

It's All In Your Head

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Text: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 (NIV)

⁶We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,

and what no human mind has conceived”—

the things God has prepared for those who love him—¹⁰these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. ¹⁴The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶for,

“Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Introduction

Consider the *assurances* of the Holy Spirit's work in our thought processes that help us to be empowered for living victoriously.

- I. **When We Open Our Minds to the Holy Spirit, We Move Beyond Our Limitations (v.6-10).**
 - A. The wisdom of God is not limited to this world.
 - B. The wisdom of God concerns the Kingdom of God.
- II. **When We Open Our Minds to the Holy Spirit, We Find Deeper Understanding (v.11-12).**
 - A. The Spirit speaks to us of deeper things than those of the human mind.
 - B. The Spirit works to provide us with spiritual understanding.

III. When We Open Our Minds to the Holy Spirit, We Learn to Control Our Thoughts (v.13-16).

A. The Holy Spirit guides our speech (v.13).

B. The Holy Spirit gives us understanding (v.14).

C. The Holy Spirit provides discernment (v.15).

D. The Holy Spirit instructs us in successful living (v.16).

Conclusion