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# Broadway Church of Christ

*A family working together to spread the gospel of Christ.*

## WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SPIRITUALLY-MINDED AND HOW TO ACHIEVE IT

**Jim Laws**

Many people speak of being spiritually-minded. Many preachers preach on the topic, but I still have problems developing this attitude, both in understanding this mindset and in practicing such to please God. Sometimes when I have completed sermons on spiritual growth, I feel my work has been inadequate to meaningfully express this biblical concept without being so abstract. If I am foggy on this subject, others may be, too. The only solution is to ask, "What does the New Testament teach," and "How do I become spiritually -minded?"

Romans 8:6 states, "For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace." The phrase "set the mind on the Spirit" refers to developing a mindset toward the teaching of the Spirit. This idea is closely related to what our attitude should be. In fact, a good way to re-phrase the concept is to have your "attitude set," rather your "mindset." The disposition of your mind is what Paul means. Through the revelation of the Spirit, the teaching of God shapes my mind-attitude-set to be more like God's. This attitude-mind-set will exalt Christ, value God, and cherish the Word of God. The spiritually-minded person vigorously pursues the will of the Holy Spirit, manifested in the words of sacred revelation (Eph. 6:17). The spiritually-minded person seeks to serve the Creator with the totality of his being (Matt. 23:37). He must follow the word of God, the Bible.

I wish I could have such an attitude all the time. How does one become more spiritually-minded? Think about a few important points. First, realize this outward man is wasting away, but the inner man is being renewed by setting our minds on things above (2 Cor. 4:16-18). Second, take the steps necessary to live a pure life. Remember what Jesus said about what our eyes see, "You have heard that it was said, 'you shall not commit adultery; but I say to you that everyone **who looks at a woman with lust** for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell" (Matt. 5:27-29). Third, remember what Jesus said in the parable of the sower about what hinders the spiritual mind, "The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are **choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life**, and bring no fruit to maturity" (Luke 8:14; Mark 4:19). Fourth, the spiritual person views this life in terms of eternity, not time. He knows he will face hardship and heartaches now, but considers "that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory which shall be revealed to us" later on (Rom. 8:18). Fifth, the spiritual person will subordinate the material to higher interests. He sets his mind on the things above, not on things upon the earth (Col. 3:2).

If I have learned anything, it is DETERMINATION. The spiritually-minded person thinks and lives the way he does, because he is DETERMINED to do so! One who has achieved this mind-attitude-set has become so by the careful study and application of God's words. His growth is no accident!

### This Week at Broadway:

**Sunday, Jan 27, 2019**

**Wed, Jan 30, 2019**

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Bible Class and Worship  
9 am, 10 am, 6 pm

Bible Class for All Ages  
7 pm

Ladies Bible Class  
10 am

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## ON THE HOME FRONT

**GOSPEL MEETING** – Our Spring Gospel Meeting will begin March 31 and continue through April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our invited speaker will be Robert Johnson from the Longview congregation; we are looking forward to this important time together. Please mark this date on your calendar and do not allow anything to interfere with this special time of Bible study and worship. As our Meeting draws closer, more information will be given.

**REVELATION** – We have begun a new study of the book of Revelation in our Sunday morning Bible class. We have just started chapter 1. If you have never been through this book, a wonderful opportunity awaits you. Perhaps you have studied this amazing book many times, so please bring your knowledge and experience to class to share. I look forward to studying this chapter with you and encourage you to come and bring your Bible.

**LIFE OF CHRIST** – We have been taking a serious look at the life of Christ during our Wednesday evening Bible study. Last Wednesday evening we studied His astounding miracle of feeding the 5000 by multiplying the loaves and the fishes; followed by his teaching on the bread of life. After the twelve had returned from their preaching tour in Galilee, they retired with Jesus for rest and private instruction in the sparsely populated district, east of the lake. Even there, the people thronged to hear him, and though He was tired, he still taught them. As we continue our discussions, I hope you will be with us.

I hope your week will be both a happy and satisfying one. We all have so much to be grateful for, as God has blessed us in so many ways (Phil. 4:19). Please remember, “Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near” (Rev. 1:3).

--Jim

## NAT'S NOTES

**2 Corinthians 6:14-18:** Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”

We are warned here in this passage to not bind ourselves together with non-Christians. That is those that are outside of Christ, those not in the church. Why you may ask would Paul warn us of this? Paul warned us of this because he knew that those who we are closely bonded to are those who have the greatest influence on whether or not we remain faithful or fall away. Well what qualifies as being yoked? First of all what is a yoke? And I don't mean that little orange thing in eggs. A yoke is defined as a device for joining together a pair of draft animals. Being yoked is putting two together for a common work. One wouldn't yoke together a Clydesdale and a Shetland pony. Why? Because if you did, you would pull in a circle. One is weak and one is strong. No one would harness together a well-trained horse and a rodeo bronc and expect good results. You would expect a wreck. We shouldn't bind ourselves in families, friendships, and definitely not in marriage.

**Deut. 7:2-4:** “You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them. You shall not intermarry with them... for they will turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods...”

We are no longer under the Old Law but this passage tells us of the concern God has about the influence of the unbeliever. I know that there are passages that deal with what you should do when you find yourself in marriages that are unequally yoked. There are also reasons for this. There is the possibility of two non-Christians marrying and one being converted after getting married. In this case the Christian should stay with the non-Christian spouse. However a Christian is making an unwise decision when binding or yoking themselves to the non-Christian. Paul strongly warns against unequal yoking in this passage. Parents and Grandparents we need to help in the molding and shaping of our children. Never is this more true when it comes to those who are children are yoking up to. If we are not careful we will have a wreck on our hands. **Do not be unequally yoked!**

## Welcome

To Visitors and Members alike!  
We ask that you fill out an attendance card and drop it into the collection plate so that we may have a record of your attendance.

## Attendance Sunday, Jan 20, 2019

Bible Class	86
Morning Worship	118
Evening Worship	67
Wednesday (1/23/19)	76
Contribution	\$7210
Weekly Budget	\$6900

## Birthdays

Helen Young	Jan 27
Sherry Hancock	Jan 28
Jo England	Jan 29
Carol Brinkley	Jan 31
Patricia Coplan	Feb 2

## Anniversaries

Marvin & Nadine Hollingsworth	Jan 27
Troy & Chaleen Spencer	Jan 27

## Bread Makers

Feb 3 - Melissa Frick  
Feb 10 - Nadine Hollingsworth

## Mark Your Calendar

Youth Planning Meeting	Jan 27
Youth Summit at University	Feb 2
Area Wide Ministers Luncheon	Feb 5
Spring Gospel Meeting	Mar 31-Apr 3

## Daily Bible Reading

Day 27 - Exodus 38-40  
Day 28 - Leviticus 1-4  
Day 29 - Leviticus 5-7  
Day 30 - Leviticus 8-10  
Day 31 - Leviticus 11-13  
Day 32 - Leviticus 14-15  
Day 33 - Leviticus 16-18



## Recent Requests:

**Family of Donnell Underwood** - Donnell's services were held yesterday in Cleburne  
**Barb Berdan** - upper respiratory issues  
**Virgil Draughon** - upper respiratory issues  
**Helen Young** - seeing neurologist tomorrow  
**Jim Barham** - recovering at home - broken clavicle  
**Kathi Fansler** - recovering - broken foot & wrist  
**Bob & Mamie Bone** - ongoing health concerns  
**Cordelia Calhoun** - health concerns - knee issues  
**Tommy & Sandra Gentry** - ongoing health concerns  
**Marvin Hollingsworth** - ongoing health concerns  
**Jerry & Mary Lewis** - ongoing health concerns  
**Debra Shepherd** - ongoing health challenges  
**Timothy Mays** - stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA  
**The Caylor Family** - continued prayers for all

## Family & Friends:

**Juanita Teague** - recovering from stroke - at Atria  
**Jeff & Laura Jenkins** - preacher & wife at Lewisville church; Laura's cancer has returned  
**Caitlyn Cunningham** - teenage friend of Wheelers in Ohio; cancer  
**Randy Daw & family** - brain cancer  
**Bill Chandler** - Nadine's brother - health issues  
**Jewel Burcham** - Tammi Huddleston's mother - recovering from fall and broken pelvis  
**Gage Coldwater & family** - his family is now living in Tanzania and working with Manna Project  
**Windle Gaston** - friend of Scott Baker; cancer  
**Kevin Costner** - Clint's brother; Lymphoma - prayers following bone marrow transplant

## Our Homebound Family

Bill Buttram | Sammie & Laurie DeFratus  
Nancy Draughon | Jo England  
Mary Jones | Frances Mason | Ed Morris

## Missionaries

Scott Richards - Northeast India Missions  
Monterrey School of Preaching  
Brown Trail School of Preaching