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"Commercialized Christianity"

Acts 8:9-25

Today's BIG IDEA:
God's power is meant for our transformation, not our manipulation.

1. Not all spiritual power is

_____ *(v.9-11)*

(2 Corinthians 11:13-15; 1 John 4:1)

- *Just because someone invokes the name of God doesn't mean they know him.*

2. Not all spiritual decisions are

_____ *(v.12-13)*

(Matthew 7:21-23; John 2:23-25; James 2:19)

- *Not everyone who "believes" in Jesus truly believes in Jesus.*

3. Not all spiritual desires are

_____ *(v.14-21)*

(James 4:3)

- *True Christianity seeks the presence of Jesus, not just "presents" from Jesus.*

4. Not all spiritual people are

_____ *(v.22-25)*

(John 6:66)

- *Simon talked about prayer, but he never prayed. He had talked about God, but he wouldn't talk **to** God.*

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. In what ways do you see evidence of spiritualism in our culture that doesn't seek or glorify Jesus?
2. One of Simon's chief problems was his desire for personal gain. What are some selfish/materialistic desires in your own heart that you need to repent of?
3. Do you talk about prayer more than you actually pray? How can you better develop a sincere prayer life?

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