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Compartmentalizing God

When we compartmentalize our lives, we create boundaries that did not previously exist. The Greek philosophers compartmentalized life into five *realities* that became the five *equities* in our legal system today: *physical, mental, social, financial, and spiritual*. Did you see that last one? That's right, for nearly three millennia we have compartmentalized God. The result is an invisible wall in each of us that dams the flow of the Spirit of God into our careers.

God never intended it to be that way. Too often, we have heard it stated, "It's just a good business decision." Translated, "I have compartmentalized God so that I can prioritize my money over a person (the financial compartment over the social one)."

To visualize our compartmentalization of God, fill a pitcher full of water. Now pour that pitcher of water into five different glasses. The water is no longer embodied in one container, but five. The flow of water has been dammed by the five, new barriers. Jesus said that those who compartmentalize God and *dam* the flow of the Holy Spirit into their lives will be the ones who are *damned* at judgment (Matt. 7:21-23; Mk. 3:29).

The Hebrew perspective did not see spirituality as being compartmentalized from the rest of life. Rather, all of life was to be lived with all of God. In fact, devout Jews recited that principle twice each day in the *Shema*, (Deut. 6:4-9), which emphasized how their relationship with God naturally permeated everything.

Contrast pouring the pitcher of water into five different glasses with placing one drop of food coloring in the original container of water. The entire pitcher of water



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changes color. That's God's idea of life with Him, a life where He transforms the color of everything.

Blessings,

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