

WHAT A SPIRITUAL MAN DOES

⇒ **Text:** 1 Corinthians 2:12-16

⇒ **Introduction:**

○ 3 kinds of people are natural (unsaved), spiritual (Godly Christian), and carnal (disobedient Christian).

- Which kind are you?
- We to look at what actions describe a spiritual man?

⇒ **1. Compares spiritual things with spiritual things.**

○ **1 Corinthians 2:13.**

- He compare scripture in one part of the Bible with scriptures in other parts of the Bible to determine the context and the correct meaning of any passage.
- He does not take verses out of context as cults do.

⇒ **2. Discerns and judges all things.**

○ **1 Corinthians 2:14-15.**

- “He that is spiritual judgeth all things.”
 - This verse teaches that we must judge all things as right or wrong.
 - Tolerance of error is the doorway to all error.
- A common error today is that you can’t judge anything or anyone’s wrong behaviour.
 - This comes from a misinterpretation of Matthew 7:1, which says: “Judge not that ye be not judged.”
 - The correct understanding of this verse is that you can’t always correctly judge someone’s motives.
 - Don’t judge based on human thinking, but on scripture.
- “Do not ye judge them that are within (the church).”
 - **1 Corinthians 5:12.**
- “Who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”
 - **Hebrews 5:14.**

⇒ **3. Sows spiritual things.**

○ “If we have sown unto you spiritual things.”

• **1 Corinthians 9:11-12.**

- These spiritual things Paul sowed were preaching the gospel, Bible preaching, planting churches, making disciples, etc.

⇒ **4. Acknowledges that Paul’s writing are the commandments of the Lord.**

○ **1 Corinthians 14:37.**

- We are under the New Covenant and the Laws of Christ, and not under the Old Mosaic Covenant.

⇒ **5. Restores backsliders in a spirit of meekness.**

○ **Galatians 6:1.**

- This is a hard thing for most Christians to do, due to fear of confrontation.
- A spiritual person bears one another’s burdens.

⇒ **6. Sings Psalms and Hymns and spiritual songs.**

○ **Ephesians 5:19.**

- A spiritual man will sing spiritual songs.
- A worldly, carnal or natural man will sing worldly songs.
- ⇒ **7. Wrestles against spiritual wickedness in high places.**
 - **Ephesians 6:10-18.**
 - He does this as he puts on the whole armour of God.
 - He also prays in the spirit and watches (v.18).
- ⇒ **8. Seeks wisdom and spiritual understanding.**
 - **Colossians 1:9.**
 - A spiritual man seeks to understand all things of life from a spiritual, Biblical point of view.
 - He asks, 'Why do things happen?'
 - He sees that things happen due to Bible truths being violated or obeyed.
- ⇒ **9. Takes his place (as a brick) in a local church, pulling his weight as a brick supports a house wall.**
 - **I Peter 2:5.**
 - This person works together with other believers, as a brick is locked in place with other bricks.
 - He offers up spiritual sacrifices to God.
 - Spiritual believers constantly sacrifice their time, effort, prayers and money to promote God's work.
- ⇒ **10. He –**
 - a) Bridles his tongue.
 - b) Visits the fatherless and widows.
 - c) Keeps himself unspotted from the world.
 - **James 1:26-27.**
- ⇒ **The Spiritual man has these blessings in Romans 8:**
 - i) no condemnation (v.1).
 - ii) free from the law of sin and death. (v.2).
 - iii) fulfils the righteousness of the law. (v.4).
 - iv) minds the things of the Spirit. (v.5).
 - v) lives a life of victory and peace. (v.6,13).
 - vi) calls God "Father." (v.15).
 - vii) suffers with Christ now and will be glorified with Christ later. (v.17).
 - viii) reckons that this world's sufferings are not worthy to be compared with heaven's glory. (v.18).
 - ix) groans within himself at this world's wickedness, waiting eagerly for heaven. (v.22,23).
 - x) knows that all things work together for good to them that love God. (v.28).
- ⇒ **Conclusion:**
 - "To be spiritually minded is life and peace." Romans 8:6.
 - Are you spiritual, carnal or natural?
 - Are you doing what a Spiritual man does?