



## Lecture 2

### Becoming Spiritual People

#### SPIRITUAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Are you living life as a spiritual person? Answering these questions will help you to identify and correct any areas where you still live in the flesh. Spiritual awareness and acknowledgement of our identity in Christ are essential if we are to have that experiential knowledge of Christ the Bible talks about. Christ lives in us by the Holy Spirit. God longs for us to live His amazing, wonderful abundant life right now, right here.

- ☐ Do you read the Word and meditate on it every day? [Ephesians 4:22-24](#)
- ☐ Do you renew your mind, deliberately replacing your thoughts with God's thoughts in areas where your thoughts do not agree with the Word of God? [Romans 12:2](#)
- ☐ Do you make every decision with Jesus? [Luke 11:28](#)
- ☐ Do you consciously seek to not grieve the Holy Spirit nor disobey the Word? [Ephesians 4:30](#)
- ☐ Have you ever experienced joy and peace when you chose to put God first and deny self even when inconvenient? [Philippians 4:6-9](#)
- ☐ Do you start each day conscious this day belongs to God? [Romans 14:8](#)
- ☐ Have you submitted your life, "rights" and possessions to your Lord, firmly believing that the only right we have is to be children of God? [1 Timothy 6:17](#)
- ☐ Are you eager to walk the path God has prepared for you, towards the fulfilment of His perfect plan for your life? [Psalm 119:32, 105.](#)
- ☐ Are you looking forward to the wonderful rewards God would have for you in Heaven? [2 Corinthians 5:10](#)
- ☐ In obedience to God's Word have you left your past, **out-of-date** life behind and embraced your new life as a new creation in Christ? [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)
- ☐ Do you constantly give your burdens and cares to Jesus, as He commands you to do? [Matthew 11:28, 1 Peter 5:7](#)
- ☐ Are you able to go through trials and tribulations with faith, hope, joy and peace? [James 1:2](#)
- ☐ Do you reject fear, worries, guilt, condemnation, rejection, etc. in your life? [Romans 8:1, Philippians 4:6-7](#)
- ☐ Are you able to see yourself as God sees you, as the righteousness of Jesus in you, a new creation in Christ, perfect in His sight? [Romans 3:22](#)
- ☐ Are you consciously seeking to live life and perform every task as though you're doing it for Jesus and not for others? [Colossians 3:23](#)
- ☐ Do you consciously recognise your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and seek to never defile it? [1 Corinthians 3:16-17](#)

- ☐ Are you aware of the fact that when you're in the flesh the enemy will deceive you and cause you to fall? [Hebrews 5:14](#)
- ☐ Are you aware that if you don't know God's Word well, you will be deceived by wrong doctrines? [1 Timothy 4:1](#)
- ☐ Do you live constantly aware of God's divine, sacrificial, unconditional love permanently at home in you? [Romans 5:5](#)
- ☐ Do you willingly choose to lay aside your own interests and sacrifice yourself (your desires, your comfort) in order to serve others? [Philippians 2:3-4](#)
- ☐ Are you looking forward to Jesus coming back to take you with Him to heaven? Is this reality constantly alive in your mind, encouraging and motivating you to persevere in challenging times? [1 Thessalonians 5:10-11](#)
- ☐ Do you refuse to allow the law of the land to replace the Word of God? [Matthew 24:35](#)
- ☐ Have you forgiven every person who has offended or hurt you and do you presently and continuously exercise forgiveness and grace for every fresh offence? [Colossians 3:13](#)
- ☐ Do you forgive yourself as God forgives and forgets? [Colossians 3:13](#)

If you cannot give a whole-hearted "yes" to each of these questions, you have identified an area where you are currently living in the flesh and have not yet learnt to be a spiritual person. In each of these areas, Your Heavenly Father invites you to acknowledge and exercise your will to bring this area under the submission of the Holy Spirit, knowing He will give you the grace and power to conquer the flesh.

God has translated us from darkness into the precious light of Jesus. Our spiritual life keeps us in the light. Every time we allow the flesh (the sinful nature) to take over, we enter into darkness and gratify the lusts of the flesh instead of pleasing our Heavenly Father with our devotion and obedience out of our love for Jesus.

## YOUR WILL

Having a will means having power to choose. This is a dangerous power when we use it against God's Word and ways. Using our will to obey God will grant us the fulfilling of God's plan for us.

## BEING, NOT JUST DOING

Before we can "do" anything spiritual for Jesus, we need to first embrace our identity in Christ. Once we are saved by the grace of God and receive the Holy Spirit, there is nothing we can add to this miracle. As new creations, only the fruits of the Holy Spirit are valuable. Until we truly identify as new creations in Christ and renew our minds we cannot become spiritual people. In Christian circles, the emphasis is often on "deeds" rather than being Jesus. We should be doers of the Word and not doers of the works of the flesh. The flesh produces no good fruit. [Galatians 5:19-20](#)

Romans 8:7 (Wuest translation)

**"because the mind dominated by the sinful nature is hostile to God, for it does not marshal itself under the command of the law of God, neither is it able to."**

Matthew 5:3

**"Spiritually prosperous are the destitute and helpless (*humble*) in the realm of the spirit, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven."**

**GOD HONOURS THE HUMBLE AND OPPOSES THE PROUD. THE PROUD EXERCISE SELF WILL. TO BE SPIRITUAL PEOPLE, OUR WILL NEEDS TO BE THE WILL OF GOD.**