

Concepts of Spirituality

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True spirituality is not measured by external displays of faith, but by the presence of deep-settled desires that motivate and control one's life.

Scripture: Luke 8:15, Luke 21:19, Romans 2:7, Romans 5:3, Romans 8:25, Romans 15:4, 2 Corinthians 1:6, 2 Corinthians 6:4, Colossians 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 1:3

Topics: "Christian Perseverance", "Spiritual Growth"

Description

The preacher delves into the concept of perseverance (hupomone), emphasizing the importance of enduring under trials and difficulties with steadfastness and hope. Perseverance is not about passive acceptance but about triumphantly facing challenges, turning them into stepping stones for growth and glory. The sermon highlights various Bible verses that underscore the significance of perseverance in the Christian life, pointing out that it is the Spirit's power within believers that enables them to endure and bear fruit. The preacher encourages believers to run the race of faith with endurance, exulting in trials as they produce proven character and hope, ultimately leading to a deeper life in Christ.

Transcript

The concept of spirituality varies among different Christian groups. In some circles the highly vocal person who talks religion continually is thought to be very spiritual; others accept noisy exuberance as a mark of spirituality, and in some churches the man who prays first, longest and loudest gets a reputation for being the most spiritual man in the assembly. Now a vigorous testimony, frequent prayers and loud praise may be entirely consistent with spirituality, but it is important that we understand that they do not in themselves constitute it nor prove that it is present. True spirituality manifests itself in certain dominant desires. These are ever-present, deep-settled wants sufficiently powerful to motivate and control the life. . . .

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