

GETTING TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER

(New Years 2008)

- I Timothy 4:8 -

“...train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise both for the present life and the life to come.” (I Tim. 4:7b-8)

Three key passages. . .

Exodus 34:29-35
II Corinthians 3:7-4:6
Hebrews 1:1-3; 2:1

Three key questions. . .

How are you doing spiritually?
How do we know if His glory is fading in our life?
What are the signs that we may be drifting?

1. Religiosity without _____ (Matthew 23)

2. Religion without _____ (Revelation 2)

How do we come back to Christ?

“Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first.” (Revelation 2:5)

- 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Application Questions. . .

- 1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?
2. How did the light of Christ first break through to you?
3. What does II Cor. 4:3-6 tell us about Satan’s strategy and about God’s strategy in their dealings with human beings?
4. How do you “veil” God’s glory in your life: Doubt? Timidity? Mistrust? Defensiveness?
5. If you were to drop this veil, how would your relationships and witness be different?
6. How do the passages from Matt. 23 and Revelation 2 touch close to home in your life?
7. From what Jesus says about the Pharisees in Matt. 23, rank the following three things according to how you see their importance to God: (a) what we say; (b) what we know; and (c) what we do.