

Stranger Things
What It Means to Be a “Spiritual Person”

I. Introduction

- A. Hebrews 9:27 (NAS) *It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.*
- B. I Corinthians 3:1 (NAS) *And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ.*

II. What Does It Mean to Be a “Spiritual Person”?

- A. Being a spiritual person is not about the number of spiritual experiences a person has.
 - 1. Spirituality is not a matter of how high you can jump! Spirituality is a matter of how straight you can walk when you hit the ground!
 - 2. Do you obey the Lordship of Jesus Christ when you are outside of our church services?
 - 3. I Corinthians 12:3 (NAS) *Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus is accursed”; and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.*
 - 4. A spiritual person always cares about what the Bible says, because the Bible is his or her authority in life!
 - 5. Who or what guides our decisions?
- B. Being a spiritual person means a person who rejects feelings of inferiority.
 - 1. I Corinthians 12:14-18 (NAS) ¹⁴*The body is not one member, but many.* ¹⁵*If the foot says, “Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body,” it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body.* ¹⁶*And if the ear says, “Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body,” it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body.* ¹⁷*If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?* ¹⁸*But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.*
 - 2. Feelings of inferiority are bred from a “me-centeredness.”
 - 3. We value and love diversity! We celebrate it!
- C. Being a spiritual person means a person who relates to difficult people.
 - 1. I Corinthians 12:21-22 (NAS) ²¹*And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; or again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”* ²²*On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.*

2. All of us are “too something” in someone else’s eyes!
3. Spiritual people also know that they need difficult people around them, because the Christian church is meant to be a miracle.
4. The church is a miracle!
5. The fruit of the Spirit cannot be brought forth in your life without difficult people, and without difficult circumstances!
6. We need difficult people!

III. Conclusion