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A TIME FOR...

“Living ‘Biblical’ Spirituality”

Romans 12:1-2 NLT 2:10...

¹And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a **living and holy sacrifice—the kind** he will find **acceptable**. This is truly the way to worship him.

²Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God **transform** you into a new person by **changing the way you think**. Then you will **learn to know** God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 8:8-16 NKJV 2:10...

⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, **if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.** Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

¹⁴ **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.**

¹⁶ **The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,...**

What Does Spiritual Pride Look Like?

Luke 18:10-12_{NLT}

¹⁰ “Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: ‘I thank you, God, that **I am not like other people**—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I’m certainly not like that tax collector! ¹² **I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.**’

What Does Spiritual Humility Look Like?

Luke 18:13-14_{NLT}

¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, ‘O God, **be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.**’ ¹⁴ I tell you, **this sinner**, not the Pharisee, returned home **justified before God**. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

“Biblical Spirituality is connectivity with God and in God; producing transformation in a person, evidenced by how that person lives. In this Connectivity, God’s will and power is being understood, and man’s responsibility is not ignored”

'Spirituality' in Error

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| 1. Self Righteousness | Lk. 18:9-13 |
| 2. Superiority / hierarchical leadership | Mt. 20:25 |
| 3. 'Misuse' of spiritual gift | I Cor. 12:1-7 |
| Seeking benefits and not serving others | |
| 4. Lack of 'rational' thinking | Prov. 16:21-23 |
| No sound counsel. Lacking Wisdom | |
| 5. Sensuality promoted | Eph. 4:19 |
| 6. No evidence of the fruit of the Spirit | Gal. 5:19-22 |
| 7. Angelic focus in worship | Col. 2:18-19 |

What Should be Evident in our Spirituality?

- 1. Learning**
- 2. Loving**
- 3. Living**

Learning- God's Word and Character

Hebrews 12:1-3 NLT

¹Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. ² And now in these final days, he has spoken to us **through his Son...** ³ The Son radiates **God's own glory** and **expresses the very character of God**, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honour at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.

Loving - God and People

1 Corinthians 13: 1-3_{NLT}

¹ If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a **noisy gong or a clanging cymbal**. ² If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but **didn't love others, I would be nothing**. ³ If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have **gained nothing**.

Living - God Inspired Action

James 1:22-27 NLT

²² But don't just **listen** to God's word. You **must do** what it says. **Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.** ²³ For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. ²⁵ But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it. ²⁶ If **you claim** to be **religious** but don't **control your tongue**, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is **worthless.** ²⁷ **Pure and genuine** religion in the sight of God the Father means **caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.**

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