
Stop Being Such A Baby!

THREE TYPES OF PEOPLE:

1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Galatians 5:16-26, 1 Corinthians 8:1

People that don't know God.

People that know God.

People that know God, but act like they don't.

Two indicators of spiritual growth:

Your relationship with others.

The role you play in the Kingdom.

THREE THINGS THE SPIRIT IS SUPPOSED TO DO:

John 15:5-14, 16:7-15, 1 Thessalonians 5:19-24, Psalm 139:23-24, Romans 1:18-23

To show us who we are.

To show us who God is.

To show us what life is about.

THREE STEPS TO WALKING IN THE SPIRIT:

Romans 5:8-10, 7:15-8:17, Galatians 2:20, 1 John 2:27, Ephesians 3:17-19

You have to tune in.

You have to stay tuned in.

Hearing doesn't mean listening.

Food for Thought

For the week of September 6, 2009

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Chris talked about how important it is for us to set our minds on the Spirit, not the flesh. God has given us some resources to help us do this consistently, most notably the Bible and other believers. What do the following passages say about each of these resources and how we can use them in our lives?

Psalm 19:7-14

*The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul.*

*The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.*

*[8] The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.*

*The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.*

*[9] The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever.*

*The ordinances of the Lord are sure
and altogether righteous.*

*[10] They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;*

*they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the comb.*

*[11] By them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.*

*[12] Who can discern his errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.*

*[13] Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.*

*Then will I be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.*

*[14] May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. ^[NIV]*

Psalm 1:1-3

*Blessed is the man
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked
or stand in the way of sinners
or sit in the seat of mockers.*

*[2] But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.*

*[3] He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers. ^[NIV]*

Hebrews 3:13

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. ^[NIV]

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. [25] Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching. [NIV]

James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. [NIV]

Is there anything you need to do to move in the direction of better taking advantage of these resources (perhaps joining a Growth Group)?

2. Too often Christians try to live the Christian life in their own power rather than relying on God's power. What do the following verses teach us about relying on God's strength rather than our own?

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. [8] Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. [9] But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. [10] That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. [NIV]

Zechariah 4:6

So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty. [NIV]"

Why do you think God is so concerned about people relying on His power and not their own?

3. In Galatians 5:16-25, Paul makes a clear distinction between the spiritual life and the worldly life and the impact they have on our relationships with others. Read the passage and list the influences each life has on how we relate to others.

Galatians 5:16-25

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. [17] For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. [18] But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

[19] The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; [20] idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions [21] and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those

who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

[22] But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. [24] Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. [25] Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ^[NIV]

What insight from the sermon could help you consistently choose to live as a spiritual person and thus experience the fruit of the Spirit?