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The thing that came out to me is that “The emphasis of the Christian orthodox faith is not on the legal aspect, but on the healing of the damage heart, by sin”. When we look at today’s church, there are so many Christian organization, with so many different beliefs and doctrines. If someone is a member somewhere and they are doing something and they are spoken to with biblical guidance, instead of seeking to confess and be humble, they go and open their own little church to justify what they are doing.

The Christian faith is in a sad state of self service now more than ever. There is a lot of calling what is wrong, right. The Leaders want to be glorified and the people are at a loss. The gifts that God have given to man for the edification of the church is being marketed daily. Man has been putting their own laws in place and emphasis is being place on the “church rules” more than helping others to seek God’s face and grow in grace.

The writer says, “an essential characteristic of a life lived with God is prayer” Even that is being sold in these times. Lack of knowledge has caused people to be gullible. I understand the concept of confessing to one to another, for the sake of accountability, but that person to whom confession is made, is not the one who will forgive. The door has been open when Christ died on the cross and any man can go to God at any time. He says the “The spiritual direction is first defined as leading believers to the knowledge of God.

What I learn from this article is that there are still people out there who is cognizance of the fact that these things are happening and are willing to speak out about it. The writer says, "The center of the Orthodox Christian life is communion with God." And highlighted that man is leading man to themselves and not to God. The writer says, "The spiritual direction is first defined as leading believers to the knowledge of God" to which I totally agree. If we stop to pay enough attention, we will see this going on plenty, man taking God's glory for themselves.

Going forward, I will continue to keep my eyes and Jesus, give respect to whom respect is due, keeping in mind that there is one God and one mediator between God and man, and it is His son Jesus Christ. We must fast more, read the word more and have a desire to spend time in God's present, so that He can give us the spirit of discernment to identify the wolves in sheep clothing. Less we fall into idolatry.