

No. 15 **Keep Jehovah Before You Constantly**

Note to the speaker:

Talk with audience participation and videos. Help the brothers to see the importance of being spiritual men

WHAT IS SPIRITUALITY? (4 min.)

The word “spirituality” as used in the Bible refers to an attitude or an approach to life (Jude 17-19)

For appointed men, spirituality means being sensitive to and firmly adhering to the direction that has come to us by God’s spirit

Those with a spiritual attitude value God’s standards (*w11 11/1 13-14*)

Being a spiritual person is more than a matter of personal preference or inclination [**Read Romans 8:6**]

Spirituality involves the deliberate action of “setting” our mind on the spirit

Paul explained the difference between a physical man and a spiritual one (1Co 2:14-16)

A physical man follows the impulses of the flesh

A spiritual man is characterized as having the mind of Christ

The spiritual man thinks as Jesus does and walks in his footsteps

The more a person imitates Christ, the deeper his spirituality becomes

THE SPIRITUAL MAN KEEPS JEHOVAH BEFORE HIM CONSTANTLY (16 min.)

One way to resemble Christ is to keep Jehovah before you constantly [**Read Psalm 16:8**]

In your private meditations, always regard yourself as in the presence of Jehovah

Jehovah’s dealings with Moses were so real that he reacted as if he had seen “the One who is invisible” (Heb 11:27)

Joseph kept Jehovah before him constantly when tempted by Potiphar’s wife (Ge 39:9)

Jesus kept Jehovah before him constantly when tempted by the Devil (Mt 4:4, 7, 10)

Your actions should demonstrate that Jehovah is constantly before you in all you do, whether teaching, evangelizing, or engaging in other activities related to your service to Jehovah

A spiritual man must avoid overconfidence

Note in the following video what could happen if an elder fails to keep Jehovah before him constantly. While the video applies particularly to elders in view of their role as shepherds in the congregation, similar dangers could face ministerial servants

<<**PLAY VIDEO [2 min. 10 sec.]**>>

Questions:

1. What could have happened if this brother had failed to keep Jehovah before him?
2. What similar situation may confront ministerial servants?
3. What subject did the brother research to help him get Jehovah’s viewpoint?
4. How can overconfidence make us lose sight of Jehovah?

Regular Bible reading, personal study, and meditation are essential (*w00 10/1 8 ¶3-5*)

[Briefly highlight the suggestions for Bible reading found in the August 1, 2009, issue of *The Watchtower*, pages 13-18]

The congregation benefits from elders and ministerial servants who are known to be serious students of God’s Word, able to “explain spiritual matters with spiritual words” (1Co 2:11-13)

A spiritual man must feed exclusively at “the table of Jehovah”

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“The table of demons” promotes disgraceful sexual perversions, pornography, and violent and debasing entertainment (1Co 10:21; w02 4/1 30)

Improper entertainment continues to be a plague that causes some to lose sight of Jehovah

When you make decisions on types of entertainment, whether other humans can see you or not, remember that your choices affect your relationship with Jehovah (1Co 10:23; Col 3:17)

Constant heartfelt prayer helps to keep Jehovah before us (1Th 5:17)

Before making major decisions, request Jehovah’s spirit and direction (w07 8/1 6 ¶1)

Research the publications to make sure your thinking agrees with Jehovah’s

Willingly submit to Jehovah’s powerful holy spirit and display its fruitage in your life (Ro 8:5-8; w07 8/1 5 ¶2; w01 3/15 15)

Our thinking, inclinations, and aspirations must come under the influence of God’s active force and not be undermined by worldly thinking (Ro 12:2; w16.5 21 ¶14)

Regular attendance and participation at the meetings are important to keep the spiritual man and his family built up and stabilized (Ps 26:12)

Commenting is an expression of your faith and builds up the spirituality of others

KEEP JEHOVAH AT YOUR RIGHT HAND (4 min.)

Look at **Psalm 16:8** one more time [**Read**]

How do we keep Jehovah at our “right hand”?

Like Jesus, we let God’s Word and spirit guide us in every aspect of life (Ps 119:105)

What assurance do we have that we can maintain our spirituality and face the future with confidence? [**Read Psalm 73:23, 24**]

What a warm picture that conveys—Jehovah’s grasping your hand!

Allow Jehovah to strengthen you as you strengthen and support the congregation

Be led by Jehovah’s counsel, fully confident that he will ‘hold us by the right hand’ and support us

Jehovah will ‘lead us to glory’ in numerous ways, including bestowing the honor of a close personal relationship with him

May it be your resolve to keep Jehovah before you constantly

[Introduce the next part on the program]