

Sunday, August 6, 2023
The Holy Spirit “In Me” Series
Spirit Informed Priorities

The Most Important Teaching of Jesus

**“Jesus plants God’s Spirit within us
to transform our life and purpose forever.”**

John 4:10-15; “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, “Give Me a drink,” you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.” ...but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”
(John 4:10; 7:37-39; Mat. 13:3-23; Mk. 4:2-20; Luke 8:4-15)

Jesus’ Teachings About “True Spirituality”

1. The Holy Spirit restores God’s “likeness” and “image” in a person through a Spirit caused birthing of God event. (John 3:2-8; Matthew 18:1-5; Genesis 1:26-27)
2. The Holy Spirit nurtures a person as a “spirit birthed” child of God with truth taught by Jesus to equip the mind with understanding necessary for wise management of the physical body. (John 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-15)
3. Jesus identified primary obstacles in this life that interfere with the ability of people to become and grow as true children of God.

The devil interferes with the ability to learn... Temptation interferes with healthy choices... Worry, riches and pleasure dominate thinking... The disposition of a person’s heart determines receptivity.
Matthew 13:3-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:4-15

4. Temptation reflects the influence of our desires and emotions upon our decision making that is so threatening they must be denied in order to prioritize Spirit-informed decision making. (Mat. 26:41; Mark 14:38; 16:24-25; Luke 9:23; John 6:63)

**A True Spirit informed life is living in the light of
what the Spirit has done in us.**

Spirit Informed Decision Making (True Spirituality)

1. **Once we have God’s Spirit, we are children of God with a restored relationship to God as a Father.**

John 17:3 “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

John 14:7 “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.”

John 15:15 “No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, because all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.”

God desires that we know His heart for life!

2. **Jesus established our priority in life as God’s children to spend alone time with God.**

Matthew 6:5-6 “when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.”

God wants us to be honest and vulnerable in His presence!

3. **Jesus taught that we should have meaningful conversation with God. Matthew 6:7-13**

- Affirming God for everything we know about Him
- Talking to God about His vision for a healed creation and our desire to work with Him in establishing it.
- Acknowledging our need to prioritize His work as more important than worldly gain... what we need vs. what we want.
- Being honest about how we have failed to be good children and need forgiveness.
- Talking to God about how our struggles with temptation and our need for His help.

Healthy Relationships Require Healthy Communication!

The Spirit Informed Life

- **Jesus’ life focus was informed by understanding the heart of God.**
- **Jesus’ desire is that we become one with Him and the Father.**

“The glory which You have given Me I also have given to them, so that they may be one, just as We are one;” **John 17:22**