

Powerless Religion II Timothy 3:5

No Christian should ever get the idea that God is powerless. You may remember asking God in prayer, but He didn't do it. Does that mean He is powerless?

My Thought: The very fact that People use Hypocrites as an excuse not to come to church or get saved tells me that the outside world expects God to be powerful and change your life.

Matt 5:13 "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."

Form - a shaping, a mere semblance. It is for the sake of appearances, it is wearing a mask of piousness, it is an external thing only.

"Repentance is not when you cry, it's when you change." - Unknown

Deny - To reject or renounce. By act to show estrangement from.

Principle: Powerless Religion must be

(notice also in *Hosea 6:6 and Romans 14:17* the emphasis on actions and the heart.)

The relationship with God is a matter of the heart. Religion springs forth from the heart that has been transformed by the Holy Spirit and is in fellowship with Almighty God.

*James 1:27 "Pure **religion** and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."*

1. Powerless Religion gives an _____ only

Quote: "When everything is done only for the sake of appearances, the human mind becomes a factory of manipulated reasons to justify the horrendous."
-Ravi Zacharias

2. Powerless Religion is _____ from the Source

3. Powerless Religion cannot _____ anything Beyond Itself

Conclusion: While we cannot account for everyone else's Walk with God, we can make sure that ours is the real thing. May we know and realize the Power of God in our life which comes not from a creed but a relationship with God Himself through Jesus Christ our Lord.