

True Spirituality; Becoming a r12 Christian, May 15-18

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? *Circle Two Opportunity...*

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face **anything** through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth
2. Stronger “iron sharpening iron” relationships

Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV)

Week 3 - How to get the very best from God:

Review:

- **About a relationship**, not rules, not activity
- About understanding that Jesus is **ONLY WAY** for each of us to be in right standing with God
- **The RESULT** of true spirituality is rest, refreshment, and joy!
- Surrender is **TAUGHT** and **MODELED** by Jesus, Himself
- Surrender is **the CHANNEL** through which God’s biggest and best blessings flow.

1. Where do you need to say no?
2. How do you need to say yes to the Word?

Romans 12:2 (ESV) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect

Where have you allowed the world to influence you?

1. **What did Jesus say about True Spirituality in a _____ world?**

Luke 9:25 (ESV) For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

**Jesus taught that we are in a real battle with satan
and a world system that is designed to _____ our lives.**

Where have you seen Christians violate scripture and have been swept along by the culture?

*Everything in this world is designed to tell you that it will give you security,
but it is designed to give you death*

2. How did Jesus model “the way” of victory over the world’s temptation?

1st temptation - Lust of the Flesh

Matthew 4:3 (ESV) And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”

Matthew 4:4 (ESV) But he answered, “It is written, ““Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””

2nd temptation - pride of life

Matthew 4:5-6 (ESV) ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ““He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ““On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.””

Matthew 4:7 (ESV) Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

3rd temptation - Lust of the eyes

Matthew 4:8-9 (ESV) ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”

Matthew 4:10 (ESV) Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ““You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.””

God’s truths are the keys to winning the battle over temptation.

3. What is Jesus saying to you about how to overcome the world system?

John 8:31-32 (ESV)

Your mind is renewed when you:

† _____ God’s word.

† _____ God’s word

† _____ God’s word

† _____ God’s word

† _____ on God’s word

Your mind is transformed by the Word of God

You will have to say **no** to things if you want His best but you will also have to say **yes to God**

Romans 12:2 with grammatical insights:

Stop allowing yourselves to be molded by the influences and pressures of this present world we live in. Stop allowing satan to dupe you, con you, use you, trick you, promise you life and love and power through a seductive world system that will only deliver disappointment, defeat, depression, and make you a slave to sin.

Throne room questions:

1. What specific strategies does the enemy use to tempt you the most?
2. How has satan influenced your view of yourself and view of others?

Surrender

It's *not just* surrendering ourselves, *it's surrendering* our identity, personalities, our past experiences, what we think made us, our political views, our excuses, our justifications, our behaviours,

Throne room Questions:

3. Are you spending the needed time with God to be transformed, or do you need to adjust your time with God?

Takeaways:

