

3. Romans 12 provides us with a relational, grace-based _____ of True Spirituality.

<u>5 Key Relationships</u>	➔	<u>r12 Biblical Responses</u>
1) Relationship with God (vs. 1)		_____ to God
2) Relationship with the world (vs. 2)		_____ from the world's values
3) Relationship with yourself (vs. 3-8)		Sober _____
4) Relationship with believers (vs. 9-13)		_____ in love
5) Relationship with nonbelievers (vs. 14-21)		Supernaturally responding to evil with good

♦ **Warning**—r12 is not a “try hard” moral code to live up to; but a _____ to what God has already done for us.

- ⇒ Romans 1-3: _____ - Our problem that separates us from God.
- ⇒ Romans 4-5: _____ - God’s solution in the work of Jesus Christ on the cross.
- ⇒ Romans 6-8: _____ - Living your new life in God’s power and growing progressively like Christ.
- ⇒ Romans 9-11: _____ - Living in confidence because God is in control and keeps all His promises.

Questions For Discussion

1. Before today’s message, how would you have defined “true spirituality? How do you think non-Christians would define it?
2. What kinds of pictures of God would lead to a distorted view of spirituality?
3. Did you grow up in a family that portrayed Christianity as something based on rules or relationships? How did that effect how you saw Christianity then?
4. As we get started on the journey, which relationship causes you the greatest concern?



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What Is True Spirituality?

How do we move beyond religion, church programs, legalism, performance orientation and compartmentalized lives to a grace-filled, authentic relationship with Christ?

1. True Spirituality begins with an accurate _____ of God.

- “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.”
1 John 3:1
- “... your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, ...’”
Matt 6:8-9
- God’s dream for all of His children is to make us like His Son.
2 Cor 3:18; Rom 8:29; 1 John 3:1-2

2. True Spirituality is built on the _____ of relationship.

- “Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”
Matt 22:37-39
- True Spirituality is loving God and loving people 24/7 from the heart.