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I Corinthians 2:12-14



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- E.W. McMillan, “*The Minister’s Spiritual Life.*”
- Brother McMillan was substantially qualified to write a book like this.
- He was born in 1889 and passed away in 1991 at the age of 101.
- He was an author, educator, missionary, minister, and editor in the churches of Christ for 80 years. He also served as a college president.

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- What is spirituality?
  - *“Like God Himself, it does not lend itself to the limitations of a worded definition. It is understood more by how it behaves, what It will do or not do, rather than being defined in words. We can bring out its characteristic qualities; learn how it acts and to some extent describe it.” - E.W. McMillan*



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- This is reflected in two examples:
  - John 8- Adulterous woman and Pharisees
  - Phil. 1:15-18- Paul and envious preachers. Paul was only concerned about the the gospel being preached. Paul's heart was right.

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- Ministers, for example, must be more conscientious about where they can be more effective than where they can be more comfortable.
- Spiritual thinking runs along the lines of minimum selfishness and maximum possibility for service.



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- In all decisions, the final outcome will be *“right for the sake of right, truth for the sake of truth, love for love’s own sake, honor for honor’s sake, humility for the virtue in humility.”*- E.W. McMillan.

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- Temporal rewards may be described as positions in life which feed the pride, give prominence, and afford larger financial incomes.



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- Redemptive rewards are best represented by....
  - Hebrews 11:26
  - Acts 20:18-24





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**MEASURED LARGELY BY THE  
READINESS WITH WHICH WE JUDGE  
OTHERS AND THE MANNER IN WHICH  
THESE JUDGMENTS ARE EXPRESSED**

- **Evaluate the heart of the matter!!!- Judge 7:1**
- **Be cautious of “loaded words.”**