

Practical Religion
Chapter 3: Reality

1. Take care that your faith is real

(a) Real is _____

(b) Real is not _____

2. The importance of reality in religion

(a) What is wrong with saying that most are “good-hearted”?

(b) What does the Scripture say? This is the only judge that can try the subject

i. Notice how many of the parables show the strong contrast between the true believer and the nominal disciple.

Matt. 13:3-9,18-23, Matt. 13:24-30, Matt. 13:47-50, Matt. 21:28-32, Matt. 22:1-14,
Matt. 25:1-13, Matt. 25:14-30, Luke 14:15-24, Luke 19:11-27, Matt. 7:24-27

ii. What does Jesus say about the Scribes and Pharisees?

iii. There is hardly any grace of a true Christian for which there is not a counterfeit described in Scripture

_____ which is not genuine

_____ which is not genuine Acts 8:13

_____ which is not genuine 2 Sam 24:2

_____ which is not genuine 1 Jn 3:18

_____ which is not genuine

_____ which is not genuine Matt. 15:8

_____ that is not genuine Ezek. 33: 31, 1 Cor. 13:1

(c) What shall we say to these things?

i. They show clearly that we must _____ that _____ be real.

ii. Is our walk with Christ merely Churchmanship?

3. Tests by which we may prove whether our religion is real (Acts 8:21)

(a) What place does your faith occupy in your inner man?

i. It is not enough:

ii. If it is real, your religion must be _____

(b) What feelings toward sin does your faith produce? Rom 7:13

(c) What feelings toward Christ does your faith produce?

(d) Does your faith bear fruit in your life?

(e) How does your faith affect your attitude to the means of grace?

4. Words of Application

Is *your* own religion real or unreal?