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## **THE VISIONARY METHOD For Christian Practice<sup>TM</sup>**



### **The Rules of Righteousness**

(3) True Christian worship is characterized by spirit and truth (pg.23-34)

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**THE VISIONARY METHOD For Christian Practice**<sup>™</sup> Presents... **FREE INTRODUCTION** CALLING **SPECIAL EDITION Bible Companion** X **Journaling Guide** Chinasom U Elekwachi

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## Know

- There are two key elements to Christian worship
  - Spirit
  - Truth
- The two key elements of Spirit and Truth define and represent what type of "worship" that is pleasing and acceptable to the Lord, the Most High God i.e. true worship is "measured" or "judged" based on what you choose to believe and the choices you make, which reflects your heart, a.k.a. the moral conscience.



## Spirit

- The spirit is the self that is not seen, and it has two aspects: will and character.
  - The will is simply intent and decision, and the degree of one's will can range from weak to strong.
  - As for character, the spirit has many traits that can be righteous (good) or unrighteous (bad).



### Truth

- Knowing the truths of God, which are based on His Word (The Holy Bible).
  - There are four basic truths that encompass the Christian Truth...



- 1. A Christian must believe that the Word of God is true
- 2. A Christian must serve God only (serving other gods is fixed by committing to living a Christian lifestyle and receiving the Holy Spirit)
- 3. A Christian worships the Living God, not things that "represent Him" i.e. a picture or a cross (crucifix)
- 4. A Christian should believe that:
  - a) The Lord is One (God exists as the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit)
  - b) Jesus was on Earth, and did according to the Word of God
  - c) Jesus died to atone for the sins of mankind (those who truly believe), and was resurrected from the dead by the power of God, the Father.
  - d) Jesus is the one and only mediator (Priest) of the New Covenant
  - e) The righteous live by faith



Living by faith means to believe in the Lord's commandments to the point of actually doing them regardless of circumstance i.e. the Christian standard does not change based on "who can see me sinning" - God knows every sin, and so, nothing can be hidden, as the guilty are guilty whether they are caught by the police or by God only.

• NOTE: The worst type of sin is doing something that you know is wrong. God does not forgive such sins because they do not count as a mistake – it is simply intentional sin, and therefore unforgiveable.

Therefore, faith is not just believing in God's word, as the Bible even notes that "believing that God exists is not enough", but it is the pairing of believing in God's Word and doing it (works, which is lifestyle choices) that is enough – and the reward is receiving the Holy Spirit:

- James 2:14 <sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if a man says he has faith, but has no works? Can faith save him?
- **Hebrew 11:6** Without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to him, for he who comes to God must believe that he exists, and that he is a rewarder of those who seek him.





- Begin to identify the behaviors and actions that you do which you know are wrong, and address and stop doing them one -by-one based on what you think God hates the most.
  - The VMFCP Basic Standards and the 'WHAT NOT TO DO LIST' featured in the glossary section of 'Calling: Special Edition' can help you identify necessary areas of change (repentance).



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## **RER Exemplar**

Reflection, Extension & Response, or RER for short, is the journaling activity used for the 'Calling' Module of The VMFCP. RER is designed to help you understand your own motivations, choices, and help you plan how to align them with a Christian lifestyle. The RER activity is helpful because it provides you with a framework which helps re-adjust your reasoning that is tied to your moral conscience (the heart).

## **RER Exemplar For Worshipping** in Spirit & Truth

#### REFLECTION

<b>Reflection A</b> (What I thought)	• God forgives everything as long as you ask for forgiveness, so it doesn't matter what I do.
	• I can make up my own beliefs about Christianity and reject what the Holy Bible says.
	• I can disrespect and disregard God's commandments, and still expect Him to accept me as Christian.
<b>Reflection B</b> (The truth about the sin according to the Bible)	<ul> <li>God only forgives when you stop doing the wrong thing and are genuinely sorry about it, and then do the right thing. (James 4:17, 1 John 1:9, Acts 8:22, Hebrews 10:26)</li> <li>God knows everything about everyone, and nothing is hidden from Him (Psalm 44:20-21, Jeremiah 17:10).</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>God has always preferred and rewarded obedience (listening/hearing) over any form of sacrifice i.e. tithes or insincere worship aimed to "please" God (1 Samuel 15:22).</li> </ul>



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#### **EXTENSION**

Reasons why God says not to commit the specific sin. You can find Scriptures that support the reason(s), but it is not necessary.

The Truth is important because without (1) knowing and believing it (seeing) and (2) doing God's commandments (hearing) then I cannot receive the Holy Spirit i.e. become Christian.



### RER Exemplar For Worshipping in Spirit & Truth

#### RESPONSE

- Believing in the Words of the Holy Bible
  - The ROR 3 summarizes the key beliefs.
  - The Calling Module expands on other key aspects related to the Truth.
- Pro-actively committing to changing my lifestyle using The VMFCP.
  - Fasting to help strengthen my spirit, which can help build discipline (Read Book of Prayers - Volume 1: Repentance and Spiritual Fortification)

The practical things that I can do to stop committing the sin.

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