

What does it mean to be a spiritual person?

1 Corinthians 2:9-16 Just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him." For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. 11 For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, 13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*. 14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. 15 But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. 16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.

Being a spiritual person means...

1. ...recognizing we have a _____ in our lives that hinders our connection with God.

The spiritual deficit is called sin.

1 Corinthians 2:12-14

- Two types of people: A _____ person and a _____ person.
- Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden *His* face from you so that He does not hear.
- Ephesians 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins...
- Acts 3:19 Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

2. ... we value _____ alone as our source for truth.

1 Corinthians 2:12-13

- John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.
- John 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth...
- Psalm 119:105 "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

3. ...living in _____ with Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:15

John 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

- John 7:38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive...

Further Thought:

- What would you say about a person who says they are spiritual but they are not Christians and do not believe the Bible? What would God say?
- Consider the two types of people mentioned today: spiritual person and natural person. Which type are you? Do you want to be a spiritual person?
- Why must we stand on God's Word alone as our source for truth if we are going to be spiritual people?
- What must you do this week to "jump into the flow" of God's Spirit?