

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 KJV

[14] But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15] But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16] For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

The ancient Greek word for **natural man** is “*psuchikos*.” It describes the *materialist*.

Luke 12:15-23 KJV

[15] And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. 16] And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: 17] And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? 18] And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. 19] And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. 20] But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? 21] So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. 22] And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. 23] The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

Romans 8:6 (Darby Bible) *For the mind of the flesh is death; but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace.*

- **PowerPoint:** The great challenge of our time is unspiritual spirit filled people. They have the Holy Ghost, but the Holy ghost does not have them.
- **PowerPoint:** Our perspective on everything changes when we start thinking with a spiritual mind and seeing with spiritual eyes.

Haggai 2:3-9 KJV

[3] Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? 4] Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord ; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts: 5] According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not. 6] For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land ; 7] And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. 8] The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. 9] The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.

II. What does it mean to be spiritual from a biblical perspective”:

1. To be spiritual means TO HAVE THE SPIRIT OF GOD

Romans 8:8-9 KJV

[8] So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. [9] But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Ephesians 5:18 KJV

[18] And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but BE FILLED with the Spirit;

2. To be spiritual has to do with HOW YOU TREAT OTHERS

Galatians 6:1-2 KJV

[1] Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 2] Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Six Characteristics of Spiritual people

1. **Spiritual people are inherently unselfish**
2. **Spiritual people are givers and receivers, not givers and takers.**
3. **Spiritual people prioritize the needs of others**

Romans 12:10 KJV

[10] Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

4. **Spiritual people risk themselves for others.**

Luke 10:30-36 KJV

[30] And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31] And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32] And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. 33] But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, [34] And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35] And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. 36] Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

5. **Spiritual people treat others the way they would like to be treated.**

6. **Spiritual people can get along with other people**

Ephesians 3:16-18 KJV

[16] That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; [17] That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, [18] May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

3. To be spiritual means JESUS IS NOT JUST MY SAVIOR HE IS ALSO MY LORD

1 Corinthians 12:3,13 KJV

[3] Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. 13] For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

4. To be spiritual means TO ACKNOWLEDGE BEING ONE OF MANY IN ONE BODY AND TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BODY

1 Corinthians 12:12 KJV

[12] For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

5. To be spiritual means TO DEMONSTRATE LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 KJV

[4] Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, [5] Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; [6] Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; [7] Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

6. To be spiritual means to EDIFY OTHERS.

Romans 14:19 KJV

[19] Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

7. To be spiritual means TO HONOR GOD'S WORD, THE LORD'S COMMANDMENTS

1 Corinthians 14:37 KJV

[37] If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

8. Spirituality SEEKS AND MAINTAINS ORDERLY BEHAVIOR (1 Cor. 14:40)

1 Corinthians 14:40 KJV

[40] Let all things be done decently and in order.

➤ **PowerPoint: You cannot be out of order and IN THE SPIRIT.**

Here are 21 practical suggestions for building a stronger spiritual life:

1. Be a river, not a swamp.

John 7:38 KJV

[38] He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

2. Identify your blessings.

Try this spiritual exercise for one week:

- ❖ At the end of the first day, identify a blessing that came to you from a family member.
- ❖ At the end of the second day, a blessing from a neighbor.

- ❖ Third day, from a friend.
- ❖ Fourth day, from a work colleague.
- ❖ Fifth day, from a stranger.
- ❖ Sixth day, from a child.
- ❖ On the seventh day, a blessing that came from an “enemy.”

3. Speak words of blessing over others

Numbers 6:23-26 KJV

[23] Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, [24] The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: [25] The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: [26] The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

4. Have partners in prayer

5. Take a leap!

6. Restore someone’s faith.

7. Be grateful

8. Share the journey

9. Serve - John 13:1-5

10. See the significance of solitude.

11. Pray AND Fast

12. Replace worry with worship

13. Demonstrate love wherever you go.

14. Keep the main thing the main thing.

15. Reject Mediocrity

16. Use it or lose it.

17. Meditate on Scripture

18. Be dependable

19. Ask God to make you a blessing every day

20. See God in nature.

21. Choose wisely

You can select joy over despair, select love over hate, select forgiveness over revenge, select growth over stagnation.

The choice is ours!