

THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT

Acquainted With The Things Of The Spirit

I. **There is a danger of believers becoming unspiritual (The reality of the Holy Spirit and His working, moving and leading are not operative in our lives)**

- A. Two big things from this verse: 1.Spiritul things are real-You can't be ignorant about something that is not even real 2.A Christian can be ignorant about spiritual things and the things of the spirit-1Co12:1-Now concerning spiritual (non-physical, unearthly) gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant (not know, lack information/intelligence, not understand, unacquainted with)-**CJ**-Brothers, I do not want you to go on being ignorant about the things of the Spirit-**YL**-Spiritual things
1. We are supposed to be spiritual people who have spiritual understanding in spiritual things because we've been taught by The Holy Spirit
 2. He prayed that they would have spiritual understanding-**Co1:9**-Do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding-**AM**-Understanding of spiritual things
- B. Spiritual includes two things-1.The things of The Holy Spirit and that Is His leading, manifesting, working, moving, fruits, gifts 2. Spiritual 2.The entire spiritual realm

II. **Believers can be ignorant/unacquainted with the things of The Spirit-Believers can be uninformed, misinformed, unaware, without teaching and even ignore the things of The Spirit-1Co12:1-Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant (not know, lack information/intelligence, not understand, unacquainted with)-**AM**-Uninformed-**AC**-Misinformed-**BBE**-Without teaching-**CSB**-Unaware-**JUB**-I would not have you ignore them**

- A. Falling out in The Spirit-**Jn18:6**-As soon as he said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground-**Ac26:13**-At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and hem which journey with me. And when we were all fallen tot the earth (**Ac9:4**)
- B. Just because you don't understand it doesn't mean it's not God or that it's not real-There's a lot of things you haven't heard about that are God and that are real
- C. If you mock the things of The Spirit you will never enjoy them
- D. Our prayer should be, "Lord whatever is you, I want it."-We don't want to say Lord here's what we want that's you, but this other stuff that is you too, we don't want that
- E. You don't want to limit God to what you understand
- F. Don't pigeon hole the Holy Spirit-Lord whatever is you and what you want to do is what I want (It's not just about falling out); Let the Spirit do things as He wants to

G. We are to experience the reality of God in our lives-That fills the aching soul and encounters with Him we should be having not just dry religion

III. **A believer can be unspiritual (There's a lot ways you can be unspiritual), that is not governed, directed, influenced by The Spirit and low in spiritual knowledge-1Co3:1-I brethren could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal (governed by human nature and not by the spirit of God, low in spiritual knowledge), even as babes in Christ. ³For you are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are you not carnal and walk as men; **BBE**-As natural men-**CEV**-Acting like the people of this world-**NIV**-Mere humans**

A. Their lives are void of The Spirit's reality, The Spirit's leading-This can happen to Christians who come to church and read their Bible; You can get into the routine of religion and have no encounters with The Spirit

B. Unspiritual people give too much focus to fleshy natural things-Spiritually immature, earthly minded and unaware of spiritual realities; They made much of flesh, unaware of what strife does-**1Cor3:4**-For while one saith, I am of Paul; an another I am of Apollos; are you net carnal? ⁵Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom you believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? ⁶I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. ⁷So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

C. They had become completely unaware of The Holy Spirit within Him-They either don't know or living like they don't know when they should know-**1Cor3:16**-Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

D. A believer can become earthly minded-This environment shapes you and seeing natural all the time you can get so caught up in this earthly life you live unaware of spiritual things-**Co3:2**-Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth-**Rm8:6**-**WEY**-The mind to be given up to earthly things means death

IV. **A believer can quench The Spirit-1Th5:19-Quench not the Spirit (Quench-Still, quiet, repress-restrain, stifle-stop, hinder, prevent the Holy Spirit from exerting His full influence; Extinguish-Put out)-CEV-Turn away-ER-Don't stop the work of the Holy Spirit**

A. You will only enjoy/experience the things of The Spirit to the degree that YOU allow them-He will not force Himself onto anybody

B. A believer can live their life void of the Spirit's reality-Not acknowledging Him, being led by Him, hearing from Him, experiencing His presence/reality, bearing His fruits, flowing in His gifts

C. The danger is having all the form, thinking we're fine not even aware of The Spirit's absence in your life-2Tm3:5-Having a form of godliness, but denying (rejecting) the power thereof-1Co2:4-My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom but in demonstration of the spirit and of power

V. **The two greatest needs of man is The Word and The Spirit**

A. In the book of Acts The Holy Spirit was real to them