

WHAT IS SPIRITUALITY?

NIGHT ONE -- Teachers Notes

1 Corinthians 2:0 **But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.**

- I. **The Concept of Spirituality** -- 1 Corinthians 2:15 --- **But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.**

A. Genuine Spirituality involves three factors.

1-- Regeneration – The New Birth Experience – Remember Lesson 1 New Members Orientation:

- a. John 3:16 -19 -- ¹⁶ **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.** ¹⁹ **And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**
- b. John 1:1-12 & 13 - ¹² **But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God,** even to them that believe on his name: ¹³ **Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**
- c. John 6:27 & 39 -- **Labour not for the meat which perisheth,** but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. **And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.**
- d. John 14:1-4 – **Let not your heart In my fathers house, That where I am there ye shall**

2--- The Presence of The Holy Spirit Who produces Spirituality.

a--- Titus 3:5 **KJV** Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, **by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;** **NIV** -- he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. **He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,**

- b. Consider the multiple ministries of the Holy Spirit

i. **Teaching** – John 16:12-15 -- **Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:**

ii. **Guiding** – Romans 8:14 -- For **as many as are led by the Spirit** of God, they are the sons of God.

iii. **Assurance** – Romans 8:16 -- **The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:**

- iv. **Praying** – Romans 8:26 --- **the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.**

v. **The Exercise of Spiritual Gifts** – 1 Corinthians 12:7

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. ⁸ For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; ⁹ To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; ¹⁰ To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: ¹¹ But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

- vi. **Warring Against the Flesh** – Galatians 5:17 - **¹⁶ This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.**

vii. **The Production of the Fruit of the Spirit** – Galatians 5:22 –

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. ²⁴ And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
²⁶ Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Note: To be FILLED with THE SPIRIT means to BE CONTROLLED by THE SPIRIT -- Ephesians 5:

⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

- **1—Regeneration**
- **2--- The Presence of The Holy Spirit Who produces Spirituality.**

c. Time:

- a. **Salvation takes place at a moment in time, therefore SPIRITUALITY or SANCTIFICATION occur as a process in time.**
- b. If 1 Corinthians 2:15 is true, which it is, then it makes sense that it is going to take TIME for us to have the knowledge and complete spirituality to judge all things.
- c. Yes time is a necessity for SPIRITUAL MATURITY!
 - i. Hebrews 5:11-14 --

¹¹ Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

¹² **For when for the time ye ought to be teachers,** ye have need that one teach you again which

be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. ¹³ For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: **for he is a babe.** ¹⁴ But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

ii. 1 Corinthians 3:1-4

And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but **as unto carnal,** even as unto babes in Christ. ² I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. ³ For **ye are yet carnal:** for whereas **there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions,** are ye not carnal, and walk as men? ⁴ For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

iii. Ephesians 4:12 -13

¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ¹³ **Till we all come in the unity of the faith,** and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

iv. Romans 8:29

²⁸ And we know that **all things work together for good** to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For whom he did foreknow, **he also did predestinate to be conformed** to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

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