

Biblical Spirituality

I. There is a dualistic nature to Biblical Spirituality:

1. To have a personal and _____ relationship with the Triune God.

Father- To Know him as Creator, Sustainer, to know and do his Will

Son- To know His teachings, his ministry, his death and Resurrection, and to fellowship with him

Holy Spirit- To indwelled, filled, convicted, transformed, led and empowered by Him in your daily life.

Read Philippians 3:7-10

2. To view ourselves in _____ of Scripture.

Am I committed to studying and growing in God's word? Am I ever convicted by God's word? Is my behavior ever altered because of God's word? What area of my life does the Word say I need to grow?

Read Philippians 3:12

Peter Adam, in his book "Hearing God's Words," describes biblical spirituality this way:

- Its focus is growing in the i _____ of Christ.
- Its practice is hearing the word of God by faith.
- Its experience is that of meeting God in His Spirit-given words.
- Its result is t _____ in Christ and our heavenly Father.

Various Areas that Spirituality Should Show Up in our Lives

Spirituality in our speech- "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone" Colossians 4:6

Spirituality in our a _____ - "You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ." Romans 8:9

Spirituality in our t _____ - "Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires." Romans 8:5

Spirituality in our fellowship- "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit" 1
Corinthians 12: 4

Spirituality through Sanctification

Sanctification- To sanctify something or someone is to set it apart for the use intended by the designer. A pen is sanctified when used to write. Eyeglasses are sanctified when used to improve sight. From a theological perspective, something or someone is sanctified when they are used for the purpose God intends.

Sanctification begins at c_____ (1 Corinthians 1:2) , and is a continual growth process in the life of the believer (Phil 3:14). Sanctification will continue on until the Return of the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 John 3:2

Spirituality through the Spiritual Disciplines

1. We practice the spiritual disciplines because we have already been sanctified in Christ.
2. We practice the spiritual disciplines because we need to grow in godliness. We are living in between the a_____ and not y_____.
3. We practice the spiritual disciplines because our hope of glory in Christ is certain. This hope of glory in Christ ought to motivate us to pursue godliness and the practice of the spiritual disciplines.
 - Our hope is certain. Let us therefore persevere in our pursuit of holiness, knowing our labor is not in vain in the Lord Jesus Christ.