



# The Release of the Spirit Watchman Nee



# Book Summary

# Workmanship

Ephesians  
2:10 (NASB  
95)

For we are His  
workmanship, created in  
Christ Jesus for good  
works, which God  
prepared beforehand so  
that we would walk in  
them.

# Judgment

## 1 Corinthians 4:5 (NASB 95)

Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

# Overview

- Watchman Nee, Chinese Christian teacher

- Focus on inner spiritual life

- Key theme: brokenness releases the spirit

# The Three Parts of Man

- Spirit –  
where God  
dwells

- Soul – mind,  
emotions, will

- Body –  
physical  
expression

## Central Premise

- The outward man must be broken

- The inward spirit must be released

# Why the Soul Must Be Broken

- Natural strength blocks spiritual life

- Self-will resists God

- Emotional life often replaces true spirituality

# How Brokenness Occurs

- God uses discipline

- Circumstances reveal inner condition

- The cross works inwardly



# Before Brokenness

- Spirit confined

- Soul dominates

- Service relies  
on natural ability

# After Brokenness

- Spirit released

- Soul becomes a servant

- Ministry imparts life

# The "Thing in Hand"

- God touches what we rely on

- Strength is removed

- Dependence shifts to God

# Ministry and the Church

- Ministry must flow from spirit

- Words reach others' spirits

- Corporate life requires brokenness

# Meekness and Sensitivity

- Humility

- Gentleness

- Spiritual  
discernment

# Key Takeaways

- Brokenness precedes power

- Spirit governs soul

- God's discipline is purposeful

# Practicable Applications

What practices  
can help you  
cooperate with  
God's breaking  
process?

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How can you  
ensure your  
service flows  
from the spirit  
rather than the  
soul?





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## Closing Quotes



God is not seeking a display of my  
Christ-likeness, but a manifestation  
of His Christ.

— *Watchman Nee* —

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