

Know What Undergirds your Spiritual Life

God Is Sovereign

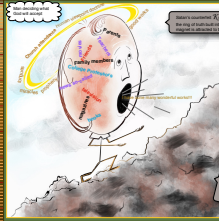
Profoundly

Titus 2:11-14 (NKJV)
11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,
12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,
13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous of good works.

Kosmic thinking

Religious, without sound doctrine

An illustration of many who have been justified, and many who've never been justified



Romans 8:5-6 (NKJV)
5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.
6 To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

It's a daily choice

It's not discipline that you don't have, but rather selfish desires you do have

Jesus's counterintuitive teachings have the ring of truth built into them; the spiritual nature like a magnet is attracted to those teachings

THE WORD OF GOD IS AS A MAP:
It's an infomercial of every word and action to orient his thinking to that map

Matthew 7:13-14 (NKJV)
13 Enter by the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.
14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.
15 Teachers of false prophecies, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.
16 You will know them by their fruits. Do trees gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?
17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.
18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.
19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

21 Therefore everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.
22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'
23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'
24 Therefore whoever leaves these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will describe to a wise man who built his house on the rock.
25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.
26 But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.
27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, and it fell. And great was its fall."

1 Peter 2:2 (NKJV)
2 as newborn babies, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby

Spiritual growth does not occur through acting out our spiritual gifts

The Motivated Believer

1. Literal interpretation:

Confidence

1. One rule for literal interpretation is recognizing the sufficiency of Scripture. Unless Scripture clearly states it or suggests it, then we should throw it out; it's just human opinion. Human opinion ruins Bible doctrine! God doesn't need our help.
2 Peter 1:3 (NKJV)
2 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

God wants our humble obedience to what is written.
It is by what is written that the believer will be judged !!! (not by what we think God might've intended)

- L. God's word is sufficient! It's consistent literal interpretation that gives us confidence** and this is in fact what God is communicating to us.
- II. Consistency means from Genesis chapter 1 verse 1 and the first word, to revelation in the last chapter and the last word.**
- III. Confidence** because we know we can't go wrong using that approach. My opinion isn't any better than anyone else's. So we stick with a consistent literal interpretation.

What does it mean to be spiritually minded?

2. Undergird ?

orientation

So what do we mean when we say **orientation** = God's right of authority, grace, hope, and love, should and must **Undergird** the spiritual man?

In short: It is those principles that are the **driving force** that propels the **spiritually minded** forward throughout his Christian walk, ever mindful of the goal ahead of him.

2 Corinthians 5:9-11 (NKJV)
9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.
10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;.....

You might say well I'm spiritually minded!!! **Spiritual-mindedness is not only practicing 1 John 1:9, but also having right doctrine, so that we're doing the right thing for the right reason**

To be spiritually minded means: we have received certain fundamental truth principles that form the basis for our decision-making in every day life. (These fundamental principles teach us how to think, and form these decisions for everything in life).

The unregenerate man lives in a false reality (a mirage) . This reality is death.

God's revelation-the Bible is revealing Actual reality to mankind.

We can live with and for empty dreams and aspirations, or we can live absolute eternal truth. This reality has eternal value!

For the saved individual, to live in this false reality is death

Romans 8:6 (NKJV)
6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
So what do we mainly say

hope

In other words death is carnal mindedness to the believer.

1 Peter 1:13-19 (NKJV)
13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind **as sober**, and **renew your hope fully** in the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;
15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,
16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."
17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, **conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear**,
18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,
19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

We can live like in light of eternity, as Christ intended us to; or, we can live like the fly who goes directly to the pile of horse poop and says "oh it looks like that'll be a good place to raise our children"
Christ came to show us a better way, then to run aimlessly after the things of this world.
Dead in your sins?

Hebrews 6:15-19 (NKJV)
15 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the **hope** set before us.
16 **This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast** and which enters the Presence behind the veil,
17 **John 8:3-9 (NKJV)**
2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.
Hebrews 10:23-25 (NKJV)
23 **Let us hold fast the confession of our hope** without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.
24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,
25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so **much the more as you see the Day approaching.**

Romans 13:8-14 (NKJV)
8 Owe no one anything except to **love** one another, for he who **loves** another has fulfilled the law.
9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall **love** your neighbor as yourself."
10 **Love** does no harm to a neighbor; therefore **love** is the fulfillment of the law.

The driving force that propels the spiritually minded forward

11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep, **for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.**
12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.
13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.
14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

1 John 2:28-33 (NKJV)
28 And now, little children, abide in Him, **that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.**
29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.
30 I beheld what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.
31 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
32 And **everyone who has this hope in Him** purifies himself, just as He is pure.

3. The discipline of the spiritually minded is like that of an athlete:

When an athlete is in preparation for competition he puts everything else aside to prepare to win the crown
1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (NKJV)
24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? **Run in such a way that you may obtain it**
25 And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an **imperishable crown.**
26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.
27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Were not in part-time service, or in part time preparation for the crown

hope