



# Spirit knows Best

Church Matters – You Matter #4

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

*The Spirit knows best because The Father knows best & the Spirit knows the Father (& the Son) more deeply than we can comprehend.*

*For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. (2:11)*

**True wisdom is Wisdom from the Holy Spirit which is Spiritual in nature and as such encompasses natural wisdom but is invisible to it.**

*What are we to do in the midst of this perplexing reality?*

**1. ACCEPT THE MYSTERY** (2:7,10)

*But we impart a secret [MYSTERION] and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages... these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit.*

**2. EXPECT THE CONFLICT** (2:6, 8, 14)

*...it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away... None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory... The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.*

**3. RESPECT & INSPECT THE DANGER** (2:11—see above)

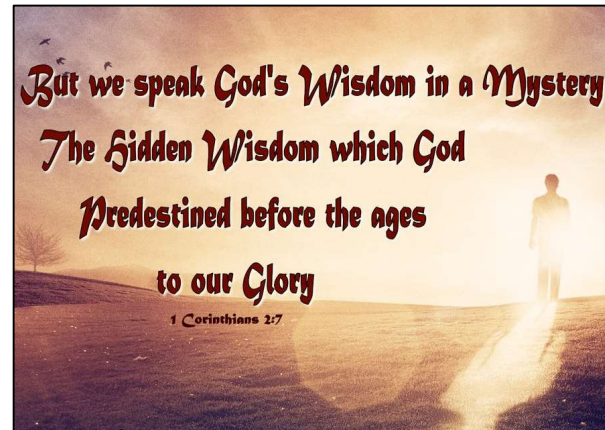
**4. REFLECT THE PURPOSE** (2:12, 13, 9)

*Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual (What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him...)*

**5. PROJECT THE BLESSING** (2:6-7, 15, 16)

*Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory... The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.. we have the mind of Christ.*

Additional Notes:



“We who are Christ’s have received *the Spirit who is from God*, and this brings the assurance that we have real knowledge.

The Christian’s

certainty is a certainty of faith, but that does not make it any the less a certainty. He has understanding of *what God has freely given us*. And what we receive we pass on; the revealed truths are spoken by believers to others. This is not done *in words taught us by human wisdom*; the worldly-wise way is not the way to commend the truth of God. Rather, we teach *in words taught by the Spirit*. The Spirit’s activity extends to providing the actual words used, and is not confined to the supplying of general ideas.”

– Leon Morris, 1 Corinthians, p.62

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