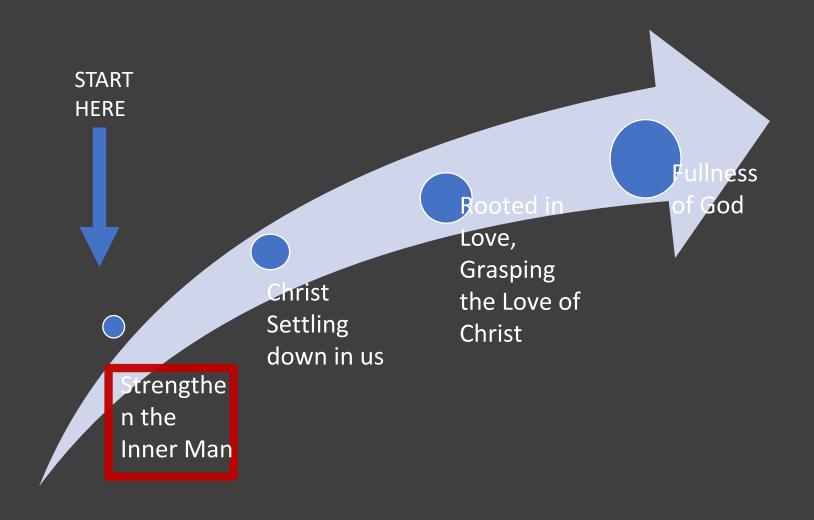


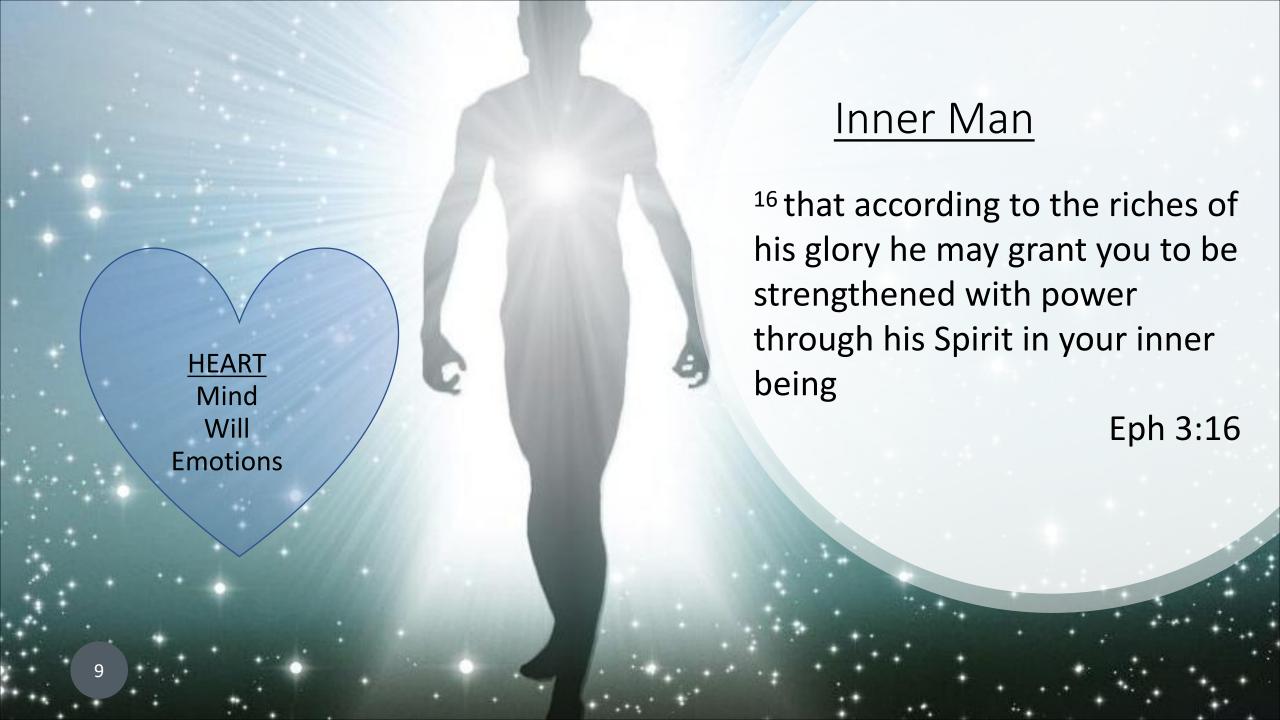
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#### Watch Over your heart.

- Wellspring of life!
- Everything you do flows from it.
- the seat of your deepest trust, commitments, and loves...

"What the heart most loves and trusts, the mind finds reasonable, the emotions find desirable, and the will finds doable."

(Tim Keller)

# "Love the Lord your God with all your <u>heart</u> and with all your <u>soul</u> and with all your <u>mind</u>"

Matthew 22:37

"So we do not lose heart. Though our <u>outer self is wasting away</u>, our <u>inner self is being renewed</u> day by day.

2 cor 4:16





Medical Aesthetics Industry = \$9.4B

Fitness and Wellness = \$160B

Beauty Industry = \$511B





#### Yielding to the work of the Spirit...

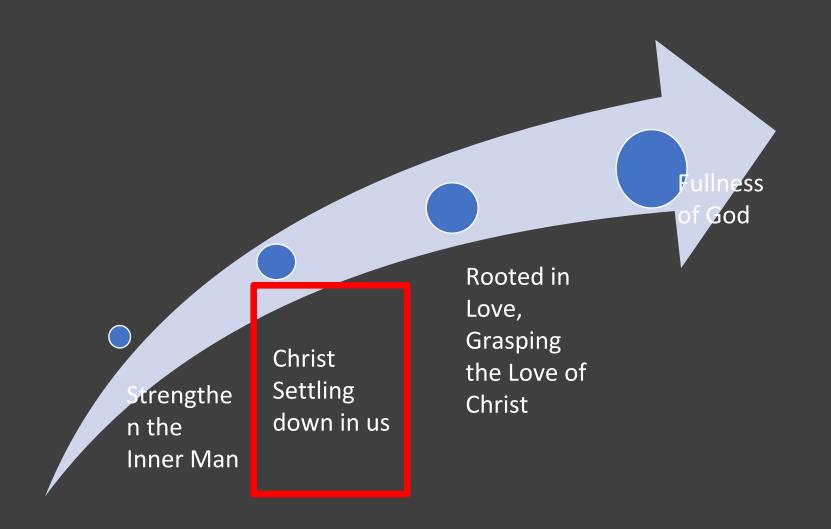
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• "But you will receive *power* when the Holy Spirit comes on you..."

(Acts 1:8)

"26" When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the **Spirit of truth** who goes out from the Father—he will **testify about me**. "

(John 15:26)



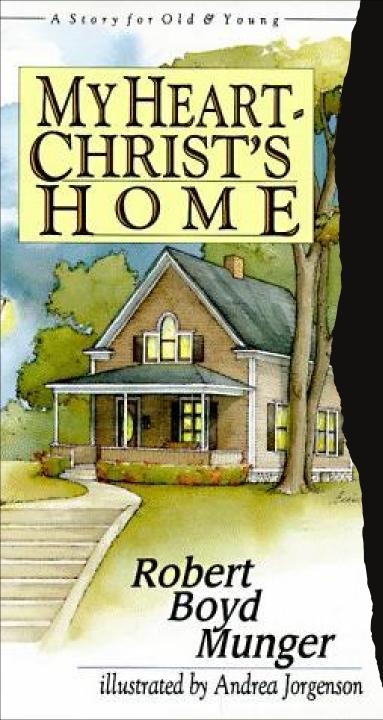
#### We are Christ's dwelling place!

• <sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and <u>make our home</u> with them.

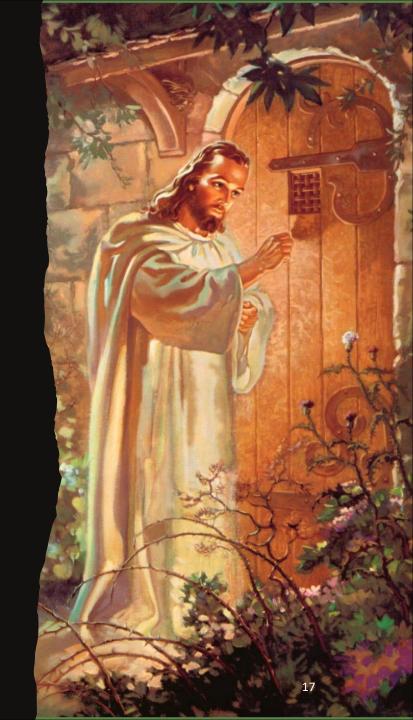
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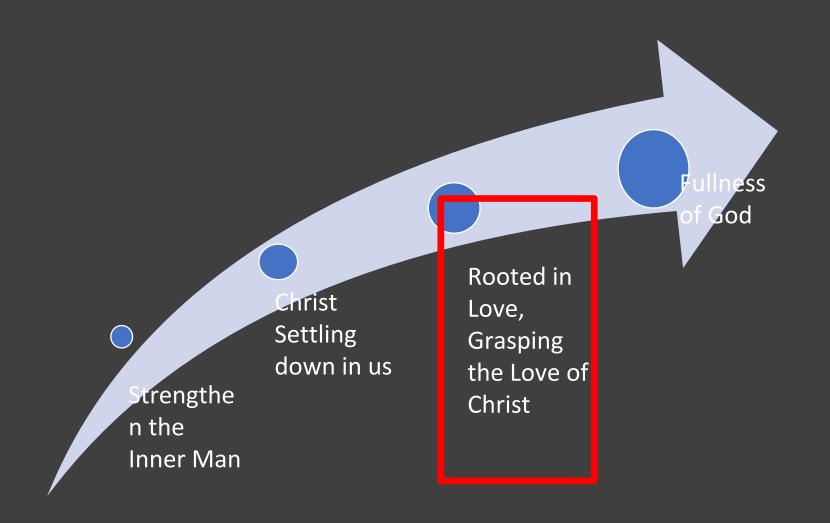
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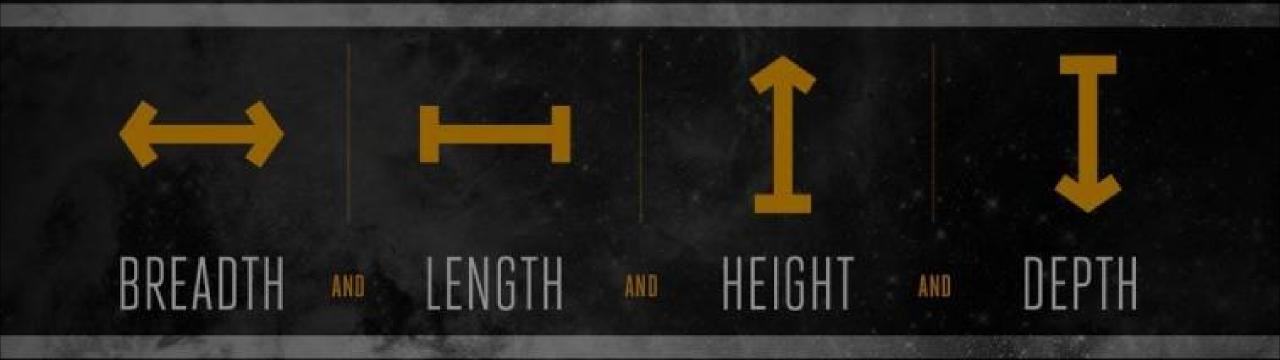


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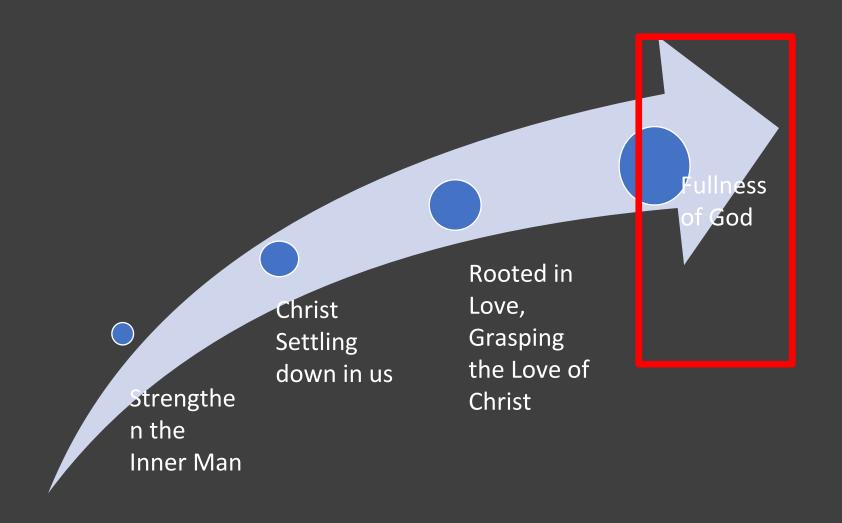
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Eph 3:17-18



Reflecting Representing Relating



### How's your fellowship with Christ today?

"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our *fellowship* is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ."

1 John 1:3

#### I have this against you....

<sup>4</sup> Yet I hold this against you: You have *forsaken the love you had at first*. <sup>5</sup> Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. <sup>6</sup> But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

<sup>7</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Revelations 2:4-7