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1 Corinthians 2:6-16 THE WISDOM OF THE SPIRIT



CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

A generally accepted theory or belief. Ideas so accepted they go unquestioned.



"Feed a cold, starve a fever."





"During a tornado warning you should crack your windows open to keep them from being blown out by the drop in air pressure."







"Lightning never strikes the same place twice."





"Wait at least 30 minutes after eating before going swimming."





"Eating carrots improves eyesight."





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Capacity of judging rightly in matters relating to life and conduct; soundness of judgment in the choice of means and ends.



Knowing how to live in the world.



- Week 3 Wisdom of the Cross
- Week 4 Wisdom of the Spirit
- Week 5 Wisdom of Leadership that Lasts
- Week 6 Wisdom of Leadership that Serves

- Week 7 Wisdom of Church Discipline
- Week 8 Wisdom in Conflict
- Week 9 Wisdom in Sexuality



1 Cor 2:6-9 1 Cor 2:10-13 1 Cor 2:14-16

Where does it come from? How do we get it? Who gets it?



Where does it come from?

1 Corinthians 2:6-7 NIV

We 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. ⁷ No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.



Where does it come from?

1 Corinthians 2:8-9 NIV

None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ However, 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—



How do we get it?

1 Corinthians 2:10 NIV

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...these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.¹¹ For 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. ¹² What 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. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirittaught words. ¹⁴ The 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. ¹⁵ The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶ for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.



HOLY SPIRIT

The third member of the Trinity along with the Father and the Son





HOLY SPIRIT Involved in Creation

Genesis 1:1-2 NIV

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.





HOLY SPIRIT Involved in Creation Empowers

Acts 1:8 NIV

But you will receive **power when the Holy Spirit comes on** you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."



HOLY SPIRIT Involved in Creation Empowers Purifies

1 Corinthians 6:11b NIV

But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the <u>Spirit of our God.</u>



Empowers Purifies Unifies

HOLY SPIRIT

Involved in Creation

Ephesians 4:3-4 NIV

Make every effort to keep the *unity of the Spirit* through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called...



Empowers Purifies Unifies Reveals

HOLY SPIRIT

Involved in Creation

John 16:13 NIV to come.

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet



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1 Corinthians 2:11-12 NIV

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1 Corinthians 2:14-16 ESV 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.



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Wisdom of this age

What rulers know

What the spirit of the world offers

What's taught by human wisdom

What human faculties can perceive

BUT

Wisdom of God (6-7)

What God reveals (8-9)

What the Spirit of God gives (12)

What's taught by the Spirit (13)

What the Spirit enables one to discern (14)

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UNCONVENTIONAL WISDOM

Real wisdom comes from God and is revealed by the Spirit to spiritual people.