

SPIRIT-U-ALL

We live in a time where Christians are so concerned about being "spiritual", spiritual levels and whatever else.. We have missed the point, missed the big picture.. Through self effort and self sufficiency we have become all oh so spiritual, so high and mighty, so high above the hurt, lost and dying that we have become ineffective and selfish.. Just another trap of the enemy, segregation in the church again, not through rules and rituals but through pride and "levels" of spirituality, through "my church" and "your anointing" and "your calling" and "my experiences" and "your mantle" and "my title" and the list goes on..

Some churches that claim to be Pentecostal and on fire and alive are just modern day Catholic lies in another form, the pastor or "spiritual leader" being a go-between for the people to God, no one developing their own relationships with God but all just looking at the pastor for a "word from God", while the pastors more and more are put on pedestals, becoming little "demigods", in the eyes of the people, worshipped and feared while they are called to be servants, a gift from God unto the church to equip the church so that the CHURCH can go do the work of God. Their own lives a drink offering being poured out to the Bride.

Some pastors recognize this imbalance and unhealthy situation developing and do their best to steer the people to a personal relationship with God so that just as John the Baptizer said when he realized his disciples were following him still while they should be following Christ the pastors truly say and feel "He must increase but I must decrease".

But like it or not, sad but true some pastors enjoy that attention and power and more and more take power over their churches becoming demigods in their own eyes, becoming kings instead of fathers.

A father is what a pastor was called to be, raising his children up to higher than he could ever achieve, his life's mission fulfilled when his students go way beyond himself, he only being a foundation in their lives that they build on, much higher.

Unfortunately in the body of Christ we find many "kings", pastors who keep those under them truly under them, who suppress anointing and feel threatened by anyone that has an anointing on their lives because they are oh so scared that they might just be dethroned.

They build their own little kingdoms, building their own "great name", just another modern day "Tower of Babel" with a "church" sign posted over the door while the congregants stay baby Christians, ever dependant on their leader to think and hear for them.

In these churches you will often find scripture being abused to support the pastor's suppression of their church members to forward their own cause while a pastor should be happy and feel like he has achieved his life's work when the people in his church become so on fire and in tune with God and on the road doing ministry that he actually becomes redundant and ends up being a mentor and guide to all the "lay ministers" that operate from his congregation. A gift offering poured out to the church.

Unfortunately many Christians enjoy this setup as it takes all responsibility of their shoulders and lays it on the shoulders of the "man of God".

Is the solution not attending church, becoming a "lone ranger"? Never... We are meant to be part of the Body, even if it is a little home based fellowship, believe me I love the church where God planted me for now, and I have a deep respect for our head pastor as a true man of God with a fathers heart, but even in such a setup you unfortunately find church members trying to put the pastor on a pedestal and trying to make him a demigod, but a good pastor always works against such imbalances and gets his church inline with a personal relationship with God, slowly but surely God increasing and himself decreasing in his congregations hearts.

But then again, sad but true in some big churches the head pastor is a father and most of his sub pastors are as well but some are "kings" claiming to share the fathers vision while actually building their own little kingdoms within the larger church setup.

So how do we fix it then? I believe the answer is right in front of your eyes when you look at the word "spiritual". (Yes I know that's not where the meaning comes from, but to me it's a very good example of how it should be.)
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The word says we are all spirit beings... so what does spiritual mean to you?

To me it means just this: Spirit-u-all

You are 100% spirit...

You can't learn how to be it, you can't be taught about it, there is no 10 step plan to spirituality, no 5 ways to do it better, you can just realize and accept it and learn to walk in it as a baby learns to walk, one step at a time, as natural as breathing..

We are made in the image of Christ. While on the earth He was 100% God in 100% human form, so if we are made in His image we must realize we are 100% Spirit in 100% human form...

You are a spirit being... That means the spiritual realm, walking in the spirit; communicating with God etc must come natural to you. But why doesn't it?

Because the old catholic lie is still being perpetuated in a new jacket, still today the "man of God" is the "voice of God" and everyone else must just accept what ever he says God told him because if they don't they are "grieving the Holy Spirit" and being a "baby Christians" or "rebellious" in need of "correction" or if that doesn't work a bit of "neglect" to remind them just how cold it can be if you're not being smiled upon by the "powers that be", this all needs to stop !! We need to get back to a New Testament church setup, everyone equal, brothers and sisters in Christ ministering to a broken world the love of Christ, with the "full time" ministers being there to equip and support the "lay ministers" doing the actual work.

Everyone needs to hear from God themselves with the pastors and teachers etc just guiding the Body and showing them how what they heard from God comes inline with the Word or not, loving people into maturity.

What is our role? Stop running to the hired man of God to hear for you and start running to God. Seek Him, not in prim and pomp, not in methods and formulas, but child like... Seek Him while you're in the shower, seek Him while you're in your car, Seek Him while you're sitting behind your computer, seek Him when you're taking a walk etc. Yes seek Him and He shall be found.

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Pray this prayer with me right now if you truly want to seek and find Him:

Daddy, sorry that I ran to someone else to speak to You on my behalf, sorry that I hurt you through that, help me to seek You as a child, open arms, in faith, always knowing that you love Me and want to spend time with Me, I love You Daddy, come speak to me please. Amen

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