

# SPIRITUAL WISDOM VERSUS WORLDLY WISDOM

## 1 Corinthians 2:9-16

Introduction: Examples of worldly vs biblical wisdom.

- World – follow you heart
- Bible – trust in the Lord with all your heart (Prov 3:5-6); the heart is deceitful (Jer 17:9)
- World – greatness is in power
- Bible – greatness is in servanthood (Mt 23:11-12)
- World – get even and don't be controlled
- Bible – forgive over revenge (Mt 5:44 love enemies; Rom 12:19 let God avenge)
- World – seek temporary gain in wealth, power and pleasure
- Bible – seek eternal rewards by loving God, loving others and following the Word of God
- World – be proud and self-promote (social media)
- Bible – be humble (Jas 4:6 – God opposes proud, favors the humble; Prov 11:2 pride brings destruction)

### 1. **The Holy Spirit's Communication Of Love Exceeds Human Experiences (9-10a)**

*9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"— 10a these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit.*

### 2. **The Holy Spirit's Knowledge Of God And Everything Is Perfect And Personal (10b-11)**

*10b For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 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.*

### 3. **The Holy Spirit's Discernment Enables A Spiritual Person To Have The Mind Of Christ (12-16; Jer 5:21)**

*12 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. 13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. 14 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. 15 The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. 16 "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.*

**Conclusion:** The Holy Spirit is the key to ...

- Salvation
- Understanding God