

CHILDREN 8 OBJECTS — PART 5

THE SPIRITUAL RADAR SYSTEM

Understanding Eternal Awareness and Communication with God

Key Thought:

Just as a physical radar system helps us detect and locate things we cannot easily see, God has given believers a spiritual system that helps us remain aware of Him, detect root problems, and stay focused on eternal truth.

1. INTRODUCTION — WHAT IS RADAR?

Think about a radar system.

A physical radar system sends out a signal and receives information back. The system is made up of connected parts that work together for a specific purpose.

The **Spiritual Radar System** works as a teaching picture for how a believer can remain spiritually alert and connected to God.

It helps us:

- Stay conscious of eternal things.
- Detect problems beneath the surface.
- Recognize distractions.
- Become sensitive to the Holy Spirit.
- Communicate with God.
- Build ourselves up spiritually.

The goal is not merely to **know about** God's system but to **use it every day**.

2. WHY DO WE NEED A SPIRITUAL RADAR?

The world is filled with distractions, worries, pressures, and temporary concerns.

Jesus warned:

“But take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life...”

— Luke 21:34

God does not want us controlled by everything happening around us.

The Spiritual Radar System helps us maintain **eternal awareness** while living in a temporal world.

WORLD'S SYSTEM

The world's system can:

- Distract us.
- Weigh us down.
- Create worry.
- Pull our attention toward temporary things.

GOD'S SYSTEM

God's system:

- Builds us up.
- Gives us strength.
- Gives us direction.
- Helps us remain watchful.
- Keeps us connected to eternal truth.

3. THE FOUR COMPONENTS OF THE SPIRITUAL RADAR SYSTEM

The Spiritual Radar System has **four key areas**:

COMPONENT #1 — OUR WILL

Everything begins with a **willing heart**.

Isaiah 1:19 says:

“If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.”

God gives us a will.

We must make the decision to surrender that will to Him.

Ask anyone:

“Who gets to make the decision about whether you will obey God?”

Answer:

I do.

God does not force us to choose Him.

Our willingness is important because it positions us to follow God's direction.

Teaching Point:

A surrendered will prepares us to receive God's direction.

4. COMPONENT #2 — A DECISION

Joshua 24:15 gives us a powerful challenge:

“Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.”

Every day we make decisions.

We decide:

- What we will believe.
- What we will say.
- What we will do.
- What we will listen to.
- What direction we will take.

Our decisions establish the direction of our lives.

Teaching Point:

Your decisions matter because your decisions help determine your direction.

The Spiritual Radar System requires us to deliberately choose God's way rather than allowing distractions to control us.

5. COMPONENT #3 — SPEAKING IN TONGUES

The teaching describes speaking in tongues as a **“switch”** associated with supernatural communication with God.

1 Corinthians 14:2 says:

“For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God...”

The passage describes speaking mysteries in the Spirit.

The teaching identifies the Greek word **mysteries (#3466)** as referring to hidden or secret things that are not obvious to ordinary human understanding.

PRIVATE USE

According to the teaching, based on God's word rightly divided, speaking in tongues can be used personally for **edification — building oneself up spiritually.**

1 Corinthians 14:4:

“He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself...”

PUBLIC USE

The teaching also distinguishes public use, where tongues are accompanied by interpretation for the edification of the church.

1 Corinthians 14:4-5.

Teaching Point:

God has provided spiritual means of communication and edification that go beyond ordinary human understanding.

6. COMPONENT #4 — THE REVEALER: THE HOLY SPIRIT

The fourth component is the **Holy Spirit**.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 teaches that God reveals things through the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is presented in this teaching as:

- Guide
- Comforter
- Revealer
- Teacher
- Helper

The Holy Spirit searches even the depths of God and reveals what God wants us to understand.

Teaching Point:

We don't have to navigate spiritual life by ourselves. The Holy Spirit helps reveal God's truth.

7. WHAT DOES THE SPIRITUAL RADAR SYSTEM DO?

The teaching identifies **five major functions**.

FUNCTION #1 — KEEPS US ETERNALLY CONSCIOUS

The radar helps shift our attention from temporary concerns toward eternal truth.

We live in a temporary world, but we are called to maintain an eternal perspective.

Remember:

Don't let temporary problems become bigger than eternal truth.

8. FUNCTION #2 — DETECTS ROOT PROBLEMS

Sometimes what we see on the surface isn't the real problem.

Think about a tree.

You can see the leaves and branches, but underneath the ground are roots.

A problem may appear on the outside while the real issue is underneath.

The Spiritual Radar System is presented as a way of helping believers identify underlying problems and bring them before God.

Teaching Question:

“If you only treat what you can see, could you miss what's underneath?”

Yes.

That is why we need spiritual awareness.

9. FUNCTION #3 — LEADS US TOWARD THE HOLY SPIRIT

The system directs us toward the Holy Spirit for:

- Guidance
- Comfort
- Power
- Help

When we don't know what to do, we can turn toward God rather than allowing doubt, fear, worry, or confusion to direct us.

10. FUNCTION #4 — SENSES DAILY PROMPTINGS

The teaching emphasizes becoming sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings.

This requires practice.

We can develop greater spiritual awareness through:

- Prayer
- Quiet time
- Scripture
- Meditation on God's Word
- Listening for God's direction

The goal is to become increasingly attentive to the Holy Spirit throughout our day.

11. FUNCTION #5 — EDIFICATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The word **edify** carries the idea of building or constructing.

Think about building a house.

You don't build the whole house in one minute.

You build it piece by piece.

Spiritual growth is similar.

Prayer and spiritual practices build us up.

Jude 20 says:

“But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith...”

The teaching connects this building-up process with speaking in tongues and prayer.

Teaching Point:

God wants to build something strong inside you.

12. THE HEART OF THE SYSTEM — COMMUNICATION

At the center of the Spiritual Radar System is **communication**.

Communication involves:

Sending and receiving.

Think about physical radar:

TRANSMIT → SIGNAL → RECEIVE

Prayer can be illustrated similarly:

WE PRAY → GOD HEARS → GOD GUIDES

Prayer is not merely talking.

It involves **relationship** and **communication** with God.

The teaching describes speaking in tongues as a supernatural aspect of communication with God.

13. THE SPIRITUAL RADAR OBJECT LESSON

OBJECT:

Picture a model of a radar screen.

Question:

“What does radar help us do?”

Explanation:

The Radar helps detect things we cannot always see with our natural eyes.

Spiritual Application:

Our Spiritual Radar System helps us become aware of spiritual realities and recognize things that can affect our walk with God.

Remember our four components:

OUR WILL

Am I willing?

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A DECISION

What have I chosen?

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SPEAKING IN TONGUES

Am I using this means of spiritual communication?



HOLY SPIRIT

Am I allowing the Revealer to guide me?

14. HOW DO WE ACTIVATE IT DAILY?

The teaching gives five practical steps.

STEP 1 — SURRENDER YOUR WILL

Begin your day by aligning your will with God's purposes.

Isaiah 1:19

Ask:

“Lord, what do You want me to do today?”

STEP 2 — MAKE FAITH-BASED DECISIONS

Choose actions that honor God's principles.

Joshua 24:15

Remember:

Every day brings decisions.

STEP 3 — SPEAK IN TONGUES REGULARLY

The teaching encourages incorporating speaking in tongues into your prayer life as a means of spiritual edification and communication with God.

1 Corinthians 14:2, 4

STEP 4 — SEEK THE HOLY SPIRIT'S GUIDANCE

Spend time:

- Praying.
- Studying Scripture.
- Meditating on God's Word.
- Becoming attentive to the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:10

STEP 5 — STAY WATCHFUL

Luke 21:36 says:

“But watch at all times, praying...”

Don't allow the cares and distractions of life to make you spiritually unaware.

1 Peter 5:7 reminds us to cast our anxieties upon God.

Teaching Point:

Stay spiritually awake.

15. A SIMPLE WAY FOR BELIEVERS TO REMEMBER

W — WILLING

“Lord, I am willing.”

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D — DECISION

“I choose God's way.”

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T — TONGUES

“I use this spiritual gift in prayer.”

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H — HOLY SPIRIT

“Holy Spirit, reveal and guide me.”

W-D-T-H

Willing → Decision → Tongues → Holy Spirit

These four areas work together in the Spiritual Radar System presented in this lesson.

16. THE BIG LESSON

The Spiritual Radar System is not intended to be something we simply talk about.

It is intended to become a **daily practice**.

The teaching summarizes its purpose as helping believers:

- Maintain eternal awareness.
 - Detect root problems.
 - Follow the Holy Spirit.
 - Recognize spiritual promptings.
 - Build themselves up.
 - Communicate with God.
 - Remain spiritually strong.
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17. REVIEW

Question 1:

What is our spiritual radar system?

Answer:

A teaching picture of a system that helps us remain spiritually aware, detect problems, and communicate with God.

Question 2:

What are the four components?

Answer:

1. Our Will
2. A Decision
3. Speaking in Tongues
4. The Holy Spirit — the Revealer

Question 3:

What does “edify” mean?

Answer:

To build up or construct.

Question 4:

What does spiritual radar help us detect?

Answer:

Root problems and spiritual distractions.

Question 5:

Who reveals spiritual truth?

Answer:

The Holy Spirit.

Question 6:

What should we do every day?

Answer:

Surrender our will, make godly decisions, pray, seek the Holy Spirit, and remain watchful.

18. TAKE-HOME STATEMENT

“I WANT MY SPIRITUAL RADAR ON!”

I will be willing.

I will make godly decisions.

I will pray and communicate with God.

I will seek the Holy Spirit.

I will stay spiritually watchful.

I will build myself up spiritually.

I will focus on eternal truth rather than being controlled by temporary distractions.

19. CONCLUSION

God has not called us to blindly navigate through life.

He wants us to remain spiritually alert.

The Spiritual Radar System gives us a memorable picture of how our **will, decisions, spiritual communication, and relationship with the Holy Spirit** work together.

As we pursue God, the everlasting Source, the goal is not simply to collect information.

The goal is to **apply what we learn.**

“Let us continue forward with faith, applying this life-changing material not just as knowledge but as a practice that builds us up for God’s glory.”

FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 (RSV)

“He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption; therefore, as it is written, ‘Let him who boasts, boast of the Lord.’”

FINAL CHALLENGE

ARE YOU READY TO ACTIVATE YOUR SPIRITUAL RADAR SYSTEM TODAY?

Be willing.

Make the decision.

Communicate with God.

Listen to the Holy Spirit.

Stay spiritually alert.

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