

Title: Ignorant About Spiritual Gifts

Text: I Cor. 12:1-11

Take your bibles and turn to I Cor. chapter 12.. I Cor. chapter 12 on the subject: DON'T BE IGNORANT ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS. That is exactly what Vs 1 says. And there is a great deal of ignorance and misunderstanding about the whole matter of spiritual gifts.

Now, as we begin, I want you to know that I believe in Spiritual gifts. I believe the church of Jesus Christ is built through the ministry of spiritual gifts. And God's Word teaches that principle. I don't believe that all the gifts contain the same purpose, however. And I will be dealing with that. That there are differences. I will show you that as we move along.

O.K. I Cor. chapter 12 verses 1 through 11..(Read Vs 1-11)

PRAYER

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The debat over spiritual gifts is tremendous. But, as far as I am concerned, the debat over spiritual gifts just reminds us of the need to love one another. I believe that is the reason why I Cor 13 is found right between chapters 12 and 14. And I am not referring to the numbers, but because of the context dealing with Spiritual gifts and the importance of love. Loving one another.

But, the debat is strong. And it is growing. It is not lessing. It is more powerful then it has ever been. and some have called the carasmatic problem as being the number one problem that divides christians. Whether that is true or not I do not know.

I do know that people debat over this issue. And one thing that is really tradegey as far as I am concerned is that the debot always centers around only two of the gifts: TONGUES AND HEALING. And people continue to ignor the vast amount of teaching in the Bible about the gifts and why they were given.

Another thing that burdens me is that there is so much self centerness in spiritual gifts, today. Thgat the reason I have these gifts is to bless me.

To make me spirit filled. My private edification. And on and on it goes. But, I want to show you that that is not what the Bible teaches.

Now, I want to begin with I Cor 13. ^{I am} Not teaching this chapter. But remaining you about love. ~~to~~ remaind you that the debate over spiritula gifts should cause us to love one another. Because people are not going to agree on this subject. ~~that~~ ^{That} is the honest truth. And we had better find our unity around the person of Christ and the authority of God's Word. It doesn't mean that we don't stand for what is right. I believe we ought to be firm. But, I like to say "sweetly firm."

Now, the first thing that I want you to notice is that in Vs 1 the word "gifts" is in italics. Did you notice that in your Bibles? It is in italics. It literally reads, "Now, concerning things that ARE SPIRITUAL. Vs 4 does use the word "gifts." So, we know that the subject matter is "gifts." But, it is not correct to start off by saying "Now, concerning spiritual gifts."

If you do, you miss the point. The point is the source. NAMELY --THE HOLY SPIRIT.

I am talking about things that are SPIRIT PRODUCED. The reason why that is important is because in Corintha --they were flesh produced.

The contrast that is so evident in chapters 12, 13 and 14, is what was practiced in the city of Corintha and what was acturally the teaching of the Bible. There is a tremendous contrast.

Some call the church at Corintha at this point THE CHRISTIAN CONTASTERFY. It is a terrible thing what happened in that church. And Paul is trying to correct the usage of spiritual gifts in their midst.

So, we have to be understanding and wise. And not ignorant or unaware, as the Bible says.

Now, the first thing that I draw to your attendtion in this matter is in Vs 2 and 3. And that is: that the declaration behind the gifts requires the work of the holy Spirit. What people say is absolutely important no matter what their experience is. What people teach, what people declare, what ~~doctrines~~ doctrines come forth from their mouth is far more important than the experiences they are having.

Verses 2 and 3 remainds them, Paul talks to these Corinthians and says:

"Do you remember what it was like when you were pagans?"

What happened when you were pagans? What happened when you went into those Temple services?

Well, let me tell you a little bit about what happened. The Geek-Roman world was filled with mystery religions. Spiritual emotionalism was common in the temple. They called it.. "being in a divine trance." They justified everything that went on in that Temple, which included immorality, wildness of character, Pyschologist today call that behaviour-- "split personality-- what people were outside of the Temple was not ~~the~~ ^{The} same as what they were inside the Temple.

They literal went besuric.. Drunkness...immorality...orgies...screaming, shouting...speaking funny. All kinds of funny things. Emotional friendize.

When Paul says in Vs 2 "that you were led astray to the dumb idols, however you were led"...that is technical language for the fact of them being led away into this emotional friendizes, which, frankly, they had brought into the church of Jesus Christ. What they did in those mystery religions they brought it right into the church.

And the sad thing is that they were saying things under these emotional friendizes --all in the name of gifts--they were saying things that were not correct doctrine.

For example...an amaizing thing for us today is ~~vs 3 found in vs 3~~ ^{what is found in Vs 3}.. "Jesus is accursed". So, Paul points out that if you are controlled by the Holy Spirit you are going to say, "JESUS IS LORD."

Now, let me explain that. There was a group of people in the early church called Gnostics. You spell that G-n-o-s-t-i-c-s. Now, that is from a Greek word meaning "knowledge." The Gnostics were very pound of their knowledge. And they had a view point about the person of Christ which made them a cult and not Christian.

They believed that when Christ was baptized by John the Baptist that is when the Christ Spirit came upon him. That He wasn't divine from birth. That He didn't pre-exist. He was born as a normal man and then the Christ Spirit came upon Him. You see, when they said that "Jesus is accursed" they were talking about the deity of Christ. And they were teaching doctrine different from what the Bible teaches. The Bible teaches that JESUS IS LORD. He is God incarnate in human flesh. And if you don't believe that--you are not saved, says the Bible. In fact, you don't even belong to God...

You have to believe that Jesus is God in the flesh. Simple reason...if Jesus is not God how can He forgive your sins. Only God can forgive your sins, says the Scriptures. How can He die on a cross for your sins in the 20th century. How could He do that if He wasn't God. NO..WAY...JESUS IS LORD. That demands, that requires, the work of the Holy Spirit.

You ask, "Well, don't people, today, in the charismatic movement believe that?" I am not sure... Let me show you what I mean.

There is a large section of the Pentecostical movement that is called .. JESUS ONLY. How many of you have heard of it?..

They are large in number. JESUS ONLY. Well, I have read a lot about that movement. And I will tell you right now that according to the Bible they are not believers. And you might be amazed to hear that. But, the fact is that they are denying the truth of the Bible about the deity of Jesus Christ.

Yes, they have, supposedly the exercise of all the gifts. I was asked once.. Do you believe that just because someone speaks in tongues or exercises the gifts that it doesn't mean that they are Christian.....I said.."absolutely"..

I happen to believe that the Mormon Church, in spite of their many fine teachings, are cultic and not true Christians. I happen to believe that. And you may not agree with me..(But, that is nothing new)...(Ha)

But, anyway I believe that. And I say that in all sincerity. I believe there are reasons why that ^{are} supported very clearly in the Bible. But, I want you to know that the Mormons are committed to spiritual gifts. ~~A~~ And they do believe in speaking in tongues.

And at the dedication of the Temple in Salt Lake City hundreds of Elders spoke out in a heavenly language called tongues.

It is well know by those who are Pentecostal jor not that tongue speaking is in many cults.

Now, the argument is that that is false. All I am trying to tell you is that you cannot judge because someone speaks in tongues or someone believes in the gifts that therefore they are Christians. That is no arguement at all.

Neither can we look at a pagan Temple service in ancient times where tongue speaking was common..we cannot look at that and say; they are Christians because they speak in tongues. On the contarary dear friends, those emotional work up and frienze types of services could very well be centered in paganism and in the occult and not in Christianity.. This is a very, very serious issue.

The Holy Spirit of God is the only one that has a right to speak. No body else has a right to declare or speak anything that does not come from the Holy Spirit. And this is the argument in the charasmaic movement. HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT SPEAK TO US TODAY?

On the Charasmatic level they teach that He can speak in addition too what is recorded in the Bible. While the fundamental posistion of the Christian church is that the Holy Spirit speak to us through THE WORD OF GOD. And you can not add to or take away from the WORD OF GOD.

Now, do the Charasmatic people believe in the Bible?..YES!..But. they also believe that the Holy Spirit can speak to the individual in addition to what the Bible says and add new revelation. They say it all the time

The Lord spoke to me in a vision and here is what he said.

the Lord gave me a prophecy and here is what it says.

And Many of us use the same thing. We say to our Christians friends, "I want you to know that I believe this with all of m y heart!" Well, who can question that. We are already on the werong foot.

But, anyway, I believe this with all my heartbecause the Lord showed it to me. WE HAVE A RIGHT TO ASK: What book...what chapter...what verse?

The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit teaches of God, himself, led the Apostles into all the truth that God would ever give to this generation. That truth is found in John 16:13.

The Bible teaches that you can not add to or take away from the phrophecy of this book. The Bible teaches that "once and for all the faith was delievered to the Saints. It would be final and it would be complete. And that is found in Jude veres 3.

The Bible teaches that God spoke in times past in various ways through the prophets, but now in the last days has spoken to us through the writers of the New Testament. This is taught in Hebrews chapter 1.

You cannot add to the revelation of God. The Holy Spirit of God is not talaking directly to anyone of us, outside of the Word of God.. AND THE BIBLE ITSELF IS TEACHING THAT.

All scripture...every writting..is God breathed. And 2 Peter 1:19-21 says: "that no prophecy or writting of scripture is a metter of one's own interpretation. Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

There is no more scripture. It is final. It is complete. And we cannot add anything jto it.

The Bible teaches that the Holy spirit of God spoke all the truth to the Apostles...PERIOD...

Now, what you and IO do with that, dear friends, is very important. Because a lot of things that are being said is not the truth of Scripture. And people are believing things because someone said that God told them so and so in the middle of the night. Listen, cults believe that. That is how cults are establish established. No way is this true. That is not the teaching of the Bible. And that is the most serious factor in the charamastic movement. Far more serious than the purpose of tongues, or, the present practice of healing. Far more serious is the idea that we can some how recieve additional truth from God that is not found in His Word. I disagree with that position based upon the WORD OF GOD. *And I believe it is a great danger to present movement that we call Christianity in this age.*

There is a coming day, says the Scripture, when people will not indure sound doctrine. And this will happen right before the return of Christ. There will be a day when people will not endure sound doctrine. We will have teachers who will only give the people what they want to hear. We are going to have an experience orientated society. We will have toleration of emorality and sin. The Bible predicts it. And I believe we are living in the shadow of that coming day.

Oh, how we need discerning Christians who will understand how God truly speaks. The whole question: HOW DOES GOD SPEAK TO YOU AND ME TODAY? It is fundamental to this whole problem. And as it relates to spiritual gifts.

So, we start out..and forgive the time it took to say it..but believe me, I believe it is fundamental to understanding what chapters 12, 13, and 14 are going to say.

That you cannot say anything that is correct doctrine, unless the Holy Spirit has said it. And the only way the Holy Spirit speaks is now found in His Word. You cannot add to it. And you cannot take away from it. You can not reinterpret it. What it says is so. My understanding is weak. But, it is correct.

This is so very, very important. Remember the work of the Holy Spirit is behind what Paul is discussing. That the work of the flesh was behind the practice of the Corinthians. And that, dear friends, is the major thing you must see as you study these three chapters together. The work of the Holy Spirit is behind the true useage of gifts. But the work of the flesh..the old sin nature..was behind the work in the Corinthian church. And Paul is correcting that false worldly teaching and practice.

In other words, in order to demonstrate that He is Lord...Lord of everything... you must confess and declare exactly what the Holy Spirit said.

Let me show you..Romans 10:9 and 10 says.."if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved."

If I do not confess that He is Lord...that He is God manifested in the flesh, I am not a Christian...I am not saved. No matter what I say.

I John 4 says that "if anyone confesses that Jesus Christ has not jcome in the flesh, then he is in the spirit of the Anti-christ." He is against what the Bible teaches about Christ. Christ was God who invaded this planet.

God became man to die on a cross for our sins. He was raised fromthe dead on the third say. He is coming back again. He is LORD OF LORDS. And that is the heart of what we are talking about.

The common denominator is the diety of jesus Chrtist.

Now, let's take a look at the differences in the gifts. Because they really recognize the work of ;the Tri-union God. The differences.

Ought you glad that we are all different? That no one is just like you? Imagine that? Everyone is different. Every snow flake is different. And in verse 4, 5, and 6, he uses the word "varity" or ¹different. Literally it means, "to divid." Coming to mean the differences in all of us. And there are three things he says about the difference and the gifts.

(1)One is...in the total unumber of gifts. Vs 4.."There are varieties in the gifts themselves." But, they are all caused by the same spirit. You see, the Holy Spirit is making all these distributions. What makes us one is the common life of the Holy Spirit in all of us. But, the manifestation of that common life is very_different. You are all very different from one another, as to how the Lord is working in your life.

(2)And a second thing He says is that there is a difference in the way the gifts are ministered. Vs 5. "There are varieties of ministries."

Two of you may have the same gift. But, that does not mean that you will both use it in the same way. But, hopefully you are both ministering to the "same Lord," That is, we are all serving Jesus Christ. We are serving the same Lord, even though we use our gifts in different ways.

So, don't be locked in and compare yourself with some one else. Because there are difference, dear friends. Praise God for it. Because we need different applications of our gifts. Why? Because there are hundreds of needs.

So, we need to understand that our gift can be used in a variety of ways.

(3) And a third area of difference is mentioned in Vs 6. There are a varieties of effects. That is simply the word for "energies". That which God is working in you and how far it goes. In other words, some folks may minister on a broader scale. WHY? Because they are more talented? ..NO!..Because God is working it in their lives. There is a difference to the extent that a gift is exercised. You may use your gift to bless just two people. Another person may use the same gift to bless 20 people.

What caused the difference? Again as it says in Vs 6..it is God the Father who works all things in all persons."

Now, why does the Bible tell you this? That God is working all these gifts? WHY? So that you will not glory and boast in your gift.

You say..Boast? Man, I don't even know what my gift is.

Well, maybe you are boasting and you don't know it. So, often we boast as to what we have accomplished. Even in our ministry to one another. We get that pride accomplishment: "Hay! I really did something neat." And all of a sudden you have "YOY" in there. And not understanding that God worked it through you. What ever is accomplished that is truly of the Spirit in your life is coming from God. It is not of the flesh. It is not "I" am doing it. It is what God has allowed you to do. And it is God literally working through you. Even though you are not aware of it..

No one can truly comfort as God Comforts who is not having the gift of comfort that comes from the Spirit operating through their life .

Now, a lot of us can get false comfort.

No one is truly teaching who isn't teaching under the control and direction of the Holy Spirit. That is the teaching of the Bible. Even though the teaching we hear may seem to be some what of the teaching of the Bible.

Are you following what I am saying? There is a difference between what is of the Spirit and what is of the flesh.

And if you want to know where the problem is, dear friends, most of us are operating in the flesh. Not by Spirit.

So, you can learn what the Bible says. And then say, "I am going to do this. But, in all your doing in what the Bible says, sometimes it is "you" in there doing. And there is not the work of the Spirit. Because something maybe wrong ~~tha~~ that is hindering or quicking the Spirit. And that is why it is not being manifested through your life. More about that in a moment. So, there are differences..

Come to Vs 7., What are the design of gifts? What are gifts jfor? What is the purpose behind spiritual gifts? Why even talk about spiritual gifts.

You see, some people people that spiritual gifats are only for those who are Pastors or Deacons in the church. Let me make it very clear. This message is for every believer. Every believer has been given a spiritual gift by God. Whether you are a new Christian, or one who has been a Christian for many, many years. Every believer has a spiritual gift. And let me prove it.

Look at Vs 7.."But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit". WHY? "For the common good." The phrase means "to bear together."

Do you understand what this is saying? It is saying that Spiritual gifts are the work of the Holy Spirit in your life and mine that results in all of us getting along better. We get along better. We are all helped. The body grows. It works better.

In other words, the design of Spiritual gifts is not for yourself. It is for others. You know, you do not exercise your gift in the shower. Do y ou know what I mean?

Oh, I have a wonderful gift. And you start siging in the shower.

NO! NO! It is not for y ou. And yet I have had people tell me over the years .."Private edification.."Isn't this wonderful the gift that I have. It is such a blessing to my heart."

I am glad it is. But, if no one else is blessed by it, you are not talking about what God is talking about.

It is for others. It is not for yourself. Yet, what do we hear over and over again. It is for yourself. OH! You can live victoriously. You can really be spirit filled if you only had this gift.

My Bible doesn't teach that. Man made that up. Sinful man made that up to prove by the exercise of a gift he could some how prove he was spirit filled.

The Bible doesn't say that. The only way you can prove that you are Spirit filled is if you are not carrying out the lust of the flesh. More about that in a moment.

Let me give you three things.

(1) First, one of the simplest things you can state from that verse is that spiritual gifts, literally, are the manifestation of the Holy Spirit working in your life. Isn't that great?

How is the Holy Spirit working in the Believer? Vs 7 says "to each one is given the manifestation of the spirit for the common good."

It is talking about gifts. How great it is to know that Spiritual gifts as you use them is the working of the Holy Spirit.

(2) A second little truth is that every believer is involved in the ministry of Spiritual gifts. He says "to..each..One." No one is left out. Every believer. Every believer is given the manifestation of the spirit. Everyone has a gift. Everyone has a ministry. No one is left out.

Now, the problem with all this teaching, today, is that now you are responsible for what you are hearing. So, if everyone has a gift, then ~~you~~ you are suppose to be a steward before God to use what God has given to you for His honor and glory. The question is: WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH IT. ARE YOU USING YOUR GIFT? ARE YOU MINISTERING IN THE LIFT OF ANYONE ELSE OTHER THEN YOURSELF? So, very important, dear friends.

The goal or object of the Spirit's ministry according to Vs 7 is the common good. That is the purpose. That is why God gave you a ministry.

You know, I like all of this. Because God takes our eyes off ourselves. Have you noticed that? He gets our attention off of self. And he puts it on others. Are you ministering to others? Or, are you still looking at everything from your own viewpoint?

I would like to know what my spiritual gift is. WHY? So that you can use it to minister to others. Or, just to know.

I want to know what my spiritual gift is? WHY? Why?

The purpose of Spiritual gifts is so that you might minister in the life of others.

Now, let come to another matter. And that is a discription of the gifts in verses 8 to 10. Look at it carefully. This is a listing of 9 gifts. How many gifts are in the Bible? I believe there are 22.

Four of them are gifted men. Mentioned in Ephesians chapter 4.. Four of them are what we call "SIGN" gifts: Tongues..interpretation of tongues, healings, and miracles.

And 14 others which are both speaking and serving gifts,that all of us have in the body of Christ. And everyone here in this audience has at least one of of those gifts.

Now, the discription of the gifts, here in our text, is just related to nine. And these ni;ne reveal a great truth. I am not going to go into detail about each one of them. I am going to rather show you why the nine were given and how they are organized. Because I believe the point is more important then know what each gift means. The point simply is that we all have different ministries. And even the way these gifts function and there purpose is different they are all not the same.

Now, everyone of you have a Bible--either you brought one or use the one in the pew--but look closely at verse 8 ^{to} ~~and~~ 10.

You will find, first of all, the word "another". It is used many times. Do you see that? It is used many times.

But,it is interesting, dear friends,. The word "another" is not the same in every case. I will give them to you. You can mark them in your bibles. I will go slow.

Vs 8.."to one is given the word of wisdom".. "To another"...And you can put a little note here...Same...To another of the same kind..."the word of knowledge!"

Which simple means that those who have siwdom and those who have knowledge are simular to one another.. That makes sense.

Now, Vs 9 it says, "To another". And this is the Greek word meaning "another of a different kind." So, you might use the word "different."

To a different kind. That means different from those who have wisdom and knowledge..is someone who has faith.

Now, the next phrase. "To another"...and here it is "another" of the same kind...And it is "gifts of healing."

Vs 10..."and to another"...and once again it means "same"..."effecting of miracles". "And jto another prophecy"....And again it is the word "same."... The it says "to another the distinguishing of spirits"...It is the word "same."

What does that mean? Five gifts: faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, and spirits have something in common. They are like each other. B ut they are different from the Word of Knowledge and the word of wisdom.

Now, in verse 10 where it says "to another kinds of tongues. It is the word "different" again. Another of a different kind.

And when it says.."to another the interpretation of tongues" it is the word "Same."

So, interpretation of tongues is the same as "kinds of tongues." But they are different from the gifts that are listed above.

Now, let me put this together. The gifts are not all functioning in the same way. Or, are they done for the same reason.

Tongues are not the same as other mini;stries. They are totally in a different category. WHY? ..Because there is a different jprurpose for tongues and interpretation then there is for wisdom and knowledge, or faith or prophecy or whatever.

So, there are different ministries. But, dear friends, the final point tha that I want you to see is that the distribution of the gifts...as to why you and I have a gift...according to Vs 11 is: RESTING SOLIDLY ON THE WORD OF GOD. Y ou cannot pray for...earn..work for...a gift and get it. If there is a gift that you do not have,,you can not by any means, what ever you do, you cannot get it.

I can not give and invitation and say.."All you who want the gift of wisdom come forward." We will pray for you, lay hands on you, and you will get it."...SORRY! Can't do it.

How about the gift of tongues? If you will all come forward, we will pray and lay hands on you and you will get the gift of tongues..

Sorry! Can't do that. Notice what Vs 11 says. If you notice, carefully, what it says, you will never be confused by those false teachers.

Vs 11 says that the Holy Spirit gives .."just as He wills."

He has already made up his mind. He looks at one of you and says: "WISDOM"... And the rest of the people says: "You are kidding." (ha)

But, you see, the Bible teaches that God take the foolish ones and gives them wisdom just to prove how smart He is and how dumb you are.

Isn't that neat?

All the way down the line that is true.

We find the gift of "teaching"..You must be kidding. He doesn't have an education. I know. But, God likes to do things that way.

Here is a person with the gift of showing mercy. You must be kidding. When was he ever "compassionate?.....Well, just watch him as a christian....

God will change his life.

Who makes the decision as to who gets what gift? GOD DOES....God looked at you and He didn't see any worthiness on your part that caused him to make his decision. He didn't see any skills or background or education..or anything.. that effected his decision. He just make it of himself and for his own purposes and his own will. "HE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH ONE INDIVIDUALLY JUST AS HE WILLS."

Isn't that wonderful? Praise God.

Now, let me summarize by saying that there are two questions that you should ask after hearing this message.

(1)Number one..based on the first few verses..DO YOU HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Do you? According to the Bible the issue here is salvation. Is Jesus Lord of your life? Do you have the Holy Spirit?

You say, "Why, do you have to have him?" Romans 8:9 says, "Whoever does not have the spirit, is none of His." He doesn't even belong to the Lord.

I don't care what you say to someone else. Or, what church you belong to. Or, what kind of things you know about Christ. Listen, if you do not have the Holy Spirit you are not a true Christian. Maybe one in name to your friends. But, you are not a true Christian.

You must be born again by the spirit. Your body becomes the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Bible says. And the Holy Spirit will bear witness with our Spirit that we are the children of God. You have to have the Holy Spirit or you are not saved. You are not a Christian. You must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ in order to receive the Holy Spirit.

(2) But the second question..and must of you as believers need to ask..Does the Holy Spirit have you? That is a different question. Why doesn't the Holy Spirit work in my life? Why don't I see these gifts? Why am I not having a ministry to other people?

Listen, dear friends, You don't need to help Him along. The Holy Spirit is God. He is capable of doing His work.

The problem is that we have ways of grieving him and quenching Him and resisting Him. And the Bible says that sin is doing it. When a person is living by the Spirit, it is so that he will not carry out the lust of the flesh. It is that he will not continue in sinful practices. I can tell you point blank how to answer this question.

Does the Holy Spirit have you? And the Bible tells you how you can know. In Galatians 5:19 to 21 it says.."The deeds of the flesh are evident." In other words, everyone knows it. And then a long list of the works of the flesh are given.

You read it over. And if any one of those you are currently tolerating in your life, you are presently practicing whether in attitude or deed, you are not controlled by the Holy Spirit./...PERIOD...No matter what you might tell some one else.

But, dear friends, please listen to me. It is a lot easier then most people make out. The Holy spirit of God is going to do his marivolous work in you producing all those wonderful things we read about like: love, and joy, and peace, ifstop grieving Him.

And what grieves Him and what qunches him and what stops him? The Bile tells us. It is so clear. It is sin.

You say, we all sin at some point in our life. True. But, what we are talking about the the practice of sin. The contineous practice of a known sin without dealing with it. That is the point.

There are many Christians who continue to totallate sin. They turn and look the other way. God knows it. and you know it.

You see, the difference between a christian controlled by the Spirit and ~~an~~ one who is not is how we deal with the sin when it happens. A spiritual Christian immediately recognizes sin and confess it and deals with it. A carnal Christian lets it go on..He ignores it. He will not deal with it.And as a result the Spirit of God does not have him. Even though He has the H.S. The Spirit is not working because he has been cqunched by sin.

Oh, my friend, as a christian do not settle for second best. If there is an issue of sin in your life, deal with it --now. Don't let it go on another day.

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