

THE 5/20 PROJECT

For God so Loved He Gave...



Kingdom Principle 135

Spirit, Soul, and Body Applied to The 5/20 Project

The 5/20 Project is not merely about handing someone money. It is about becoming a person who is **available to God in real time**—spirit, soul, and body.

1. The spirit: where guidance begins

In the 5/20 Project, the believer's **spirit** is the place of communion with God. This is where Holy Spirit leads, nudges, convicts, comforts, and directs.

This means the project begins **before** a gift is ever given. It begins with a surrendered inner life that says:

- “Holy Spirit, who are You highlighting?”
- “Who needs to know today that Jesus sees them and loves them?”
- “What are You saying right now?”

The 5/20 influencer is not meant to operate mainly by appearance, impulse, or human assumption, but by **spiritual discernment**.

Key truth:

The Spirit receives from God.

The 5/20 Project is strongest when giving flows from that place.

Relevant scriptures:

- Romans 8:14 — “For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”
- John 16:13 — “When He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you...”
- 1 Corinthians 2:12-14 — spiritual things are spiritually discerned.

2. The soul: where surrender is tested

The **soul** includes mind, emotions, and will. This is often where the real battle happens in the 5/20 Project.

A person may sense in their spirit that Holy Spirit is leading them toward someone, but their soul may begin to resist:

- “What if I look foolish?”
- “What if they reject me?”
- “What if I heard God wrong?”
- “What if this is awkward?”
- “What if they misuse the money?”

This is why the 5/20 Project is not only an act of compassion—it is also a training ground in **soul surrender**.

The soul must learn to come into agreement with the Spirit.

- The **mind** must be renewed.
- The **emotions** must be calmed by love.
- The **will** must choose obedience.

This is where courage is formed.

Key truth:

The soul is not evil, but it must not lead.

It was designed to respond to the Spirit, not replace it.

Relevant scriptures:

- Romans 12:2 — be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
- Psalm 103:1 — the soul can be directed toward God.
- Hebrews 4:12 — the Word divides soul and spirit.

3. The body: where obedience becomes visible

The **body** is how love becomes tangible.

In the 5/20 Project, the body matters because love is not only felt inwardly—it is expressed outwardly.

The body:

- walks toward the person,
- speaks the words,
- extends the hand,
- offers the gift,
- makes eye contact,
- carries peace into the moment.

So the project is beautifully whole-person:

- **Spirit** hears God,
- **Soul** agrees with God,
- **Body** obeys God.

Without the body acting, the prompting stays unexpressed.

Without the spirit leading, the act can become merely human charity.

Without the soul yielding, fear can stop obedience.

Key truth:

The body is the instrument through which compassion is delivered in real time.

Relevant scriptures:

- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 — honor God with your body.
- James 2:17 — faith without works is dead.
- 1 John 3:18 — let us not love in word only, but in deed and truth.

How this explains the heart of The 5/20 Project

The 5/20 Project can be understood as a **Spirit-led act of embodied compassion**.

It is not:

- just a financial transaction,
- just emotional generosity,
- just random kindness,
- just religious duty.

It is a believer living in alignment:

- hearing in the spirit,
- yielding in the soul,
- acting through the body.

That is why it becomes so powerful.

It carries more than money.

It carries **witness**.

It carries **presence**.

It carries the message:

“Jesus sees you. Jesus loves you.”

Being “in Christ” and the 5/20 Project

To be **in Christ** means the influencer does not give to earn identity, prove spirituality, or impress God. They give **from union**, not for approval.

This is vital.

A 5/20 influencer is not trying to become loved by Jesus.

They are giving because they already are loved by Jesus.

That changes everything.

When a person is rooted in Christ:

- they do not give from guilt,
- they do not give from performance,
- they do not give from fear,
- they do not give from pressure.

They give from overflow.

This keeps the ministry pure.

The project is not built on striving. It is built on **abiding**.

Relevant scriptures:

- John 15:5 — abide in Me.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 — if anyone is in Christ, new creation.
- Romans 8:1 — no condemnation in Christ.

5/20 application:

The best influencer is not the one who is most bold naturally, but the one who knows:
“I am in Christ, Christ is in me, and Holy Spirit can love someone through me right now.”

Being “soulish” and the danger in the 5/20 Project

A soulish approach to the 5/20 Project happens when a person operates mainly from:

- emotion,
- impulse,
- human reasoning,
- personal preference,
- the need to feel useful,
- the desire for visible results.

This can sound spiritual, but still be soul-driven.

Examples:

- “This person looks deserving, so I’ll choose them.”
- “This moment makes me emotional, so it must be God.”
- “I want this interaction to go a certain way.”
- “I need them to react positively so I know it worked.”

A soulish approach may still involve giving, but it is less surrendered and less discerning.

The danger is that the soul can imitate spiritual activity while still staying in control.

5/20 application:

The project must not be led merely by compassion as emotion; it must be led by compassion as **Spirit-formed love**.

That means an influencer learns:

- not to judge by outward appearance,
- not to be ruled by emotional highs and lows,
- not to force a moment,
- not to need a certain outcome.

Instead they pray:

“Holy Spirit, let my soul submit to Your leading.”

Being “in the flesh” and the warning for the 5/20 Project

To be “in the flesh” is more serious than being merely soulish. Flesh is not just human feeling—it is self-rule, self-protection, pride, fear, control, and independence from God.

In the 5/20 Project, flesh can show up as:

- pride: “I am the one helping.”
- judgment: “They probably caused their own problem.”
- control: “I only want to give if they respond the right way.”
- fear of man: “I don’t want to look strange.”
- self-protection: “I feel prompted, but I’m not doing it.”
- religious superiority: “I can tell who is worthy and who is not.”

The flesh resists the very heart of the 5/20 message.

Why?

Because the message of the project is:

Jesus sees people before they deserve anything.

Jesus loves people before they can prove anything.

Flesh wants to measure.

Spirit wants to reveal Christ.

Relevant scriptures:

- Romans 8:5-8 — the mind set on the flesh cannot please God.
- Galatians 5:16-17 — flesh and Spirit are in conflict.
- 2 Corinthians 5:16 — we regard no one according to the flesh.

5/20 application:

A fleshly influencer evaluates from a worldly lens.

A Spirit-led influencer responds from a Kingdom lens.

That is why this teaching is so important to the project.

A simple framework for training 5/20 influencers

1. Spirit — Listen

“Holy Spirit, who are You highlighting?”

2. Soul — Yield

“Mind, emotions, and will, come into peace and agreement with God.”

3. Body — Obey

“Walk over. Speak the words. Give the gift. Release love.”

Simple, memorable, and practical.

Why this matters so much to The 5/20 Project

Because the project is not just trying to create generous people.
It is helping form **Spirit-led witnesses**.

It teaches believers how to:

- discern God in real time,
- overcome fear in the soul,
- use the body as an instrument of peace,
- reject fleshly judgment,
- live from their identity in Christ,
- release tangible expressions of the love of Jesus.

In other words, the 5/20 Project becomes a living demonstration of what a whole person looks like under the leadership of Holy Spirit.

Summary

The 5/20 Project is what happens when spirit, soul, and body come into alignment under Christ.

The spirit listens to Holy Spirit.

The soul yields its thoughts, emotions, and will.

The body moves in obedience.

*“When alignment happens, compassion becomes visible, courage becomes practical, and someone in real time can encounter the love of Jesus through a simple act of giving and the realization that the words **Jesus sees you. Jesus loves you**, is more than mere words alone.”*

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