

SPIRITUAL AESTHETIC WON'T AWAKEN YOU

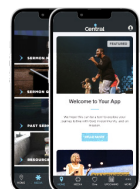
September 7, 2025 // Craig Rees + Mike McKay

BIG IDEA: Aesthetic faith impresses the crowd; abiding faith awakens the soul.

KEY SCRIPTURES:

1 Corinthians 9:27
2 Corinthians 13:5
2 Timothy 3:8
John 15:4-5

1. Why do you think a counterfeit faith can be so convincing to others and even to ourselves?
2. What warning do you take from Paul's use of the word *adókimos*—disqualified or counterfeit?
3. Paul warns in 2 Corinthians 13:5 to “examine yourselves.” What practices help you regularly test whether your faith is genuine?
4. Speaking personally, what's the difference between being impressed by a church service and being transformed by God's presence in a church service?
5. In John 15:4-5, Jesus speaks of abiding. What does abiding practically look like in your life today? What would you like it to look like?
6. How can we shift our confidence from our “spiritual checklist” back to Christ's presence?
7. How do you discern when your faith is bearing real fruit?
8. What step can you take this week to slow down and make space for Christ's presence rather than your performance?



Get the weekly sermon questions on the **Central Holland App!**