Being Spiritually Minded

Ken Chapman · 1 Corinthians 2:12–16

INTRODUCTION

- The New Testament speaks of a group of people who are really a subset of those who would call themselves Christians, who are identified as spiritual people.
- Number one is, what does it mean to be spiritually minded? Second question, how does one become spiritually minded?
- And then the third, maybe most important question, am I spiritually minded?

1 The Natural Man and He Who Is Spiritual

1 Corinthians 2:12–16; Galatians 6:1; 1 Corinthians 3:1–3

- The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
- Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.
- I think he's saying there's some of you who are spiritual, and you're the ones that need to do that.
- And I, brethren, could not speak to you as spiritual, but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.

2 Chosen the Right Side in This Spiritual Warfare

Romans 7:22–23

- It means, first of all, someone who has chosen the right side in this spiritual warfare.
- For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man, but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of the mind.
- Being spiritually minded is making that decision as to which side you want to win.
- Doesn't mean that you're always going to win those individual battles, but it means you make the choice that's what I want to win.

3 Governed by the Spirit of God

Romans 8:1–9

- It speaks of someone who's governed by the Spirit of God. That our spirit is led by his spirit.
- For to be carnally or worldly minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
- Being spiritually minded means that you have turned your will over to the will of God. You're letting someone else do the driving.
- Everything that I do, my existence, my movement, everything is governed by God. That's what it means to be spiritually minded.
- That my life is governed by the fruit of the spirit, not the works of the flesh.

4 Make Up Your Mind

Colossians 3:1–2

- First of all, like any worthwhile task, you just got to make up your mind. You got to decide to be.
- If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
- Set your mind on things above, not on things of the earth.

5 Put Forth the Effort Required

Colossians 3:5; Colossians 3:12

- Make that decision, that determined, dogged decision, and then stay in Colossians 3, put forth the effort required.
- Put to death your members, which are the earth, that carnal, natural side. You got to kill the old man.
- So you got to put off some things and put on some other things.
- Is God doing the driving? Absolutely. But it still requires some faith and some action and determination on your part.

6 Surround Yourself With Spiritually Minded Things and People

- If you want to be spiritually minded and spiritually focused, surround yourself with spiritually minded things and people.
- Don't surround yourself with worldly minded people. Surround yourself with spiritually minded people who will pull you in that right direction.

THE CHALLENGE

Choose you this day, whom you will serve. May God help us to not only understand what it means to be spiritually minded, but to be spiritually minded.

MY NOTES