

Spiritual Integrity

Mark 11:11-19

Jesus was never provoked to anger, as if there were people or things that just caused him to lose all self-control. But he did choose anger sometimes, as a carefully crafted response. Christ followers should likewise _____ our _____ carefully.

Discussion 1. How do you sometimes get caught up in our current “outrage culture”? What practical steps help you be more careful with your expressions of anger? What role do you believe the Holy Spirit plays in this?

To Jesus (and to the Holy Spirit), there is something particularly deplorable about trying to appear Spirit-filled when I am in fact Spiritually bankrupt. Genuine sanctification always happens from the _____; never vice versa.

Discussion 2. What spiritual disciplines do you practice in private in order to allow the Holy Spirit to change you from the inside out? How do you monitor/measure the change happening on the inside?

Showing up for prayer is not necessarily evidence of spiritual integrity. Genuinely _____ to _____ more...that is evidence of the Holy Spirit working in me.

Discussion 3. Have you ever asked God to give you more of a thirst for Him or for His Word or for time alone with Him? If so, what changed as a result of that prayer?

The Holy Spirit producing fruit in us doesn't happen without turning over a table or two and chasing out some money changers; maybe being _____ by some.

Discussion 4. Has anyone in your life turned against you as a result of your Christianity? Are there people in your life who you believe would do that if they knew about your Christianity?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?