





Becoming More Spiritual

I Cor. 2:14-16



What does it even mean to be

Spiritual?

- accepts that we have the mind of Christ; and is then guided by revelation
- in contrast to and in conflict with the natural person – who does not accept, will not be guided
 - *“For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot...” - Rom. 8:7*
- aware we still have “natural” tendencies
 - *“For we know that the law is **spiritual**, but I am of the flesh...” - Rom. 7:14*



Are we people of the Spirit or Flesh?

- how could Paul address us? (**1 Cor 3:1-4**)
- are we ready for solid food?
 - move on from milk (**1 Pet 2:2**)
- are we being “trained”? (**1 Tim 4:6-8**)
- are we “training” ourselves (**Heb 5:11-14**)
 - *“But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.”*
- **Heb 5:14**
- any conflict or disunity? (**1 Cor 1:10-13**)



How do we become more

Spiritual?

- seeking then using knowledge (**Col 1:9**)
- singing
 - “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and **spiritual** songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” - **Col 3:16**
 - “addressing one another in psalms and hymns and **spiritual** songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart” - **Eph 5:19**

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How do we become more

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- bearing one another's burdens
 - “Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are **spiritual** should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ”
- **Gal 6:1-2**
- living sacrificial lives
 - “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your **spiritual** worship.” - **Rom 12:1**



Why should we become more

Spiritual?

- because we have come to Him (1 Pet 2)
 - put away the natural person
 - desire spiritual milk and grow by it
 - “... you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a **spiritual** house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer **spiritual** sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”
- 1 Pet 2:5
- so we will not be put to shame



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