Armitage Lecture on Spiritual Formation Christian Identity, Community and the Spirit of God in Spiritual Formation July 20, 2012
No Christian is an island unto himself or herself. Spiritual Formation, biblically speaking
is an exercise in community and being responsive to Jesus for spiritual growth. There are many spiritualities in the world, but most appeal to one’s own strength. The Scripture argues and Christina tradition has claimed for centuries that Christian spiritual formation
is about grace and the work of the Holy Spirit in one’s life, an enablement that comes
from asking for it by God’s grace through what Jesus Christ has done for us in

(3) There is the prerequisite for making progress, an open responsive heart that seeks to attain wisdom by God’s standards.
(4) There is the goal of spiritual formation. That involves engagement by

do and be what God has made us to do and be. 1 John 4:4 says it this way, "Greater is he who is in us than he who is in the world, While John 17 has Jesus pray that we ork
together side by side so our unity exercised in multiple and diverse giftedness makes us effective as a community linked together by God. So Hebrews 10 s儀

difference in life. Proverbs 2:14 describes it as the Open, Responsive Heart, involving more than receiving instruction. It leads to doing. This kind of spirituality is pursued with an effort that rivals the way most people pursue money and wealth. Listen to he words of
the Proverb and the promise that is wrapped up in t. Hear as the wisdom of God speaks,
“My child,
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