

How To Be Spiritual

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1Cor 2:13-15 “Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 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.”

1Cor 3:1-3 “And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2- I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye (y'all) were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye (y'all) able. 3- For ye (y'all) are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye (y'all) not carnal, and walk as men?”

Rom 6:6-7 “Knowing this, that our **old man** is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7- For he that is dead is freed from sin.”

Joh 12:24 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn (grain) of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth (stays) alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.”

Rom 6:3-4 Know ye (y'all) not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his **death**? 4- Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into **death**: that like as Christ was raised up from the **dead** by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Mat 16:24-26 “Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25- For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26- For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”

The first rule about living a spiritual life is **death**. We must be baptized into the same **death** that Jesus died. Our old nature (**old man**) must be sacrificed. Now, we must not confuse this with basic salvation. Salvation is a free gift. It cannot be earned

by good works, nor can it be lost from bad works. And, sacrificing our “**old man**” will **not** save us. (See article listed below on: Salvation.)

And, the second rule about living a spiritual life is unselfishness, that can be best seen with a great concern about the successful spiritual life of the people we are influencing. After all, a teacher cannot be very successful if his students are not successful. In other words, an over-concern about “self-greatness” is itself a failure in spiritual growth. When some people think of being “spiritual”, they start to get puffed up with pride thinking in terms of “self-greatness”, which is a spiritual failure.

But, true spiritual living in our present walk with God is partly a subject of reward for good service and our inheritance in the next life. Our salvation cannot be lost, but our eternal crown and eternal inheritance can be lost if we don't produce good works. Those true believers (truly born again believers) who refuse to live spiritually will experience discipline from the hand of God, and if that doesn't work, they will suffer trials or sickness and go to an early grave. (This does not apply to non-Christians. See article listed below on: Salvation.) **1Co 11:30** “For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep (die).” **1Co 11:32** “But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.”

But mostly, true spiritual living in our present walk with God is about an inner spiritual closeness to God himself. It is a walk of spiritual intimacy with the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit must be united with our spirit. His Spirit must touch our spirit.

1Co 3:12-15 “Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13- Every man's work shall be made manifest (plain, open): for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try (test) every man's work of what sort it is. 14- If any man's work abide (continue) which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15- If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.” So, all those Christians who refuse to live spiritually will be as though they survived a house fire. They themselves will be saved (continue to live), but everything in their house will be burned up. They will have no eternal reward in the next life, and they will receive discipline from the hand of God here in this life. (This doesn't apply to non-Christians.)

But, you should not **just** think about rewards, eternal as they are, because the most important advantage is the spiritual intimacy with God. This is where true happiness is found. A close walk with God is something which is hard to explain. It would fill our human spirit in a way that has no comparison. There is no way to describe it. The closest way would be to say it is an intimate spiritual communion, which fills us with joy and maximum pleasure. **Php 3:8** “Yea (Yeah, yes) doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung (excrement), that I may win Christ,”

But, we have to approach this in terms of how most people think about it. Namely, the title "How to be spiritual". Most people would interpret as saying, "How to be great in the spirit", or possibly like the simple question, "Who's the greatest?". [Luke 22:24](#) "And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest." However, in the spiritual world most things are in reverse. [Luke 22:25-26](#) "And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. 26- But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve." [Mark 9:35](#) "And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all." [Mat 20:16](#) "So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen." [Mark 8:34-36](#) "..... he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 35- For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. 36- For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

In the spiritual world, it's best to think that everything is the reverse of the natural world. Most things don't make sense to our mental understanding. [1Co 1:27-28](#) "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound (dishonor) the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound (dishonor) the things which are mighty; 28- And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea (yes), and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:" Most sacrifices we have to make when we walk with God are things we don't want to do. [Mat 7:21](#) "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

And our family and friend relationships, many times have to be sacrificed. [Mark 10:28-30](#) "Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. 29- And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, 30- But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." For most people, doing the will of God is something that they don't want to do. [1Peter 4:1-2](#) "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; 2- That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God."

But, how do we achieve this spiritual death? And, how do we evaluate it? Well, we must do God's will, and sacrifice our own will. [Mat 7:21-23](#) "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but **he that doeth**

the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22- Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23- And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye (y'all) that work iniquity."

Please notice, we live in a day when there are many churches who teach that you must have the gifts of the Spirit. Make no mistake, ALL of the gifts of the Spirit which the Apostles received on the day of Pentecost were stopped in the second generation of the church. Only the Apostles could impart the supernatural gifts of the Spirit. Nobody in the second generation of the church (and since then) could impart those supernatural gifts. (Acts 5:12,13; Acts 8:18-20) ALL of the modern day preachers teaching the supernatural gifts of the spirit are "wolves in sheep's clothing". When people see them fail because their supernatural gifts don't work, many people reject God and Jesus Christ. Those "wolves in sheep's clothing" are con artists trying to win more souls for Satan. (See article listed below on: Wolves in Sheep's Clothing.)

And, most of the people who follow them are already followers of Satan. They're all in on it together. It's a fake staged freak show in which most of the audience is part of the deception. They pretend to have the same supernatural gifts of the Spirit which the Apostles received on the day of Pentecost. But, they don't.

This is different than those fake healings that can be seen on TV. In a real live church where everyone present knows everyone else, you can't do that same type of fake healings as they do on TV. But, sometimes in churches they stage it anyway. And when the faith healer is unsuccessful, the sick person receives NO miracle. Some of those fake Christian supporters even jump for joy and get excited like a miracle just happened, when in fact no supernatural miracle **ever, ever, ever** happens.

Then, the participants just use a fake patch (lie about it) to cover up their lack of the supernatural gifts by saying that they have faith that the miracle will happen in the future. But, if you pay attention, you will notice that the supernatural miracles **never** happen,..... **never, never, never, never**. For many years (almost 2,000 years), they've had a perfect score: absolute zero. And, they do a lot of lying, too. They make-up a lot of reports that a supernatural miracle has happened, always at some other time and some other place. Never at the same moment of laying hands on the sick person, as the apostles did, in the name of Jesus Christ. They are liars. Lies, lies, lies, lies.

So, don't be fooled by those fake Christians in corrupt churches. They are not true followers of Jesus Christ. 1Tim 4:1-2 "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and **doctrines of devils**; 2- Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;" They are all followers of Satan pretending to be Christians. The teaching that Christians should have the same supernatural gifts of the Spirit which the Apostles received on the day of Pentecost is a "**doctrine of devils**" made to trip-up

people in the faith and get them to reject Jesus Christ. (See article listed below on: Wolves in Sheep's Clothing.)

The real evidence of the working of the Holy Spirit in Christians lives is the fruit of the Spirit. (See article listed below on: The Virtues of the Spirit.) [Mat 7:15-20](#) "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16- Ye (y'all) shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17- Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18- A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19- Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20- Wherefore by their fruits ye (y'all) shall know them." (See article listed below on: The Virtues of the Spirit.)

And so, how can we recognize the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives on a daily basis? How can we recognize God's will? After all, if we don't do God's will, we will have no part in the kingdom of God in the next life, as mentioned above. ([Mat 7:21-23](#)) Well, we human beings, as functioning creatures have three basic parts, we all have a mind, a will and emotions. In all of these aspects we must experience the leading of the Holy Spirit to guide us through life. [Psa 5:8](#) "Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight (clear, plain) before my face."

The main reason why most people never have the leading of the Holy Spirit in their lives is that their own mind, will or emotions are doing the leading for them. At times the Holy Spirit will direct us to do something that does not make sense to our natural thinking. And, many times, the leading of God is contrary to the will of the person. They don't want to do it, then, they put in ear plugs so they don't have to listen. And sometimes, people love something or someone else more than God. So,..... there is something or someone else they don't want to leave to follow God's will. [Mat 10:37-39](#) "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38- And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. 39- He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." **And** [1Tim 6:10](#) "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." Many people love money more than they love God. And they mistake their own natural leading from their own mind, will or emotions as the leading of the Holy Spirit. But, why does it seem that God never even shows them His will? Well, obviously they have ear plugs in their ears so they won't have to listen to anything they don't want to. And it was their own stubborn choice. They don't want to hear anything they don't like.

Luke 14:26-29 “If any man come to me, and **hate** not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. 27- And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. 28- For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? 29- Lest haply (in case, perhaps), after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,” In this passage, the word “**hate**” means the same as to “**bear the cross**”. There is no contradiction here as compared to when Jesus told us to “love one another” in John 15:12. Whenever there is an obvious conflict between following God and continuing in fellowship with our friends or family, we must be ready to leave ALL to follow Jesus Christ. Mark 10:28-30 “Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. 29- And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, 30- But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.”

Similarly, another practice of avoiding people who used to be close to us, used to be called “excommunication”, when it was applied to the fellow members of the church. But now, the only church people I am aware of who continue practicing “excommunication” in America are the Amish. They call it “shunning” someone who doesn’t comply with the customs of their group. But, for the most part, in their case, those are people who were raised from childhood in their group. The Amish people are mostly noted for using horses, and no modern technology. No cars, no electricity, no tractors, no telephones, no TV. You might think that they do all that to avoid pollution. But no,... they have a different reason. (See videos about Amish people on youtube.)

Only in the last 100 years or so, has there been a big change (for everyone) toward higher education focusing on advanced technology. Higher education use to be very much different, back then. It used to be thought, for thousands of years, that this type of mentality goes hand-in-hand with gross immorality and anti-religious atheism. And now that this type of corruption has indeed proven to be part of the package (it always accompanies advanced education which focuses on technology), nobody seems to know why.

All those years, they were right..... Usually, education and technological advancement gets most people to turn away from God. When most people have the wonders of modern technology they usually forget about God completely. Most modern universities are extremely atheistic. They are always full of gross immorality and anti-religious corruption (atheism).

Many years ago, the Roman Catholic Church used to practice “excommunication”, but they added on the custom of execution, which was never taught in the New Testament. Most commonly, they used to burn people at the stake if they did not conform to the Roman Catholic way of practices. But in most cases, this was only done to church leaders who spoke out against the corruption of the Roman Catholic Church. A very famous case was Martin Luther (1483-1546), who was at first a faithful Roman Catholic priest. But, in 1517, after carefully reading the Latin Catholic translation of the Holy Bible, he put a paper on the church door which stated 95 points in which the Roman Catholic Church was in error against the true teachings of the Holy Bible. (The Ninety-five Theses) However, Martin Luther was protected by the king of Germany, so he was never burned at the stake. But, many others were burned at the stake, like William Tyndale, and ALL of the pastors under the reign of “Bloody Mary” queen of England (queen from 1553 to 1558). She was Roman Catholic. Most modern Catholics deny any responsibility of the Roman Catholic Church for those murders.

But, now that very few modern churches practice the correct teaching of “excommunication”, none of the corruption in modern churches is ever cleaned up. So, it is now necessary for the few faithful Christians to “excommunicate” the entire unfaithful churches from their fellowship. The few faithful Christians must “shun” all those corrupt unfaithful churches, including any friends or family members who are in those bad churches. (See article listed below on: The Lukewarm Church.)

However, the way that Amish churches practice “shunning” is not the way it should be done. For starters, they have formed a society that is inappropriate and is not completely in agreement with Bible teachings. They live so isolated that it’s like they’re living on an island. And, their life-style regulations are so nit-picky that they themselves cannot maintain agreement on what regulations to follow (which are usually regulations not found in the Bible). Thus, they themselves are constantly separating into more and more small groups, each with a different concept of which rules to follow.

In 1Cor 5, the entire chapter discusses this subject of shunning. There was one guilty man in their church who was living in fornication. The Apostle Paul stated that previously, he had written to them that if someone **among them** was living in sin, the culprit must be removed from their group. 1Cor 5:2 “..... that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.” But, what exactly does that mean? How are they supposed to treat that person? 1Cor 5:9 “I wrote unto you in an epistle (a letter) **not to company with fornicators:**” The phrase “not to company with” is key in this verse. In the next verse he says, 1Cor 5:10 “**Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye (y’all) needs go out of the world.**” Well.... What does he mean, “go out of the world”?

This is what the Amish are doing. They create their own private little island so that they can live isolated from everyone else. Isn't that what it means in, [2Cor 6:17](#) "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you," This is a typical verse that Amish people use to explain why they live separated (isolated) from almost everyone else. But, the answer, in verse 10, is negative. The phrase "**Yet not**" clearly indicates that his previous order to be separate (isolated) from sinners does not apply the same way with unbelievers out in the world as it does with a member of the church. Otherwise, it would be necessary to "[go out of the world](#)", kind of like living on your own island, so to say, as the Amish people do, which is incorrect.

The obvious meaning of this passage is that any person continuing in sin who is a part of the members of the church must be removed (excommunicated, shunned). However, sinners who are outside of the church are the people out in the "world". And, it must be understood that there must be some sort of continued contact with people in the "world" for the purpose of spreading the message of salvation to them, in hopes of converting them to the church. If the church cuts themselves off from the world, then converting lost souls becomes impossible. [Mat 5:14-16](#) "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15- Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16- Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." [Mar 16:15-16](#) "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16- He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Preaching the message of the gospel to unbelievers is impossible when the church maintains an incorrect application of "[..... come out from among them, and be ye separate](#)". It is of utmost importance to distinguish the difference between these two concepts.

But, this practice of being totally "separate" seems to be the way God wanted the people to live back in the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible). Right? Wrong! The Jews have probably practiced "excommunication" more correctly than anyone else, however, they are not part of the church. Mostly, they have practiced "excommunication" when one of their people inter-marries someone outside of their group. Their strict use of this practice is the only reason Jews still exist in modern times. Otherwise, if they had inter-married with other people over the years, they would no longer exist today. Inter-marriage delutes the race, whatever race that happens to be. With Christians, it makes them Lukewarm. (See article listed below on: The Lukewarm Church.)

This all must be understood starting with the three verses previously, [2Cor 6:14-17](#) "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

15- And what concord hath Christ with Belial (false god, Satan)? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16- And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17- Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,” This type of “separate” is much different than excommunicating a person who has already become a member of the church. Relationships with people who are outside the church must be maintained in a special way. They must be in contact enough to provide the message of salvation, and yet at the same time cut off from close fellowship. There must be no “intimacy” with outsiders.

Any member who is living in corruption must be shunned/excommunicated. But, for non-Christians who are willing to listen to the message of salvation, we have to be available to communicate with them. Yet, at the same time, maintaining contact with outsiders is not the same thing as “chumming around” too closely with them (intimacy). “Maintaining contact with someone” and having “close, deep intimacy with someone” are not the same thing. Having “close, deep intimacy” must be reserved exclusively for faithful members of the church. Whereas, unfaithful members of the church must be shunned; that means total separation. And outsiders must be kept in contact with for the purpose of bringing them the message of salvation, and at the same time, not too close. Close “intimacy” must be reserved exclusively for faithful members only.

SPIRITUALITY

1 – Conscience

The first example we have of spirituality in the Bible is the “conscience”. When Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit in the garden of Eden, instantly they became aware that they were naked. (Gen 3) This was a spiritual revelation that suddenly occurred to them without any mental teaching whatsoever. They had no previous concept of being naked, nor had anyone told them about it. The name of the forbidden tree where they got fruit from was called: Gen 2:17 “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” The “**knowledge**” spoken of in this tree name was an inwardly revealed spiritual knowledge which could not have come to them in any normal, natural manner.

And now, every human being in the world has inherited a “conscience” automatically from birth. However, it is possible for a person to learn to ignore their conscience,

and at times they can even permanently cut off their conscience. 1Tim 4:2 “Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their **conscience** seared with a hot iron;” This is the type of person the Bible tells us **not** to pray for. 1Jn 5:16 “If any man see his **brother** sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.” Notice that the person in question here is called a “**brother**”, which means a fellow Christian. If any fellow Christian has cut off their conscience, meaning that they continue in sin without any awareness of guilt whatsoever, we must **not** pray for such a person, and we must **not** even eat with them. (not to keep company with them) They have crossed the line of no return. 2Tim 3:5 “Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away (avoid, shun).” 1Cor 5:11 “But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer (reviler), or a drunkard, or an extortioner; **with such an one no not to eat**” Don’t even eat with someone like this. This corruption is contagious. Stay away from them, or you might catch their sickness.

So,..... this type of “spirituality” (the conscience) can be negative or positive. But obviously, a good Christian must always listen to their conscience and follow it positively. It’s kind of like having a little angel on your shoulder whispering good advice into your ear. And also having a little demon on your other shoulder whispering bad advice into your other ear. Which one will you follow? If that little demon happens to be in the form of some other person who is always giving you bad advice, you must stay away from them. Their constant bad advice is contagious, just like any contagious sickness. If you don’t avoid them, soon you will catch the sickness.

2 – Intuition

In some respects “intuition” is very similar to the conscience. The person receives a type of inner “revelation” from the spirit of God, but with “intuition” it is mostly about what God’s will is. Mat 7:21 “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; **but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**” As you can see, the only people who will participate in the kingdom of heaven are those people who actually DO the will of God. And quite obviously, the first step in doing God’s will is knowing what that will is. This is expected of every true Christian. This is not talking about salvation from hell, it is about the eternal rewards (inheritance and crown) in the next life. Eternal life consists of more than just escape from hell. (1Cor 3:9-15) But, most importantly, “intuition” is the means by which we receive and recognize God’s will.

Well, most Christians never receive any such inner revelations (intuition). Why? Not receiving direction from God is always caused by something inhibiting it. This is kind of like a person who is wearing ear-plugs. They don’t want to hear anything they

don't like. Either they just don't like it, or their mind is telling them that there is something wrong with it (they're not available to do anything they can't understand), or they simply love something or someone else more than God. (the mind, the will or the emotions)

Or, as in the case with Jonah, he hated the people who God sent him to, for the purpose of preaching repentance to them so that they might be converted. God told Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh and preach to them, but he hated those people, so he deliberately bought a boat ticket going in the other direction. Then, God sent a storm at sea. But when the other boatmen found out that Jonah had offended God, they threw him out of the boat. Then, God sent a whale, which swallowed Jonah, and brought him back to Nineveh, and vomited him out on the land, a day's journey away from Nineveh. (read Jonah 1-4, four short chapters)

So, if a Christian wants to receive any revelation from God, to do God's will, he must first make himself willing and available to do whatever God tells him, even if it is something he doesn't like.

Heb 4:12 "For the word of God is quick (living), and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder (separation) of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." A faithful Christian must use the Word of God to divide the soul from the spirit. The "soul" should be thought of as the natural part of a person: the mind, the emotions and the will. The "spirit" is what has direct contact with the Spirit of God. It is through the "spirit" that a Christian receives the guidance of God, **not** through his natural mind, his natural emotions or his natural will.

These inner "revelations" could also be called the "leading of the Holy Spirit". Doing God's will means following His direction. Psa 32:9 "Be not like the horse, or like the mule, who have no understanding, whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, so that they do not come near you." The leading of the Holy Spirit is not supposed to be like directing a horse, which must be physically steered with a bit in their mouth as the rider pulls left or right on the reins. Or, as a car which must have a driver who turns left or right on the steering wheel and with the foot pressing on the accelerator or the brake. God wants people to learn to receive directions from the Spirit, in a spiritual way. It ought to be like a feeling of "intuition" that a person learns to follow without the need for a physical force of direction.

It must also be recognized that high-level education usually stifles the "leading of the Holy Spirit. High-level education, even about the Bible itself, in most cases gets people to trust in their own mind instead of the "leading of the Holy Spirit". Most church pastors who have a doctorate degree from a christian university are in the habit of relying on their own way of thinking, even the ones who teach about the "leading of the

Holy Spirit". They can't help themselves. The mind is like a muscle. When someone develops large muscles, they always rely on those muscles as an automatic habit. Not only that, but most modern seminaries that give out doctorate degrees in theology are also very "lukewarm" in the faith, with many "lukewarm" teachings. (See article listed below on: The Lukewarm Church.)

All of the saved people, who have lost their crown, in the next life, because they haven't done God's will here in this life, will need to have some type of forced direction in the kingdom of Jesus Christ. They can't follow God's will because they have something in their life which inhibits it. Something is standing in the way. Either it is their own corrupt understanding which misguides them, or their own will which stubbornly rebels against God's will, or they love something/someone else more than they love God. There are many possible things that could stop a person from following God's will. Love of money is usually a big one, especially for the lukewarm church.

Those people who are saved, yet who have lost their crown due to failure to follow God's will, need to be directed by force to do what they should have been able to do if they were truly willing in the first place. They are like a horse which won't do what it's supposed to do unless it is told what to do every step of the way. They need somebody giving them orders all the time.

3 - Communion

This is the most difficult aspect of the spirit to explain in human terms. You could say that it is like deep intimate (close) fellowship with someone. But, communion between human beings would rarely be described as "spiritual". You might even describe inter-human "communion" as a warm feeling of bonding friendship, but still the concept of it being "spiritual" is absent from any natural human explanation. This is because most people have never had any real-life awareness of what their "spirit" is. They have no concept of distinguishing between what is natural (their soul) and what is spiritual. As in the verse written in the previous section ([Heb 4:12](#)), we must divide between the soul and the spirit. It is only the "Word of God" that can do this. And still, most people who are accustomed to reading the Bible regularly have very little awareness of what it really means to be "spiritual". They are always living according to their "soul". (their mind, their emotions and their will) [Heb 4:12](#) "For the word of God is quick (living), and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder (separation) of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." The "soul" is supposed to follow the leadership of the spirit, not the other way around.

The reason why most modern Christians, who read the Bible regularly, have difficulty discerning what is the "spirit" is because modern churches are "lukewarm" in

the faith and they have “wolves in sheep’s clothing” as spiritual leaders. (See articles listed below on: “The Lukewarm Church” **and** “Wolves in Sheep’s Clothing”.) As long as they follow those satanic spies who are the leaders of their churches, they will never know what the “spirit” is.

The most important “communion” is concerning our relationship with God. Sometimes the Bible calls it our walk with God. [Gen 5:24](#) “**And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.**” Here, we can see that this person called Enoch walked so closely with God that he was taken to heaven without dying. In our day, there is a concept from Bible teaching called the “Rapture”, which is when God will take many true believers up to heaven without dying. But, the word “rapture” is not found in any of our English Bibles. That’s because it is not an English word. It is found in the Latin Bible, which is translated into English with the words: “caught up”, (or “taken up”) to heaven without dying. [1Thes 4:16-17](#) “**For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump (trumpet) of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17- Then we which are alive and remain shall be **caught up** (taken up, raptured) together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**”

Another example from the Bible of our “communion” with God is the filling of the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost, which is 50 days after Easter (Passover), the disciples of Jesus Christ were filled with the Holy Spirit. [Acts 2:1-4](#) “**And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2- And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3- And there appeared unto them cloven (divided) tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4- And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit), and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**” The biggest problem with this example is that all the “filled with the spirit” churches twist it and always put a lot of emphasis on the supernatural “gifts of the spirit” as the evidence of the filling of the Holy Spirit. The incorrect usage of the supernatural “gifts of the spirit” is discussed at length in the article “Wolves in Sheep’s Clothing”, listed at the bottom of this article. The true “filling of the Holy Spirit” must be understood **without** the supernatural gifts of the spirit. Those supernatural gifts of doing miraculous signs was only active in the first generation of the church.

All of this talk about the “filling of the Spirit” which does **not** include the supernatural gifts, that have always been inactive since the second generation of the church, is an outward display of the effect of the “communion” of the Spirit of God within our spirit. The “communion” with the Spirit of God has no physical aspect to it. It is completely unrelated to the supernatural gifts of the spirit on the day of Pentecost. This “communion” is exclusively a spiritual interaction between God and a person. [1Cor 2:13,14](#) “**Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.**”

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.” So, the whole idea of spiritual “communion” is impossible for the average person to comprehend. However, the average person can understand “communion” with other people. It is a deep feeling of bonding between individual persons. Sometimes, it is compared to eating with someone.

This type of communion is experienced some times very well during prayer. Some people even call it “two way prayer”. However, this title is a little misleading. The movement of the Spirit of God takes place within our spirit, not in any physical manner. It is when His Spirit is touching our spirit, only in a spiritual way. There can be nothing physical about it. And the concept of comparing it to “eating” is only meant as an illustration. Comparing “communion” to anything else can be confusing or misleading.

And even “Holy Communion” is supposed to be the re-enactment of the “Last Supper”, which is the most sacred ceremony of intimacy between God and man. [1Cor 10:16,17](#) “The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the **communion** of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the **communion** of the body of Christ? 17- For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.” This intimacy is supposed to be the closest possible relationship between each person and God.

This “communion” in which the Spirit of God touches our spirit, also produces a tranquil inner “peace” deep within our souls. The “peace” of the Spirit is especially noticeable when outside circumstances are non-peaceful. However, there are some people who are constantly troubled from within, even when there is **no** turbulence that comes from the outside. [Rom 5:1](#) “Therefore being justified by faith, we have **peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**” This inner “peace” is caused by our faith in the substitution sacrifice made by Jesus Christ on the cross. [John 14:27](#) “**Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**”

Again I repeat, this spiritual life is about the prophecy of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all people. This is a prophecy that will be fulfilled just before Jesus Christ returns. Sometimes, it is called the “**last days**” a little before the second coming of Christ. [Joel 2:28-32](#) “And it shall come to pass afterward (**last days**), that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29- And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. 30- And I will shew (show) wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 31- The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. 32- And it shall come to pass, that who-

soever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered (saved): for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance (salvation), as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.” **And Act 2:17-21** “And it shall come to pass in the **last days**, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: 18- And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: 19- And I will shew (show) wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: 20- The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: 21- And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be **saved.**”

Well, why should anyone claim that we’re now closer to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as compared to any other time? After all, many people have been saying for a long time that the second coming of Jesus Christ is close. But, what did Jesus say? **Act 1:7** “And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.” There have even been people who have set a date by which they claim that Jesus Christ will return. But obviously, Jesus Christ did not agree with setting dates for that.

However, there are a few prophecies that clearly indicate that we are definitely drawing very close to the second coming of Jesus Christ. First, most of the churches are now lukewarm in the faith. (See article listed below on: The Lukewarm Church.) Of the seven churches listed in the book of Revelation, the last one is the lukewarm church. That is, the last one just before the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Then, there is the fulfillment of the main purpose of the church, which is to preach the message of Jesus Christ in the entire world, and more specifically, in every language and nation. **Mark 16:15** “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” **John 20:21** “Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.” **Luke 24:47** “And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” **Rev 10:11** “..... Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.” Achieving the goal of preaching the message of salvation through Jesus Christ to every people, language and nation of the world is very close to being finished.

The purpose of the church is now approaching its end. But before the end, Jesus Christ is going to punish the Lukewarm Church, hoping to revive them. (See article listed below on: The Lukewarm Church.) The out-pouring of the Holy Spirit will happen before the Great Tribulation. After that, the influence of the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit will wear off, so that all those who reject God after experiencing the Holy Spirit

will be faced with the Anti-Christ in the Great Tribulation. The Great Tribulation is when the Anti-Christ will rule the world. He will kill Christians very similar to how Hitler tried to kill all the Jews. After that will be the second coming of Jesus Christ.

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