

# Empty “Y” why?

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1 Cor. 2:14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

Empty words, empty life, empty you!!!!

How many of you have full lives right now? I mean like maxed out lives? I have talked to so many this week, which tell me there are too many things crammed into the few hours of their day. Some even say their days run out of hour before the next day begins. One of my sweet widows who is herself in the very final season of her life, has said she can't find time to die like she would like because of responsibilities she can't let go of. “Cats” primarily! Edna, walked with her savior 4:3.

You may be full, of so many things: for our grads dreams for the future, responsibilities overwhelm our parents: educating, feeding, clothing, those kids and getting them to the plethora of appointments and meets they have. As well, the duties we all of us carry. Yet our text this morning speaks of being without understanding if not full of the HOLY SPIRIT. Another lady texted me this week, “I didn't know a small test would turn into such a big deal.” She said, “I know that God doesn't give you any more than you can handle.” That's strong faith statement good job. To which I wrote back in a very empathetic way (sympathy sorrowful-empathy impassioned “I understand” were your coming from), empathetically I said “But sometimes we wonder why God thinks so highly of us, don't we?” One of my goals today is to help us: not necessarily to lighten our loads, while that may well be a result of, learning to see ourselves as God does and operate under the same premise as the Lord knows us able to and created us for.

While being full of “it”, you could also very likely be “empty” of the all the right stuff. Worse yet all the stuff you are full of could so cloud your head/heart so that the things of the Spirit of God seem like foolishness to you. That would be a shame wouldn't you agree! I want to help the gospel to be understandable—the good news is 1) about God and his purpose, 2) about humans and our true destiny, and 3) about the consequences of sin. Without understanding these I fear Jesus' atoning work cannot be understandable. God's ultimate purpose in creation is to show his glory. As his creation reflect God's glory. Many behavioral psychologists say we are all disposed to not even see what we don't want to see. And just as can see selectively (only what we want to see!), so also can we understand selectively. If we oppose an idea strongly enough, our will can create an intellectual wall that makes understanding that idea virtually impossible. Let's pray our hearts and spiritual eyes will be open this morning and obey the God the word, as we examine the Word of God.

Now Jesus said in John 16:8 that the Holy Spirit would he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment. I think I can make sin

understandable this morning. But I can't cause your hearts break because of it. At Pentecost the HS in Acts 2:37, "When they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said . . . What shall we do?" only being full of HS will we truly understand what to do. Sin always takes you further, keeps you longer, and cost you more!

Whole heartedness doesn't mean you don't love others you warp or surround that love in God's love. I love you with the love of the Lord. They will know you are my disciple by your love for one another. In the natural one tell their child your mother and I just do love one another anymore! In the spirit it's just not so!

Instead of glorifying God by obeying him, we have dishonored him by disregarding or rejecting his counsel for our sexuality, and our finances, our job, and our attitudes, and our politics. Putting our own wishes and finances 1st, before the glorifying of our creator. We have in large become a society that values \$ more that our values laid out in the word.

If you are not trusting in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and living to glorify his name, then the wrath of God is awaiting you (John 3:36). And you do not have to leave this room under that condemnation.

Prov. 3: 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. If we cannot shun evil, then:

Ps. 66:18 If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; What we are doing is unfolding the biblical truth that will make the good news of Jesus Christ understandable. Notice, I don't say we can make it understood. Our text 1 Cor. 2:14 say that the "natural man [the person who is not opened by the Holy Spirit] does not receive the gifts of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned." They are empty thoughts! You may need to download the most recent version of the Holy Spirit.com. Insert: H.S./byproduct-fruit.

Many are ok with adding God to our lives with thought of real change taking place in our life. This is not the true teaching of Scripture both Old Testament New Test. and Jesus called for a radical change for those who would trust and obey God. "Repent" totally turn from the direction you are heading in the natural and go in the direction he is leading. To repent means to change not only our thinking but our actions. We are saved from sin and self-interest and called to live holy lives. GPS-recalculating-repentance GPS God's Plan of Salvation

How important is this: If the world knows there is a man of God, then they know there is a "God" of the Man! "Y" why does the world seek answers everywhere else other than the church, could it be because within the Church the answers are no different than in the world? and is that because we are full, but only of all the same stuff the rest of the world is full of? Men and women of God we should live in such a way that if, in the building someone is seeking God or out on the streets someone they have just called upon His name you can say here I am God's servant you called!

1 Peter 1:18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, Jesus told us (recorded in Matthews gospel) Seek 1st. his kingdom.

Our nation our world right now is looking for financial bailout – for social security (PC) everyone just get along, when they need to be looking for glorifying God, spiritual security, eternal security. Many right now under hospice care have \$ they will not spend, they must leave it to others they may not even trust to spend it as they would i.e. kingdom work. Peter and John went to pray they met a young man on the way he stick out his palm and asked for alum, and this is what Peter did say in the name of Jesus –walk. How shall we walk: Micha 6:8 sing: He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

You may this morning be living a full life and still be empty of the Holy Spirit. And don't think this morning that just because you're Christian you are full of the Spirit. Peter proclaimed "you are the Christ, the son of the living God", upon that profession of faith is the church foundation. The next recorded words of Peter "never Lord" 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Mere human concerns do not the works of God make!

Mere human concerns can be a stumbling block to other follower of Christ and negate the witness the world is so longing to see!

Let us Pray!!!