

Jars of Freedom

2 Corinthians 3:1-18

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“Their ‘gospel of legalism’ was very popular, since human nature enjoys achieving religious goals instead of simply trusting Christ and allowing the Holy Spirit to work.” (Wiersbe)

To be spiritual we don’t need a list of do’s and don’ts to imprison us, we simply need the Holy Spirit to free us, fill us and use us.

- I. Following Moses’s list never makes anybody spiritual
- II. Following anybody’s list never makes anybody spiritual
- III. Following God’s Spirit always makes people spiritual
 - A. Listen to the Spirit (17)
 - B. Look to the Savior (18)

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So What?

- ❖ It isn’t about trying it is about trusting
- ❖ It isn’t about working it is about resting
- ❖ It isn’t about effort it is about overflow

“Destroy in me every lofty thought,
Break pride to pieces and scatter it to the winds,
Annihilate each clinging of shred of self-righteousness,
Implant in me true lowliness of spirit,
Abase me to self-loathing and self-abhorrence,
Open in me a fount of penitential tears,
Break me, then bind me up;
Thus will my heart be a prepared dwelling for my God;
Then can the Father take up his abode in me,
Then can the blessed Jesus come with healing in his touch,
Then can the Holy Spirit descend in sanctifying grace
O Holy Trinity, three Persons and one God,
Inhabit me, a temple consecrated to thy glory.”