

Genuine Spirituality

The biblical concept of spirituality is one of the most misunderstood and misconstrued concept in Christianity. Religions have contributed a lot to this traditional lie that even the fundamentalists blindly accept it the standard protocol given by God. The widespread ignorance of Bible doctrine and carnality of believers made it difficult to distinguish and separate pseudo-spirituality from the genuine spirituality.

Pseudo-spirituality has 12 common characteristics:

- Pseudo-spirituality is always noticeable to the human eyes, mistaken for the enthusiasm and sacrifices made by the religious people as fulfillment to the requirements of their faith.
- Pseudo-spirituality is something everybody can do (both believers and unbelievers) that seek public recognition and approbation.
- Pseudo-spirituality in most cases is associated with guilt-feelings and habitual sins which are used to cover-up the corrupted status of the person involved.
- Pseudo-spirituality is extremely arrogant and boastful since it comes from the old sin nature ignited by the arrogance complex.
- Pseudo-spirituality is dependent to human power, resources, skills and talents, ability and capacity
- Pseudo-spirituality spiritualizes even the extremely humanistic things that have no spiritual relevance.
- Pseudo-spirituality exalts and honors celebrated people above God and above the Word of God.
- Pseudo-spirituality is inventive, creative and open to humanistic trends that sneak into the church through the cunning traveling preachers who promote man-made doctrines.
- Pseudo-spirituality openly rejects genuine Bible doctrines and the people who adhere to such old time teachings and practices.
- Pseudo-spirituality revolves in uncertainty and insecurity which always try to do great things for God in the name of their faith.
- Pseudo-spirituality magnifies and exaggerates its accomplishments done by human power.

- Genuine spirituality involves, revolves and can be acquired by the filling of the Holy Spirit. It begins by the act of rebound from the state of carnality. Rebound is the acknowledgment and recognition of personal sin before God (1 John 1:9). It is exclusively for believers only. If we confess (homologeo) our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive (to cancel) our sins and cleanse (to purify) us from all righteousness (1 John 1:9).

The fulfillment of the conditional clause if depends on the freewill volition of the believer. Maybe you will rebound, maybe you will not. Each of us must decide to exercise that option. The Greek words homologeo used in judicial context, translated confess, means to name, cite, admit or acknowledge a crime before a judge to make a legal statement. The word homologeo simply means to name or admit your sins before God without emotional attachment. It does not mean to feel sorry (intense guilt) for sins, to publicly renounce sins, or to make an emotional outburst due to a guilty conscience.

How someone feels about his sins has no consequence before the Supreme Judge. Your feelings do not affect the justice of God. No human work or emotion can be added to Christ's complete payment for sin on the cross. Though genuine feelings of remorse may accompany the confession of sin they have no credit on God's forgiveness. Christ has already paid all the penalty of sins once and for all. A believer needs only to name his sins to God.

Confession that compels self-reproach or penance is blasphemy and rejection of the grace of God. It is an insult to God to add emotional plea for His forgiveness when He has already done it.

Believers confess to God alone and there is no biblical requirement for ritual cleansing or repetitive liturgical phrases to receive the forgiveness. At the point of salvation every believer has become a royal priest with the absolute privilege of representing himself directly to God both in prayer and confession (1 Peter 2:5, 9).

In confession your personal sins are your concern and not the business of anyone else and should be named privately and personally to God who alone has the sole authority to forgive and the power to cleanse believers from all unrighteousness.

Open public declaration or confession of personal sins is unnecessary and not required for the forgiveness of God, but may only induce mental attitude sins in others. Such harmful results occur in cases where public admission of sins reopens the wound of the injured party, and embroils previously uninvolved parties, or reveals a sin particularly heinous and shocking to others.

King David of Israel committed horrible sins with prolonged and destructive consequences. Although many people suffered, David confessed to God alone (Psalm 51:4). The mandate to *confess your sins to one another (James 5:16) refers to sins committed against fellow believers, who was disciplined by God and which requires reconciliation or settlement.

James 5:16 does not teach public confession of sins but private apology. Apologizing to someone whom you have hurt is always appropriate and should be motivated by a genuine desire to restore harmony to the relationship, not to ease guilt feelings. When you apologize, do so privately after you have recovered fellowship with God through rebound.

There are several things related with rebound:

- Confession is to God alone
- Confession is not emotional
- Confession is a private affair
- Confession is a priestly function
- Forgiveness is received by grace alone
- The resulting forgiveness is complete

Settlement and reconciliation are done after rebound, not before. Rebound results to spirituality: (residence and function inside the divine dynasty). Spirituality is the key to all other spiritual things. Divine forgiveness depends solely on God's perfect character.

Faithful refers to God's consistency in forgiving every believer who admits his sins to Him. He never wearies of our repetitious rebounding since His grace never fails. We never deserve forgiveness, but He always forgives. Divine forgiveness does not depend on imperfect men but on the perfect and immutable God who does not change.

Righteous describes the source of forgiveness which is the integrity of God. Divine integrity is composed of righteousness and justice. His perfect righteousness is the only standard which His justice can accept. The righteousness and justice of God cannot be compromised. He cannot accept our penance, guilt feelings, emotional reactions or other human good works. Only the saving work of God the Son on the cross can satisfy or propitiate the integrity of God the Father.

The phrase "to forgive and cleanse" refers to total results of rebound. The instant we acknowledge our sins to God, He immediately cancels the sins and the initial repercussion of the loss of fellowship. If any repercussions related to divine discipline remains, they are transformed from suffering for discipline to suffering for blessings.

There are several things not possible without spirituality:

- Perception of God's Word
- Spiritual growth and momentum
- Spiritual victory
- Acceptable service, offering, praise and worship
- Utilization of spiritual resources
- Utilization of God's power system
- Glorification of God in the Christian life
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Spirituality is the key to the door of spiritual growth and function inside the divine dynasphere. Without genuine spirituality the believer is not capable of doing the will and purpose of God, unable to execute the protocol of God, and disqualified to receive tremendous blessings. Without genuine spirituality the believer is serving the devil in the cosmic system, unable to walk or live by the power of the Holy Spirit. Believers then are commanded to be spiritual (Ephesians 5:15-18).

The Holy Spirit and True Spirituality:

- The filling of the Spirit is unique to the church age access through Rebound.
- Every believer in the church age is commanded to be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18).
- The filling of the Spirit takes place when the believer allows himself to be under the influence of the Holy Spirit.
- The filling of the Spirit and walking by the Spirit are two sides of the same coin.
- The filling of the Spirit is directly related to being a doer of the Word of God.
- The filling of the Spirit is the only means of spirituality in the church age.
- Spirituality is the filling of the Spirit. It is an absolute meaning that you are either filled with the Spirit or you are living in carnality or in other words, you are governed by the old sin nature and thus out of fellowship with God.
- The filling of the Spirit is the only means of having fellowship with God (Jn. 4:23-24).
- It is the only means by which the Holy Spirit reproduces Christ-like character in the believer.
- The filling of the Spirit is the only means by which the believer can execute the plan of God.
- The filling of the Spirit is a power option meaning that the believer has to choose whether or not to allow God the Holy Spirit to fully influence his soul.



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