Spiritual, But Not Religious?

There is a growing attitude in the world that rejects “religion.”

• They consider “religion” hypocrisy.
• Unloving and judgmental.
• Or, unnecessary.

...But considers that people can be “spiritual” without being religious.

This attitude depends on how we define two things...

• “Religion” and “Spiritual”

“Religion” is seen in a purely negative light.

• There is pure religion (Jas. 1:27).
• Self-imposed religion (Col. 2:20-23).
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What is it to be “spiritual”?
- “God is Spirit” (John 4:21-24).
- We are made in His image (Gen. 1:27; Heb. 12:9).
- To be “spiritual” in a biblical sense is to focus on the things God reveals to us (Rom. 8:5; 1 Cor. 2:11-13).

Worldly definition of “spiritual.”
- A musician asked if he was religious and said he was a “spiritual” person.
- He said he believed in the “spirit of positive energy.”
- He said that in a “karmic sense” we should “all spread as much positive energy as possible.”
Is one “spiritual” if he has “the spirit of positive energy”?  

- What constitutes “positive energy”?  
- Something politically correct?—This changes constantly.  
- Something that feels good?—Feelings can often be selfish.

Bible (Rom. 7:2-3; Lev. 19:11-13).
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This view sets a very subjective definition of spirituality.
- Spiritual without God.
- No right no wrong.
- No absolute truth.

Dangers (Ezek. 13:3; Prov. 14:12; Jer. 10:23)—"self-imposed."

Are you a spiritual person?
How to you mean that?
- As the world defines it?
- As the Bible defines it?

We urge you to choose to set your minds on the things God reveals by His Spirit in His word.