What's the Difference?

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✓ _____ instead of external.

(Matthew 23:27-28) "You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness."

✓ _____ instead of intellectual.

(John 5:39-40) "You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life."

✓ _____ instead of formal.

(Matthew 15:7-9) "You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.' "

Make us Authentic

(Ephesians 1:17) "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

1. Approach God _____.

(Jeremiah 29:13) "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

2. Exchange religion for _____.

(John 14:15) "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

(1 John 5:3) "This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome."

3. Put your faith _____, not just in Him.

(Ephesians 2:8-9) "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith --- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not by works, so that no one can boast."

What is God saying to me?

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