

Spiritually Bankrupt

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Matthew 6:5-8; Matthew 15:8-9; James 1:26; 2 Peter 1:5-10; Jude v.24

spir-i-tu-al (spir-i-chə-wəl, -i-chəl, -ich-wəl): *adjective* Middle English, from Anglo-French & Late Latin; Anglo-French *espiritual*, *spiritual*, from Late Latin *spiritualis*, from Latin, of breathing, of wind, from *spiritus* Date: 14th century **1**: of, relating to, consisting of, or affecting the **spirit** : **INCORPOREAL** <*spiritual* needs> **2 a**: of or relating to sacred matters <*spiritual* songs> **b**: ecclesiastical rather than lay or temporal <*spiritual* authority> <lords *spiritual*> **3**: concerned with religious values **4**: related or joined in **spirit** <our *spiritual* home> <his *spiritual* heir> **5 a**: of or relating to supernatural beings or phenomena **b**: of, relating to, or involving **spiritualism** : **SPIRITUALISTIC**

bank-rupt (bank-rəpt): *noun* modification of Middle French & Old Italian; Middle French *banqueroute* bankruptcy, from Old Italian *banca* bank + *rotta* broken, from Latin *rupta*, feminine of *ruptus*, past participle of *rumpere* to break. Date: 1533 **2**: a person who is completely lacking in a particular desirable quality or attribute <a moral *bankrupt*>

Many of us have fallen prey to sin with debt mounted over our heads. Debt can cause some of us to do things we normally would not do. We normally would not say. Debt can cause some of us to bring curses upon our lives and those of our children through this giving in to sin.

Jesus paid all of our debts when he allowed himself to be nailed on the cross at Calvary. He zeroed out our personal and national deficits. And knowing this, sometimes we as saints forget that we've been purged and pick up burdens that no longer belong to us. We bankrupt our souls due to [Holy] spirit-less belief. It is our complacency and mundane existence that causes us to drift from grace...from God's wings of protection. We, the saints, can lose our salvation.

Matthew 6: 1-8 (read only v.1, 5, and 7)

Verses 1-8

- Don't be a hypocrite, don't do as hypocrites do...saying a bunch of sweet sounding words that are bitter. Talking so much in the public to "appear" sanctified and holy when you are far from it. There is no need to be "flashy" and "show-boaty".

Matthew 15: 8-9

Verse 8

- These people: Scribes and Pharisees. Scribes were formally secretaries to the kings and later became schoolmasters, keepers of the law, the law interpreters. Pharisees were a self-righteous group of religious leaders and followers that held only to their interpretations of the law, to their traditions regardless if it were appropriate in the eyesight of God or not.
- These people honored God with their lips, but their hearts were far from God.

Verse 9

- There is no reward in empty honor towards God. Neither will you receive your reward if adhering to these false doctrines and man-made religious beliefs and customs.

Interlude: *Christ is here in the flesh and offering himself personally and is ridiculed and rejected. Christ is personally challenged by ignorance and stupidity; by prideful, self-promoted, self-elected leaders of God. Yet they could not recognize Him nor desire to.*

James 1: 26

Verse 26 [Self explanatory, read next scripture.]

2 Peter 1: 5-10

Verse 5-10

- This proves that one can the blessing and guarantee of eternal life with the Father in heaven and then lose it. You can actually forget that you were ever saved and revert back to a life of sin devoid of the promises of Christ in your life.
- The doctrine of once saved, always saved is a fallacy. We must work to maintain our salvation or we will bankrupt ourselves spiritually.
- If this were not so, why then in verse 10 does the Word of God warn us to do the things spoken of in previous verses in order to keep us from falling...falling from Grace.

Jude v.24

Verse 24

- It is the Holy Spirit that dwells within us to keep of from falling and losing our way. The Holy Spirit can only dwell in a clean house. Don't dirty yourselves with an indulgence of sin. Your temple [body] must be maintained and in order.