

The Search for Spirituality

Spirituality is a highly sought after quality, and has been throughout the ages. In the ancient city of Ephesus, sacred prostitutes served daily in the temple of Diana because it was thought that sexual union brought closer union with the gods. Mothers have thrown their babies into the crocodile-infested Ganges River in the search for spirituality. In Jesus' own day Jews washed meticulously, dressed ridiculously and wouldn't even eat an egg laid on the Sabbath in their quest for greater spirituality.

What is spirituality? W. E. Vine writes regarding spirituality and the spiritual man: "Things that have their origin in God, and which, therefore, are in harmony with His character...the spiritual man walks by the Spirit... and manifests the fruits of the Spirit in his life." It is that quality of life that results from a right relationship with God. It is evidenced by such things as love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22, 23).

The essence of spirituality is reflected in Paul's prayer for the church at Philippi. He prayed that they would approve the things that are excellent, and that they would be sincere and without offense until Christ came (Philippians 1:10). That should be our goal. Spiritual men have eternal values. They follow a divine standard. They live a distinctive life.

Our search for spirituality will not be complete until we learn the will of God and make it our own. That is only possible when we become careful Bible students. The Bible, understood and applied, makes for spiritual men and women. Spirituality may be a difficult concept to define, but a spiritual person is easily recognizable.

Are you searching for greater spirituality? - Roger Rush, Marietta, OH

Rules For Growing Christians

Don't neglect your prayer time. It is the breath of the soul (Luke 18:1).

Don't neglect your Bible. It is your sword for conquest, your hammer for construction, your guiding light for dreary days (Rev. 1:3).

Don't neglect your body. It is the capital on which you are to do business for the rest of your life (1 Cor. 6: 19,20).

Don't neglect your mind. It is your channel for reaching up to the very thoughts of God (Phil. 4:8).

Don't neglect your laugh. Bible teaches that "A merry heart does good like medicine" (Prov. 17:22).

Don't neglect your reputation. It is the gold with which you will meet the demands of a complex civilization (Mt. 5:14-16).

Don't neglect your influence. It will point others to the living God whom you serve (Prov. 11:6).

- San Augustine church of Christ, San Augustine, TX (*Bulletin Digest*) -

Dying Christianity fails to present a living Christ.

News & Notes

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Michael & Sarah Heath** on the birth of a son, **Jacob Michael on Oct. 16th**. The grandparents are Mike & Marcie Martin and the great grandmother is Margie Martin. Best wishes to all.

TODAY'S CONTRIBUTION: Our entire contribution will be sent to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief in Nashville.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Nov. 4th, 8:00 a.m. at EJ's.

TRI-STATE GRIEF FELLOWSHIP: Next Saturday, Nov. 4th, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the St. Clair Ave. congregation.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAYS: Next Saturday, Nov. 4th, Hanoverton & New Philadelphia. See bulletin board for details.

MEN'S DAY: Next Saturday, Nov. 4th, 8:30 to Noon at the Steelton congregation. Speakers: Cedrick Goddard, Steve Stevens, Peter Ray Cole. Additional details on the bulletin board.

TIME CHANGE: Next Saturday, Nov. 4th, turn your clocks **BACK one hour** before retiring. Daylight Saving Time ends.

COVERED DISH DINNER: Next Sunday, Nov. 5th about Noon at the Fellowship Building followed by our **afternoon service at 2:00 p.m.** at the church building.

FREE: Ed Wiersbicki has two electric roasters to give away. See Ed for details.

PANTRY: Cream of Chicken Soup.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Gary Evans, Jim Hall, Bob & Mary Helen Riley, Anita Hopwood, Linda Parkes, Melissa Rosohac, Peggy Linger, Nancy Cox, Blondenia Orr, Barbara DeLong, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker, Lori Rowand (John Sprout's niece). **Fox - Chester:** Mary Johnson (Lois Hissom's sister). **In Ohio:** Herman McHan, 7401 Elmwood Drive, Lisbon, OH 44432.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Hanoverton-----	Nov. 5 - 9-----	Students & Faculty of WVSOP
Steelton -----	Nov. 5 - 9-----	Steve Stevens
Bridge St., N. Martinsville-----	Nov. 12-15-----	Phil Sanders

CHRIST AND HIS PEOPLE

He became poor that we might become rich (James 2:5).

He was born that we might be born again (John 1:14).

He became a servant that we might become sons (Gal. 4:6-7).

He had no home that we might have a home in heaven (Matt. 8:20).

He was bound that we might go free (John 8:32-36).

He was made sin that we might be made righteous (2 Cor. 5:21).

He died that we might live (John 5:24-25).

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