

THE UNDENIABLE LAWS OF LIFE – The Law of Spirituality

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“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to... Bring the good news of salvation to the poor... Heal the broken-hearted... Proclaim liberty to sin’s captives... Set free those who are bound...” [Isaiah 61:1]. Jesus quoted this verse in the synagogue (Luke 4:17-20), and in doing so, affirmed that it depicts the essence of His ministry. But it also describes the process by which every believer has the ability to do exactly as He has done, *and even greater things than these they would do (John 14:12).*

Observe, the sole purpose of the Holy Spirit being on Jesus was to anoint (equip) Him for ministry - to use Him as a channel through which people’s needs are met. And as you can see, the ministry of Jesus was very specific. The Law of Spirituality is centred around this one truth, *“The Holy Spirit comes on believers in order to equip them to meet a specific need at any given time.” Acts 1:8, “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.”*

There are many distinct views and various different beliefs regarding what true spirituality is and how it can manifest. Religions outside of Christianity, philosophical convictions and intellectual assumptions all work on the premise that you can attain a degree of spirituality by your own efforts - through meditation, visualisation, ritualism or human willpower. However, true spirituality has to do exclusively and entirely with the person of the Holy Spirit. Without Him your spirituality, however appealing and impressive it may seem, is totally futile. ***“For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance” [1 Thessalonians 1:5].*** When you got saved - placed into the body of Christ by faith in His redeeming work on the cross - you became spiritual. The newness of life you received was a truly spiritual experience. ***“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” [2 Corinthians 5:17].***

This new creature in Christ has a totally new nature, a nature that responds to “truth.” The old heart of stone was replaced with a sensitive and tender heart of flesh (Ezekiel 11:19). This is the divine nature that the Holy Spirit imparts to you and then uses to glorify Jesus here on earth. But with your new nature come spiritual attributes and these unique qualities produce distinctive spiritual fruit. ***“For the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” [Galatians 5:22, 23].***

Note, true spirituality is spirit answering to spirit, not spirit to mind. The Holy Spirit only interprets spiritual things to spiritual people. ***“... The Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to Him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned” [1 Corinthians 2:13, 14].***

The expression ***“comparing spiritual things with spiritual”*** can be explained in several ways. It may mean (1) teaching spiritual truths with Spirit-given words; (2) communicating spiritual truths to spiritual men; or (3) comparing, spiritual truths with one another. However, *“presenting spiritual truths in spiritual words”* is the explanation that fits best in this context. But remember, you can only learn spiritual truths by receiving inspiration from the Holy Spirit. Unaided, the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God. They are foolishness to him. He cannot possibly understand them because they can only be distinguished

spiritually [through spiritual eyes]. It would be like trying to describe a sunset to a blind man, or explaining nuclear physics to a stone statue.

Therefore, Christian spirituality is always totally dependent on the Holy Spirit - spirit answering to Spirit. What's more, the degree of spirituality that you demonstrate (or operate in) is governed by the degree of sensitivity you have toward the Holy Spirit and His promptings. When you are acting "spiritual" you can't ever grieve the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 4:30**), or quench the Spirit's move (**1 Thessalonians 5:19**). Instead, you will be continually led by the Holy Spirit (**Romans 8:14**) and allow Him to freely operate His gifts through you - as He wills.

"Now concerning spiritual gifts brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant" [1 Corinthians 12:1]. God doesn't want you to be ignorant concerning spiritual matters. He wants you to understand the Law of Spirituality so that you can operate in it more effectively. ***"For the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all" [1 Corinthians 12:7].*** Each of you has been given the ability to manifest the the Spirit, but the product of your spirituality is meant to profit all.

"One and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills" [1 Corinthians 12:11]. It is the same Holy Spirit that distributes and then manifests His gifts through each of you individually - as He wills. Therefore, you cannot get puffed up or arrogant. You cannot force His hand or manipulate the use of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit for self-gain or self-promotion. They are His and His alone!

The Holy Spirit interprets spiritual things to spiritual people, but He also manifests spiritual gifts through spiritual vessels.

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us" [2 Corinthians 4:7]. Humility is a spiritual attribute!