Spiritual Minded People

Ken Chapman · Colossians 3:1–12

INTRODUCTION

- I believe in you. That you can do this. That you can be successful in your Christian walk.
- Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one.
- Let's strive to be those who are spiritual. Let's strive to be those spiritually minded people.

1 Choose a Side in the Spiritual Warfare

Romans 7:22–23

- To be spiritually minded means to choose a side in the 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 my mind.
- A spiritually minded person is first and foremost one who has chosen a side.

2 Governed by the Spirit of God

Romans 8:2–4

- A spiritually minded person is one having chosen that side in the spiritual warfare, now allows he or she to be governed by the Spirit of God.
- For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.
- Quit trying to fulfill the requirements of the law yourself and submit yourself to both the will and the power of Jesus Christ.
- Every decision, both large or small, every action, every word is going to be filtered through the Spirit of God.

3 Follow After Spiritual Things, Not Carnal Things

1 Corinthians 3:1

- To be spiritually minded is those who follow after spiritual things and not carnal things.
- There's another conversion that takes place, and that's the conversion from the carnal mind to the spiritual mind.
- Because that is my responsibility and not God's, it is a gradual process. It's called growth, spiritual growth.
- One who is spiritually minded is one who's growing every day to be more and more enamored and less and less interested in the things of this world.

4 You Have to Want It: Set Your Mind

Colossians 2:12; Colossians 3:1–2

- You just have to want it. You must first make up your mind to be.

- If you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above.
- Set your mind on things above, and not on things of the earth.
- Set your mind to this task. With a tenacity and a veracity that nothing is going to stop you.

5 Put Forth the Effort

Colossians 3:5; Colossians 3:12

- You must now must be willing to put forth the effort.
- Anything worthwhile requires the expenditure of effort and time. Make the investment.
- If you define your Christianity simply by what you don't do, you're only a half a Christian.
- It takes a commitment to put on and to put to death.

6 Surround Yourself with Spiritually Minded Things and People

Philippians 4:8

- Surround yourself with spiritually minded things and people.
- If you want to be spiritually minded, surround yourself with spiritually minded people.
- That's why the Hebrew writer says to not forsake the assembling together. You can't do this alone.
- You can't soar with the eagles by hanging around with the vultures.

THE CHALLENGE

Maybe you've done that, but you've not lived what you were. Then why not make the decision today to again put forth the effort and set your mind on spiritual things?

MY NOTES