

The Spiritual Walk

Our great need

Without some moral and spiritual awakening, we will awaken some morning to find ourselves disappearing in the dust of an atomic explosion – Eisenhower

The sum of the whole matter is this: If our civilization is to survive materially, it must be redeemed spiritually – Wilson

I. "Spiritual"

Definition

- Sensitivity or commitment to religious values and sacred matters – Nelson

Affections
present
motives

Will decides
course
of action

Intellect
estimates
worth

Biblical topic

1. Ro.8:4-8, contrast: flesh – spirit
 - 4: walk = live
 - 5: set mind on (think + desire)
 - 6: life vs death
 - 7-8: enmity; inability to please God
2. 1 Co.2:...14-16, two men...
3. 1 Co.3:1,3-4, maturity vs carnality

I. "Spiritual"

II. Some Think One Is
Spiritual If He Is . . .

A Christian, Ac.5

Religious, moral, Ac.10

- 'Personal relationship with Lord'
- 'Member of church' (2 Tim.4:10)

Bible student, 2 Tim.3:7

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III. True Spirituality
Affects Our Walk . . .

1. Newness of life, Ro.6:4

- Ro.8:4 – contrasts two walks
- Ro.13:13-14
 - Not immoral (11-13)
 - Put on Christ: try to reproduce His life in way we think, talk, live (14)

2. Renewed mind, Ro.12:1-2

- Why? Ch.1-11
- How? Constantly reminded of . . .
 - God's mercies
 - Original commitment
- Renewed mind implies control

Muscle memory

Careful repetition of activity or thought changes physiology of brain

3. Worthy of calling, Ep.4:1

- Worthy: in harmony with
- Calling: vocation

4. Not like others, Ep.4:17

- God separated Abraham from others (nations).
 - Hebrews and Gentiles began...
 - Ep.4:17, gospel separates Gentiles and Gentiles

5. In love, Ep.5:2

- Christ, our pattern, loved us . . . how much?
- Christian: try to reproduce His love (4:32-5:2).
- Result: Sweet fragrance

STRIFE?

GRUDGES?

HATRED?

GOSSIP?

6. As children of light, Ep.5:8

Light imposes two changes –

1. Quit acting out your past, 8-10
2. Quit acting like other sinners, 11-14

7. In wisdom, Ep.5:15

Circum + spectly

Land mines

High wire

Ice

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**IV. How To Walk Spirituality?
(Put first things first)**

1. Put God first every day, Mt.6:33

Pray, study, meditate...

- 2 Sm.23:13-17
- Jn.1:27
- Col.1:18

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Walk (live) in way that is worthy of
God – in way that He deserves

1. Can we do it?
2. Should we do it?

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3. **Persevere, 1 Th.4:1**

Abound; keep putting one
foot ahead of the other

Keep on . . .

1. Going
2. Growing