



True Spirituality

Romans 8:6



Spirituality Involves More Than
HOLDING THE CORRECT DOCTRINAL
POSITION

Truth Is a Vital Part

- We can't be spiritual without doing what the Spirit says – 1 Cor. 14:37
- True spirituality involves following Jesus' words – Jn. 6:63
- True spiritual worship must be conducted in truth – Jn. 4:24
- Spirituality cannot be separated from God's truth!

True Spirituality:

Not Just Holding the Right Positions

- The scribes taught truth in hypocrisy – Matt. 23:2-3
- Truth can be preached for the wrong reasons – Phil. 1:15-16; 2 Cor. 2:17
- True spirituality necessitates asking “why” we hold these positions.



**Spirituality Involves More Than
DOING “SPIRITUAL” THINGS**

True Spirituality:

Not a Physical Sensation

- People want to be spiritual, so they do *physical* things to make that happen.
- Of course, our actions in worship are not to hinder true spirituality – 1 Cor. 14:40
- And, we can confuse the simple *act* of doing something God commands with spirituality.

True Spirituality:

Always Connected To God's Truth

- True spiritual worship is directly connected to biblical truth.
 - Spiritual gifts were only of value if used to present God's truth – 1 Cor. 14:18-19
 - Singing and prayer must be connected to God's truth – Col. 3:16; 1 Cor. 14:14-17
 - Worship without truth is vain – Matt. 15:8-9
- All true spiritual actions are determined by truth – Matt. 7:21-23



What is
TRUE SPIRITUALITY?

True Spirituality:

Opposite of Normal Human Behavior

- True spirituality doesn't act like "mere men"
 - 1 Cor. 3:1-3
- True spirituality behaves like God.
 - Requires seeking to know God – Phil. 3:8; Col. 1:9-10; Jer. 9:23-24
 - Requires obeying God's revealed will – Titus 1:16; 1 Jn. 2:3-6
- Knowing God is to change me!

True Spirituality:

Right Action Coupled with Right Heart

- One can do right without the right heart – 2 Chron. 25:2
 - Amaziah’s “double-mindedness” caused him to stray from God.
- Correct action without a submissive heart is useless – Micah 6:6-8
 - This does not negate the importance of doing God’s will.
 - It emphasizes the need for the right heart.

True Spirituality:

Permeates Our Whole Being

- It is a life centered on God's will – Psa. 1:1-3
- It is a life that prizes spiritual over physical – Rm. 8:5-6; Matt. 6:31-33
- It seeks to express love and praise in worship to God whenever possible – Psa. 122:1; 22:22
- It is heard in the words that characterize our speech – Acts 4:13; Jer. 20:9

Conclusion

- True spirituality finds expression in all that we do.
- It is the guiding principle for all our decisions and actions, being founded on God's word.
- Without it we cannot fully serve the Lord.