



SPIRITUAL FAMILY

MATTHEW 12:46-50

PART 5 - ENTRUST YOURSELF TO GOD ALONE

My hope is that after these first 4 parts of this spiritual family resource, we are starting to realise the magnitude of what it is to be a spiritual family, a family who are empowered and led by the Spirit of God. It's not enough to say you are spiritual family without the corresponding actuality demonstrated within and through us.

It's a little like the truth around salvation that says we are saved, being saved and will be saved. When it comes to spiritual family we say we are family, but we must become family, so we actually live as a spiritual family.

It's important to note that the true demonstration of this comes from a posture of being, which one can not see. Before one acts they are. It's a little bit like love. Love is, before it does. This is what all things are like in the Spirit and it is this which makes it so tricky.

When our words don't match our lifestyles this is called hypocrisy and Jesus isn't fond of this, just ask the religious people.

With this all said, let's look at what empowers us to be and live as His spiritual family, where we genuinely walk in the manner of Christ as a son and do the will of God.

John 2:24-25 But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men, and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.

This all starts at entrusting all of who we are to the Father and the Father alone, allowing the Father access and residency in the place where we once resided. When I say entrusting our hearts to Him I mean all of our very being. We can not have or be looking for any other source of life to draw from, if we truly want to have the divine fellowship of the Spirit we are invited to partake of with Him and others.

Fellowship of the Spirit and the Spirit alone is the key to spiritual family. It's not function or faith but fellowship. This is one of the attributes the early church devoted themselves to in their relationship with the Father. It is the gospel of power (breaking of bread) which is another attribute of the early church which empowers true fellowship, along with a hunger and thirst for His Word and prayer.

Acts 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

When we have fellowship with the Father and the Son, we like Jesus have no need to entrust our hearts to another. We no longer search for life in anything other than Him for He is more than enough



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and completes us, exactly as Paul taught. When we have seen and heard and have had the Eternal Life manifested in and to us, we proclaim this to anyone who has ears to hear, so we can also have fellowship with them.

Only when we walk in the Light as He Himself is the Light, do we have fellowship, spiritual oneness, with one another. If we don't walk in the Light or the Spirit, then all we have is the flesh to partake of with one another and this means we will not be family who accomplish His Will. We must be in fellowship with Him if we are to be in fellowship with one another and do His will.

Jesus didn't entrust Himself to man for He knew what was in man and that in doing this, He wouldn't have been able to walk in fellowship with His Father. This is a pattern for us to recognise and live by.

Why would a man or a woman entrust themselves to anyone but Him?

The simple answer is because we don't know Him through the revelation of the Spirit's power. We entrust our hearts to the one we love and know and when we do this we quench the spirit and so in turn quench fellowship with Him. It's as simple as that.

QUESTIONS

1. Why does the fellowship of the Spirit play such a significant role in being spiritual family?
2. Why is entrusting your heart to man so destructive to spiritual family?
3. What does devoting yourself to fellowship look like?
4. Walking in the Light is the key to walking in fellowship with God and one another and accomplishing His Will. Explain what walking in the Light is?