What Is Spirituality?

Tony Mauck · 1 Corinthians 14:36–40

INTRODUCTION

- What you bring to the throne of God as you worship him.
- Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.
- Isn't it amazing by the grace and help of our God that we can overcome him? That we can resist him and conquer by taking up the full armor of God.

1 If Anyone Thinks He Is Spiritual

1 Corinthians 14:36–40; 1 Corinthians 8:3

- If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandments.
- So if you claim that you love God, but you reject his apostle, the one who speaks authority from God, then I've got news to you about your spirituality.
- However, in the church I desire to speak five words with my mind, that I may instruct others also, rather than 10,000 words in a tongue.
- But let all things be done properly and in an orderly manner.

2 The Impact on a Potential Visitor

1 Corinthians 14:25

- One thing God is concerned about through his inspired apostle is the impact this assembly is having upon a potential visitor.
- So he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you.
- What impact is what we're doing having on those who do not know us, who don't understand what we're all about, and the message that we teach in its entirety.

3 A Lack of Understanding Doesn't Build Up

- A lack of understanding doesn't build up. Edification comes from doing things orderly.
- This is about the advancement of God's purposes. And a respect for that. And a contentment with that.
- I believe there is an increasing restlessness and discontentment among many who worship among us.
- Is it the problem with where we came from necessarily? Or is it me.

4 Constant Awareness of the Spirit Realm

1 Corinthians 2:14–16

- A spiritual person is one who has constant awareness of the spirit realm from which these things issue.
- The natural man in verse 14 of chapter 2 cannot accept the things of the Spirit of God because they only emanate from the spirit realm.
- We have the mind of Christ, Paul says. And we are appraised by no one, he says.

5 Devoted to the Instruction From That Realm

- And thus, it follows from that we need to be devoted to the instruction from that realm.
- The early disciples, they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine. Because that's how they became Christians.
- We need a better knowledge of what God has instructed us. In both the old and the new testament.
- I'm learning more and more all the time what it means to be spiritual as I grasp the instruction of this book and put the pieces together.

6 Worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth

John 4:21–24; Nehemiah 8

- God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
- Everyone who comes to God comes with his or her heart. Period. If you don't come with your heart, you haven't come to him.
- I'm not sure the arrangement really matters that much. What matters more is the arrangement of your heart.
- We have to get what we do in this building out of this building to the throne of God. And that depends on me.

THE CHALLENGE

So if you don't remember anything else I said about being spiritual, would you remember that? Every time you come here, every day that you live. Take your heart to the throne of God.

MY NOTES