

THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT

You Must Be Honest

Not talking about singing

I. **In worshipping God honesty is not optional**-**Jn4:23**-The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship (reverence, honor, respect) the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship him. ²⁴God is a Spirit: and they that worship him **must** worship him in spirit and in truth (truly, reality, free from pretense, simulation, falsehood, sincere)

A. In spirit and in truth-In spirit or inward as opposed to flesh or just an external display; External displays of worship must flow from a genuine inward reverence for God and shouldn't be phony outward displays; Our worship must be something real inward that's expressed outward

1. If worship is just of the flesh/external and not flowing from and genuine inward reverence there's a falseness to it/not done in truth-Rituals, giving, singing because you have to not because you want to, there's a falseness to it because it's outward, but not inward

It is a put on

If you don't want to, God doesn't want it-Mal1:10

2. God's not seeking an external display-He wants something real

B. Falseness makes the worship worthless-**Mk7:6**-Well hath Isaiah prophesied of you hypocrites (pretenders), as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. ⁷Howbeit in vain (empty, worthless, no substance) do they worship me...

With them it was all a put on and to God it was worthless

A put on-Pretend to be something with their words, they weren't inside

C. In our dealings with God honesty, sincerity, genuineness is a must-**Hb10:22**-Let us draw near with a true heart-**AC**-Honest and sincere

1. God will have no part in falseness-Sees through it-**Hb4:13**-All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do

II. **God is not into pretense**-**Mt23:25**-Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites (pretenders)! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. ²⁷Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited tombs, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones and of all uncleanness. ²⁸Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men but within ye are full of hypocrisy (pretense)-**Mt23:14**-Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayer-**Mt6:5**-When you pray, you shalt not be as the hypocrites are...they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men

Pretending to be something they weren't

Using prayer to pretend they are something

Don't care about praying, but being seen

A. Pretense is disgusting to God-**Pr12:22**-Lying (feign-pretense) lips are abomination (disgusting) to the Lord...they that deal truly are his delight-**3Jn4**-I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth

B. The enemy is into falseness-**2Th2:9**-Whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders (fictious, pretend miracles)-**Jn8:44**-There is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar and the father (originator) of it.

Are there fake miracles?

C. God is about truth-**Jn17:17**-Thy word is truth-**Jn1:14**-Full of grace and truth-**Ex34:6**-Abundant in goodness and truth-**Dt32:4**-A God of truth

- D. Walking in God's wisdom, you walk without pretense-Js3:17-The wisdom that is from above is...without hypocrisy (sincere, unfeigned, genuine)
- E. Hate falseness-Pr13:5-Righteous man hates lying-Ps119:104-I hate every false way-Ze8:19-Love the truth-Pr23:23-Buy the truth and sell it not
- F. Put away falseness-Ep4:25-Putting away lying-Ex23:7-Keep thee far from a false matter-Js24:14-Serve him (The Lord) in sincerity and in truth

III. He is The Spirit of truth; You'll get nowhere with Him by pretending-Jn16:13-

→When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth

Not into falseness or phoniness

A. Many, in their desire to see The Holy Spirit move, try to work it up in the flesh and then pretend what they've worked up is The Holy Spirit

B. A big part of The Spirit manifesting is honesty-The Spirit of truth won't manifest in atmosphere of pretense-Ps145:18-The Lord is nigh to all that call upon him in truth-Ps33:4-All his works are done in truth-Ep5:9-Fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness...righteousness and truth Ps89:14-Mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Yielding to pretense is making room for another spirit-1Jn4:6-Spirit of Error

C. We want the real move of The Spirit-Jn20:30-Many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples which are not written in this book

D. We don't need to put on, or feel pressure to work something up in the flesh or pretend something is The Holy Spirit when it isn't-My Prayer: Lord I'm not going to pretend and fall down but if this is You I want it

E. It's not our job to manifest the Holy Spirit-We hunger, we make room, we yield to Him when He starts to move-Jn14:21-I will manifest myself

IV. Everything people do and say is the Holy Spirit isn't the Holy Spirit-Jr23:25-I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name..

A. Spiritual things can be handled dishonestly-2Co4:2-AC-We have renounced disgraceful ways (secret thoughts, feelings, desires, underhandedness, the methods and arts that men hide through shame); we refuse to deal craftily (to practice trickery) or to adulterate or handle dishonestly the Word of God, but we state the truth openly (clearly and candidly)

B. In their gatherings people were speaking in tongues the wrong way at the wrong time, thinking it was the Holy Spirit-1Co14:12-Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. ³³For God is not the author of confusion (disorder, commotion), but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. ⁴⁰Let all things be done decently (in rank, honestly, decorously-Suitable to the time, place, occasion) and in order (rank, orderly condition).

You can be zealous and wrong

1. The real move of The Spirit will be without disorder or commotion