

Tommy Miller: Soul Intelligence

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Detailed Outline — “Soul Intelligence”

Romans 8:28–29 Foundation (1:15–6:41)

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:28–29

Referenced:

- Epistle to the Romans 8:28–29

Quoted concepts:

- “All things work together for good...”
 - “Those whom He foreknew...”
 - “Predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.”
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Prayer

Main prayer themes:

- Gratitude for attendees
- Calling and destiny
- “Open heaven”
- Angelic ministry
- Holy Spirit leadership

Notable statements:

- “You’re his favorite.”
 - “Everybody that’s listening is his favorite.”
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Greek Word Study: “Foreknew” (2:23–5:44)

“Foreknew” = *Prognosko* / *Projanosco*

Claimed meaning:

- “To know relationally beforehand”

Main ideas:

- God relationally knew humanity before earthly existence.
- God is not surprised by any human being.

Questions posed:

- “Is God surprised by the existence of any human?”
 - Audience response: “No.”
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Predestination / “Pre-horizoned”

Greek term discussed:

- “Pro-horitzo”

Claim:

- Related to English word “horizon”

Interpretation offered:

- God predetermined humanity’s destiny:
 - conformity to Christ.

Main concept:

- Destiny is not merely chronological.
- It is “interdimensional.”

Key distinction:

- “Foreknown” = outside time
 - “Predestined/pre-horizoned” = inside time
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Theology of Human Nature

Major claims:

- Humans were “in Him before the foundation of the world.”
- Humanity is fundamentally “very good.”
- God is revealing true identity rather than fixing inherent evil.

Referenced concepts/scriptures:

- “Before the foundation of the world”
- Book of Psalms (David):
 - “Before my days were formed, you knew me.”

Statement:

- “None of you are humans. That’s what we’re trying to get at.”
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Spirit, Soul, and Body Framework (6:41–9:48)

Core Anthropological Model

Spirit

Claims:

- “You are a spirit.”
- Spirit:
 - cannot be strengthened
 - cannot be weakened
 - has never been separate from God

Statement:

- “If it’s true of Him, it’s true of you.”
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Soul

Defined as:

- “Who you think you are”

Greek definition offered:

- “Seat of affections, aversions, and emotions”

Expanded definition:

- Mind
 - Will
 - Emotions
 - Thoughts
 - Feelings
 - Actions
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Body

Defined as:

- What others encounter when they experience you.

Central thesis:

- Spirit = what God says
 - Soul = what you believe
 - Body = what creation experiences
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Christlikeness Through the Soul

Claim:

- Manifesting Christ depends on “soul intelligence.”

Referenced:

- Thomas the Apostle asking Jesus to show the Father
- Jesus:
 - “If you’ve seen me, you’ve seen the Father.”
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- Paul the Apostle:
 - “Imitate me as I imitate Christ.”

Argument:

- Humans are expected to reveal God.
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Governing the Soul (9:53–13:57)

Proverbs Analogy

Referenced:

- Book of Proverbs

Quotation:

- “Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who has no control over his soul.”

Main teaching:

- Soul is not identical to identity.
 - Soul is something one possesses and governs.
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Dog Analogy

Comparison:

- Soul compared to a dog requiring training and obedience.

Claim:

- If emotions are mistaken for identity:
 - bondage results.

Definition of bondage:

- “You’ll only ever be as good as it’s going.”
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Transfiguration as Christian Process (11:16–12:19)

Jesus’ Transfiguration

Referenced:

- Gospel of Matthew
- Gospel of Mark

Definition offered:

- “Transformation into another being”

Clarification:

- Speaker frames this as becoming Christlike.

Definition:

- “When the nature of God permeates your mortal body.”
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Pathway to Manifesting God

Main claim:

- The avenue to revealing God is governing the soul.
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David and Soul Governance (12:19–13:57)

Psalms Example

Referenced:

- David
- “Why are you downcast, O my soul?”

Interpretation:

- David conversed with his soul instead of identifying with it.

Applications:

- Depression
- Emotional regulation
- Rest

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Key statement:

- “They’re not you. They’re yours.”

Jericho and Emotional Fortification (14:05–16:13)

Jericho Analogy

Referenced:

- Battle of Jericho

Point:

- Jericho’s strength was its walls, not weapons.

Application:

- Controlled soul = strong walls.
- Uncontrolled soul = constant warfare.

Soul Control as Maturity

Claim:

- Christian maturity equals soul control.

Statements:

- “You either do or you don’t.”
- Awareness of soul control immediately increases maturity.

Human Distinctiveness and Emotional Processing (16:13–18:03)

Human Capacity

Claim:

- Humans uniquely stand outside emotions and evaluate them.

Examples:

- Lions act instinctively.
- Humans can:
 - identify
 - articulate
 - analyze
 - choose responses

Definition of Immaturity

Biblical category:

- “Babies”
- “Youthfulness”
- “Foolishness”

Maturity defined as:

- Feeling emotions
- Processing them
- Responding in Christlike ways

Anger, Sin, and Identity (18:09–20:00)

Pentecostal Critique

Claim:

- Some Christian traditions prohibit negative emotion.

Referenced:

- “Be angry and do not sin.”

Interpretation of sin:

- “Distortion of identity”

Key distinction:

- Anger itself is not condemned.
- Distorted expression is.

Emotional Intelligence Framework (19:23–20:29)

Step One: Self-Awareness

Questions:

- Can you:
 - identify
 - articulate
 - evaluate
 - process emotions without sacrificing Christlikeness?

Step Two: Awareness of Others

Can you:

- interpret others' emotions
- respond without losing Christlikeness?

Speaker says this is harder.

Jesus and Controlled Anger (20:31–22:35)

Cleansing the Temple

Referenced:

- Cleansing of the Temple

Key observations:

- Jesus made a whip.
- Action was deliberate (“premeditated”).

Main lesson:

- Emotional awareness does not require passivity.
- Control is essential.

Parenting Example

Distinction made:

- Discipline vs abuse
- Consequences vs uncontrolled anger

Sympathy Without Distortion (22:46–24:05)

Hebrews Passage

Referenced:

- Epistle to the Hebrews 4:15

Theme:

- Jesus sympathized with suffering without “sin.”

Greek Word Discussion

Claim:

- “Sin” = “ha miros”
- Defined as:
 - distorted form/image

Main principle:

- Others' distortion should not distort you.

Governing Contradiction (24:05–27:16)

Humanity Needs Christ Revealed

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Claim:

- Creation needs “the transfigured face of Jesus.”

Statement:

- “Jesus sat down because he’s done.”
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Idolatry Reinterpreted

Old Testament:

- physical idols

Modern version:

- emotional reactions
- senses
- experiences

Definition offered:

- Anything shaping the soul away from Christ becomes an idol.

Notable statements:

- “If your sin toward me produces dysfunction in me, then I’ve bowed to you.”
 - “Your soul shouldn’t be for sale.”
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Emotional Intelligence and Leadership (26:26–27:16)

Reference to “Emotional Intelligence 2.0”

Referenced:

- Emotional Intelligence 2.0

Summary:

- CEOs evaluated by emotional responses during crisis and disagreement.

Central question:

- “Did crisis produce crisis in you or Christ in you?”
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Transfiguration Scriptures (28:17–31:39)

Matthew 17

Referenced:

- Gospel of Matthew 17

Jesus’ appearance:

- Face shining
- Clothes white

Greek terms contrasted:

- “Metamorphoō” (transfigured)
- “Ha miros” (distorted)

Main thesis:

- Humanity manifests either:
 - transfiguration
 - distortion
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Romans 12:2

Referenced:

- Epistle to the Romans 12:2

“Be transformed by renewing your mind.”

Interpretation:

- Mind renewal = soul renewal.
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End of Faith

Referenced concept:

- “The salvation of your soul”

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Claim:

- The goal of faith is complete soul conformity to God.
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Stephen as Example (31:47–34:40)

Stephen's Martyrdom

Referenced:

- Saint Stephen
- Acts of the Apostles

Main points:

- Stephen forgave while dying.
- His face "glowed."

Interpretation:

- He mirrored Christ instead of mirroring injustice.
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Mirror Principle

Referenced:

- Second Epistle to the Corinthians 3

Claim:

- People become what they behold.

Question:

- "Are you looking into chaos or Christ?"
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Self-Control Reinterpreted (34:49–35:59)

Fruit of the Spirit

Referenced:

- "Self-control"

Claim:

- Modern understanding is inadequate.

Definition offered:

- Soul not controlled by:
 - senses
 - experiences
 - offenses

Result:

- Freedom from bondage.
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Demonstration: Spirit, Soul, Body (36:06–41:11)

Live Illustration

Three volunteers represent:

1. Spirit
 2. Soul
 3. Body
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Fall Narrative

Claim:

- Adam and Eve introduced division between spirit and soul.

Effects:

- Soul became controlled by external experiences.

Statements:

- "You can only feel what you've seen."
 - "That's bondage."
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Hebrews and the Word

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Referenced:

- Epistle to the Hebrews

Claim:

- “Word of God” refers primarily to Jesus rather than scripture text.

Quotation:

- “Sharper than any two-edged sword...”

Interpretation:

- Christ pierces the division between soul and spirit.
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Restored Union

Result:

- Soul gains access to Christ rather than only external experience.

Key contrast:

- “Crisis” versus “Christ”
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Closing Exhortations (41:24–47:21)

Hebrews 4:15 Revisited

- Jesus tempted “yet without sin.”
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Proverbs 25:28 Revisited

- Soul control likened to city walls.

Statement:

- “You only have to fight enemies that get through your walls.”
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Luke 21:19

Referenced:

- Gospel of Luke 21:19

Quotation:

- “By patience possess your soul.”

Definitions:

- Patience = endurance
 - Possess = acquire or marry
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Legacy Academy Story

Goal:

- “I want my knee-jerk reaction to be kingdom.”

Process:

- Repeated Christlike responses reshape instinctive reactions.
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Contradiction and Growth

Claim:

- Contradiction creates soul intelligence.
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1 Corinthians 9:26–27

Referenced:

- First Epistle to the Corinthians 9:26–27

Paul’s discipline:

- Bringing body into subjection.

Interpretation:

- Maturity means refusing to let external perception determine response.
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Final Conclusions (45:00–47:21)

Main Summary Statements

- “You do not have to be as good as it’s going.”
 - “You can be as good as He is all the time.”
 - “The kingdom teaches you what to do with your feelings.”
 - “It doesn’t forbid them. It governs them.”
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Conversing with the Soul

Encouragement:

- Speak to emotions instead of identifying with them.

Examples:

- “Why are you depressed?”
- “What do you need?”

Claim:

- The soul “will answer.”
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Redemption of Creation

Final theological point:

- Creation responds to humanity.
- Christlike responses redeem creation.
- Non-Christlike responses perpetuate crisis.

Closing statement:

- “If creation can finally see Christ in your face instead of crisis, the crises that you experience will become less because heaven desires to invade every facet of earthly life.”