

The Issue of Spirituality, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

A. Charismatics at least imply that those who have experiences are thought of as higher level Christians.

B. True spirituality is walking in the Spirit, which is receiving the Word of God and living out obedience.

C. True spirituality results in the character of the heart.

D. Text: Psalm 85.

II. Holiness and righteousness always accompany a work of the Spirit. (Ezekiel 36:27)

A. True spirituality results in holiness.

B. Spirit filled people pursue righteousness.

III. Truth always results from spiritual revival. (Nehemiah 8:1, Psalm 85, Ephesians 5:18)

IV. When experience is the criteria, the wrong people become exalted. Fame replaces spirituality. (1 Timothy 3:6-10; 5:22)

V. God wants results according to obedience and nothing else. (Numbers 20:11)

VI. The true stars are those who manifest humility. (2 Corinthians 10; 13:3)

VII. Conclusion. (Matthew 5)

Application Questions:

1. What are some modern misconceptions of revival in the church today?

2. What are the true characteristics of revival?

3. How would you counsel someone to find personal revival and happiness? Explain.
