

"How Spiritual Are We"

Scripture Lesson:- Ephesians 4: 1 to 13.

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Introduction:- This subject raises a question. The dictionary defines this subject as being one that is influenced by the Holy Spirit. "As pertaining to the soul as influenced by the divine Spirit." This indicates that "being spiritual" is the task of Christian people. A persons spiritual life begins when he is converted. But not all people who have been converted are equally spiritual. Some seem to go deeper than others. Some may never become what you might call spiritual leaders. Some seem to become filled, saturated with Christ and his love. They cut loose from all habits of the world and seek to be like Christ in all things.

I.

What are the marks of a "Spiritual Man"? The inner marks. That which distinguishes him from a man of the world.

1. I think that "Prayer" is one of the marks of a spiritual man. Does he pray? How much does he pray? It is said of a preacher that he prayed only in public. We do not mean that kind of praying. But we do mean praying for the kingdom of God, praying for the friends he or she may have that are unsaved. Prayer for the foreign missionaries, prayer for the folks at home who are trying to live Christlike lives.

2. Does he read the word of God. I mean does he read the Bible. Does he read it as food for his soul. Does he read it as a daily help in the struggle of life.

3. Does he put Christ and his work first? Does he put God, the work of God, ahead of pleasure, business? Does he act in these things irrespective of the opinions of others?

4. Does he remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy? ^D
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Does he remember that the Sabbath was made for man's rest and the recuperation of body and mind.

4. What is his inner attitude toward sin? Does he abhor it? Does it grieve him? Does he propose to fight it.
5. What is his attitude toward his enemies. Does he hate them? Does he hold a grudge? Does he pray for them in secret?

II.

1. The Outer Marks of a Spiritual Man. How free from ~~the~~ worldliness is his personal life? Does he need worldly pleasures to satisfy him? Is he a new man? Does he have satisfaction of soul since he has God in his life?
2. How free from worldly habits is his personal life? Does he use profane language to express himself. Is his speech pure. Does he use liquor?
3. Does he go to church? Does he go regularly? Occasionally? Does he act as though the church was an indispensable institution in his life?

Conclusion:- Yes, just how spiritual are we?