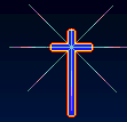


Spiritual Strictness

Spiritual A.D.D.



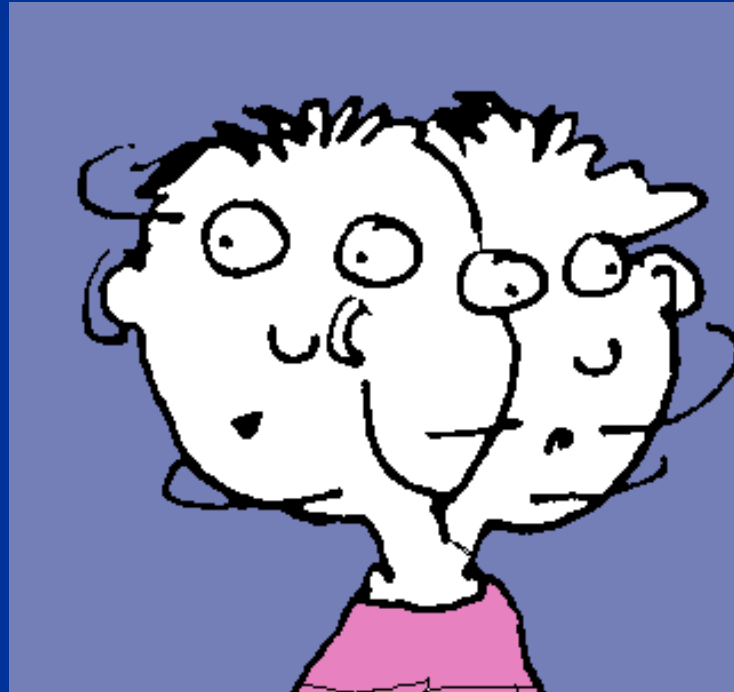
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What is A.D.D.?

A.D.D.: Attention-Deficit Disorder, a development disorder that impairs one's ability to keep focused.

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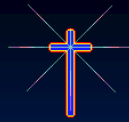
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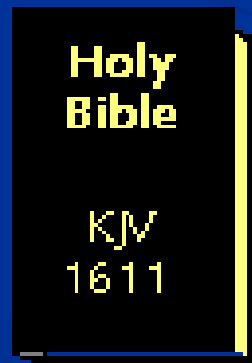
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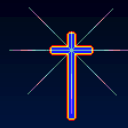




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- What is Spiritual Strictness?
 - Strictness: *“Uncompromising resolution”*
 - Spiritual: *“Concerned with sacred matters or religion or the church”*
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it's all about love!

- Why should I be spiritually strict?
 - Because Our Lord Jesus loves us and we love Him
 - *“We love Him because He first loved us.” (1 John 4:19)*
 - *“His banner over me was love.” (Song 2:4)*
 - *“His left hand is under my head, And his right hand embraces me.” (Song 2:6)*



- Focus on a Cross in your room and on the love that took HIM to the Cross! Ask yourself whether you are worthy of HIS love.





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- Why should I be spiritually strict?
 - Because of our hope in heaven: never lose sight of prize!
 - *I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:14)*
 - *Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. (1 Cor 9:24)*
 - *“This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:11)*
 - *“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” (1 Cor 2:9)*
 - *“God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” (Rev 21:4)*



“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” (2 Tim 4:7)

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■ How do I remain spiritually strict?

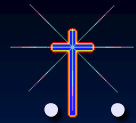
■ I must be obedient in everything,

- *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. (Joshua 1:8)*
- *bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, (2 Cor 10:5)*
- *“...as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, Be holy, for I am holy.” (1 Pet 1:13-16)*

■ HIS Obedience should be our example

- *“And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” (Phil 2:8)*





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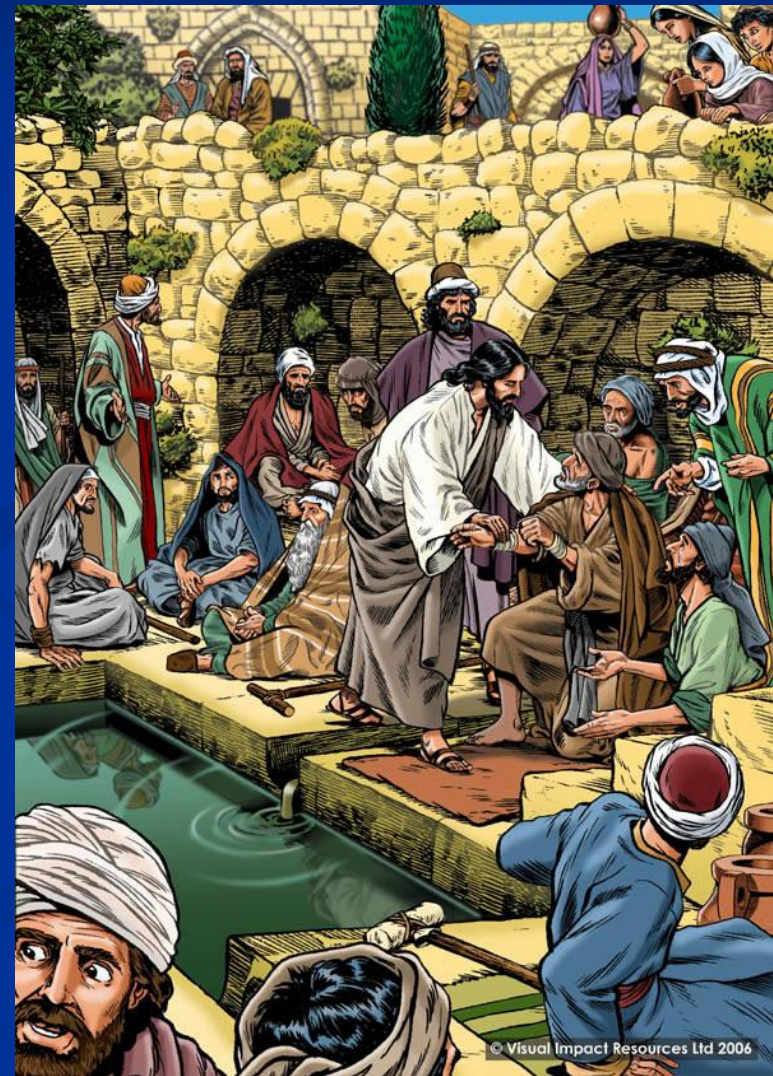
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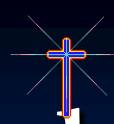
- How do I remain spiritually strict?
 - I must be conscious of and remove small sins: the little glance; that bit of gossip etc
 - *Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, But Lord, what about this man? Jesus said to him, If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me. (John 21:21-22)*
 - *“Catch us the foxes, The little foxes that spoil the vines, For our vines have tender grapes.” (Song 2:15)*
 - I must remove all obstacles that may hinder my spiritual progress: choose friends wisely; don't go to place that could lead you to sin etc
 - *“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Mat 26:41).*
 - *“For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice...” (Romans 7:19)*

The Pool of Bethesda

do you REALLY want to get well?

Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” (John 5:5-6)





Glory Be to God Forever & Ever.

AMEN!

