

For Crying Out Loud Part 2

Spirituality: What makes us spiritual? Being spiritual is not necessarily what we do, but what God does through us. Like today, God is taking spiritual words, speaking through me spiritual words to make spiritual people. There is spiritual words going on at all times. What messages are true and what should be listened to.

It's interesting that Paul is talking to the Corinthians about being Spiritual. You must understand that the Holy Spirit is a "gift". It is something that you don't earn and like a gift, you probably don't know what all you got. The Corinthians probably participated in the manifestation of the Spirit of God far beyond their understanding of it. Some people view I Corinthians as a rebuke as how not to act, but it is really written to bring balance to a "Spirit Led" life.

E-mail: i have a question. i know you said your wife moved around all the time. i know she isn't into the big crowd scene then how do i really step out of the box and do something that i know i would be around so many people i don't know and be alright with. i mean i have someone asking me to do something that i just, well, its just i cant even explain what is going on inside of me. yet it just seems so much is swirling around in me and then to step out even more just seems way to much. yes i know i'm staying very vague here cause i know your answer already. yet how does your wife do this..... NOW LETS SEE YOU ANSWER THIS ONE!!!!!!!!!! when your around one that is very out going and when i get around a group i get very quite very fast. i just don't know.....

Vs. 1-5: We found out that Paul refused to come with the style of the day that was eloquent or of the astounding wisdom, but with the demonstration of God's power.

What a spiritual person is not:

1. A Spiritual Person is not necessarily rock star cool.

- **Paul are not really cool**

- We do have this early description of Paul that comes from outside the New Testament: He was **"a man of middling size, and his hair was scanty, and his legs were a little crooked, and his knees were far apart; he had large eyes, and his eyebrows met, and his nose was somewhat long."**

- **He's a blend of George Castanza and Woody Allen**

- **Paul didn't look too much like our present day heroes.** He wasn't much to look at and he didn't cut an impressive figure in the pulpit. Imagine two members of the Corinthian church meeting each other in the marketplace: "Hey, who's preaching this Sunday?" "Paul." "Paul? Oh, No! I've invited my neighbors to church this Sunday. I thought Dr. Smartypants was preaching. Paul is hard to understand. He's too deep for me. And his sermons are so long."

- **When Paul came to preach he wasn't too impressive. It shocked people how he looked and spoke. But there was something different about him, there was power when he spoke.**

- **It's like listening to a band live- you're thinking, how did they ever sound like their album?**
2. **A Spiritual Person is not rock solid calm-** Paul was full of fear and trembling. It is full of it's own insecurities and challenging. Falling off the stage, saying a bad word. You know that something you say may make people mad, might make cause a struggle.
3. **Spiritual People Needs To Do Things:**
- **This post modern generation rejects truth and authority. Their church gatherings are nothing but a chat room.**
 - **Preaching is not negotiating the message of the cross.** It is the testimonies about God. It's possible that the ministry in some church are not centered around the Word of God at all. The preacher has to preach the Word of God, it should be preached about Jesus.
 - **Children Need Jesus- Sin Nature and the answer is Jesus**
 - **Marriages Need Jesus- Sin Nature and the answer is Jesus**
 - **Jobs and relationships- Sin Nature and the answer is Jesus**
 - **The point of the message is not that I look smart, it's that Jesus is best and better known.**

*"My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your **faith** might not rest on men's wisdom, but on **God's power.**"*

I Corinthians 2:4-5

- **Here's what I read: "It's possible that you can put more of your faith in a theology that you can wrap your mind around than in the power of God that has no explanation."**
- **So what we can do is create a gospel that makes sense to us but discredits the power of God.**
- **Being a Faith Filled, Spirit Led believer= Spiritual Person**
 - **Meditate on the Word of God-** be consumed with it.
 - Sabbath, solitude, investigate
 - **Confess sin and renew relationship with God**
 - **Prepare to hear God**

Can You Hear Me Now?

*"**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.**"***

I Corinthians 2:6

There is a message that can be given to some people and they completely get it. It is like life to them. It burns in their hearts like fire. Here Paul tells the Corinthians that there is a message of wisdom that comes to mature or the King James puts it the “perfect” can hear it. What it is saying is that there is a wisdom, sophia, of God that comes to “adult” believers and no one else gets it.

- *“We speak a wisdom that only the adult in Christ can understand. This wisdom is void of the wisdom of this worlds reality, this present eternity and those considered first or elite among you. All of that wisdom is considered dead, idle and totally inactive to the reality of the heavenly wisdom.” Neil Burum Version*
- **Mature/Adult: teleios {tel'-i-os} 5046** 1) brought to its end, finished 2) wanting nothing necessary to completeness 3) perfect 4) that which is perfect a) consummate human integrity and virtue b) of men 1) full grown, adult, of full age, mature
 - These are adult of more than child bearing age but those beyond the child rearing age. They are the senior adults of Christianity.
 - The focal point of this verse is not on the mature living but the mature hearing.
 - Adulthood in the Spirit realm is not based upon tenure, longevity, seniority
 - Maturity is based upon the condition of the heart
 - **What Limits The Maturing Process?**
 1. **False Beliefs**
 - **Non-biblical view of God**
 - **If you don't get God right you will not get life right.**
 - **Non-biblical view of your purpose in life**
 - **If you believe you are a mistake or all you do is make mistakes**
 - **If you believe life is something you use instead of it being something God has given you to steward.**
 2. **Distractions**
 - **The everyday process of life (Having children, education, job)**
 - **Ungodly desires and passions- Your flesh defeats your spirit.**
 3. **Darkened, Hardening, Blindness:**

“I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening, (blindness), in part until the full number of the Gentiles has com in.”

Romans 11:25

*“So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their **thinking**. They are darkened in their **understanding**, (blind), and separated from the life of God because of the **ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.**”*

Ephesians 4:17-18

- Obviously the Ephesian church was having problem living “Spiritual”- they were living like gentiles.
- Thinking is the process of life, we all do it.
- **The inward thoughts of your person will become the outward**

acts of your life.

- Two things that we all deal with: Understanding or Ignorance
 - Darkened, blind to understanding
 - Separated from the life of God because of ignorance
 - Why?- The hardening of their hearts!
- What you see of men on the outside is a result of what they are thinking on the inside.
- Hardened Heart
 1. Harden your heart and become angry and embittered toward three people:
 1. God
 2. Yourself
 3. Others
 2. Harden your heart and refuse to listen to the Holy Spirit convicting power of restoration
 3. Harden your heart and refuse obey God because of fear, lack of faith, faithlessness or absolute refusal to obey.

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.*”

I Corinthians 2:6

- **World: aion** {ahee-ohn'} 165- for ever, an unbroken age, perpetuity of time, eternity **2)** the worlds, universe **3)** period of time, age
- Dr. Lightfoot thinks that the apostle mentions a *fourfold* wisdom.
 1. *Heathen wisdom*, or that of the Gentile philosophers, 1 Corinthians 1:22, which was termed by the Jews *chokmah yevanith*, Grecian wisdom; and which was so undervalued by them, that they joined these two under the same curse: *Cursed is he that breeds hogs; and cursed is he who teaches his son Grecian wisdom.* Bava Kama, fol. 82.
 2. *Jewish wisdom*; that of the scribes and Pharisees, who crucified our Lord, 1 Corinthians 2:8.
 3. The *Gospel*, which is called *the wisdom of God in a mystery*, 1 Corinthians 2:7.
 4. The *wisdom*, τουαιωνοςτουτου, *of this world*; that system of knowledge which the Jews made up out of the writings of their scribes and doctors. This state is called *haolam hazzeh*, this or the present world; to distinguish it from *haolam habba* the world to come; i.e. the days of the Messiah. Whether we understand the term, *this world*, as relating to the state of the Gentiles, cultivated to the uttermost in philosophical learning, or the then state of the Jews, who had made the word of God of no effect by their traditions, which contained a sort of learning of which they were very fond and very proud, yet, by this Grecian and Jewish wisdom, no soul ever could have arrived at any such knowledge or wisdom as that communicated by the revelation of Christ.
- **Coming To Nothing: katargeo** {kat-arg-eh'-o} 2673- **1)** to render idle, unemployed, inactivate, inoperative **a)** to cause a person or thing to have no further efficiency **b)** to

deprive of force, influence, power **2)** to cause to cease, put an end to, do away with, annul, abolish **a)** to cease, to pass away, be done away

"7 No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.

I Corinthians 2:7

Paul's Description of This Wisdom

1. A Secret Wisdom:

- **Mystery: musterion {moos-tay'-ree-on} 3466-** hidden thing, secret, mystery **a)** generally mysteries, religious secrets, confided only to the initiated and not to ordinary mortals **b)** a hidden or secret thing, not obvious to the understanding **c)** a hidden purpose or counsel

The love of God is an incredible mystery story. Mysteries have certain elements that are consistent in all of their stories:

- 1. Crime**
- 2. Villain**
- 3. Victims**
- 4. Beautiful Girl**
- 5. Hero**

(The Bible is the greatest mystery story that has ever been written.)

- 1. The Crime. - It is called sin.**
- 2. The Victims - The entire human race.**
- 3. The Villain - His name is the devil.**
- 4. The Beautiful Girl - She is called the Church.**
- 5. The Hero - His name is Jesus.**

- **A secret is something shared only with a few for various reasons:**
 - Because you trust them
 - Because they have earned your information
 - Because you have that position that allows you to be able to handle more information that is open to the public:
 - Doctors & Nurses
 - Bank Tellers
 - Counselors
 - Teachers
 - Information is power, shared information gives away authority.
 - You can use it to hurt or heal.
 - You can use it to promote yourself or incriminate someone else.
 - You can use it to feel better about yourself or feel worse about others.

2. A Hidden Wisdom:

- **Hidden: apokrupto {ap-ok-roop'-to} 613-** to hide **2)** concealing, keeping secret

- **Human Speculation VS. Heavenly Revelation:** Amazing Factor about this heavenly wisdom: It has been shared with us. But not with everyone to its fullest and not all the information at once.
 - The message of the cross is counter to the culture. There is an absolute difference in self-helps and getting out of the box.
- 3. A Destined Wisdom:**
- **Destined: proorizo {pro-or-id'-zo} 4309-** to predetermine, decide beforehand
 - Many people fail at getting the understanding of Christ because they see the idea of Jesus as a last resort, not as an eternal plan.
- 4. A Glorious Wisdom:**
- **Glory- doxa {dox'-ah} 1391- opinion, judgment, view 2)** opinion, estimate, whether good or bad concerning someone **a)** in the NT always a good opinion concerning one, resulting in praise, honour, and glory **3)** splendour, brightness
 - **FOR OUR GLORY-** It is our final "Harrah!"
 - Bravo! A Woman and her child

Who Heavenly Wisdom Was Hid From:

⁸*None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."*
I Corinthians 2:8

- This debate goes all the way back to the time of Origen and Chrysostom. On the surface, it seems clear that the rulers of this age must refer to *human* rulers, because only they didn't know what they were doing when they incited the crucifixion of Jesus. "Paul habitually ascribes power to the demonic forces, but not ignorance." (Morris)
- However, one could say that demonic powers were ignorant of what would *result* from the crucifixion of Jesus - the disarming and defeat of demonic powers (Colossians 2:15) - and had they known they were sealing their own doom by inciting the crucifixion, they would not have done it. (David Guzik's Commentaries on the Bible)

Reality of That Heavenly Wisdom: I'm going to let you in on something!

⁹*However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"*
I Corinthians 2:9

Three realities of that Heavenly Wisdom:

1. **Seen**-Personally experienced it.
2. **Heard**-Experienced it in second or third person.
3. **Entered the heart, Conceived**-Never even conceived what God has for you and I.
 - This passage is quoted from Isaiah 44:4 or 64:4. It is not quoted literally; but the sense only is given. Paul uses it, to denote the happiness which results from the communication of the Divine favour to the soul.
 - **Entered- anabaino {an-ab-ah'-ee-no} 305-** ascend, to go up, to rise
 - **Heart- kardia {kar-dee'-ah} 2588-** the centre and seat of spiritual life, the soul or mind, as it is the fountain and seat of the thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, affections, purposes, endeavours, of the

understanding, the faculty and seat of the intelligence

- "These words have been applied to the state of glory in a *future* world; but certainly they belong to the *present* state, and express merely the wondrous light, life, and liberty which the Gospel communicates to them that believe in the Lord Jesus Christ in that way which the Gospel itself requires." (Clarke)
- **John MacArthur** makes a great point here: "There are only two ways you can make a conclusion about truth from a human viewpoint: the **first way is objective, the second way is subjective. The objective way is by the external, empirical, experiential method. The subjective way is by reason or logic.** First, let's examine. . ."

a. The Objective Way to the Truth- "*But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard. . .*"(v. 9a)

- There are only two ways that you can assimilate objective truth: through the eye or through the ear. But, ultimate truth cannot pass through the human eye or ear. That's what's meant by the phrase "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard." Ultimate truth is not observable. You cannot discover God through empiricism.

b. The Subjective Way to the Truth- ". . . *neither have entered into the heart of man. . .*"(v. 9b)

- The word "heart" here simply means "mind. " In other words, you can't know ultimate truth internally from a subjective thought process. You can't come to God by rationalism.

In essence, these two points makes it look hopeless for man. But God has a great plan for those that love Him, and He has hidden it from the world. It wasn't known by the men of Christ's era. That's proven by the fact that they executed Jesus. Had they known God's plan, they wouldn't have executed Him. People today who reject Jesus continue to prove that man can't know God's truth, or they wouldn't be rejecting Jesus. They can try by experiment to find it, and they can try by logic to find it, but they won't find it--because it is not knowable in those ways.

How Do I Get There? Sign Me Up!:

***¹⁰...but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.
1 Corinthians 2:10a***

Paul is saying that there is a revelation of that mysterious, hidden and inconceivable wisdom of God that will and can be revealed to us if you come by way of the Spirit of God.

The Process of The Spirit

¹¹For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

I Corinthians 2:10b-11

- **The process of Man is to think, the process of the spirit is to give thoughts.**
- **Searches.** This word does not fully express the force of the original, \~ereuna\~. It means to search accurately, diligently, so as fully to understand; such profound research as to have thorough knowledge.
- **A Man is a house of thoughts.**
- **The Spirit of God is the Thoughts of God**
 - The spirit of a man knows the things of a man: that is, a man is conscious of all the schemes, plans, and purposes, that pass in his own mind; and no man can know these things but himself. So, the Spirit of God, He whom we call the *Third Person* of the glorious TRINITY, knows all the counsels and determinations of the Supreme Being. (The Adam Clarke Commentary)
 - The Spirit is omniscient. He searches or clearly understands "all things"--the very definition of omniscience. He understands all the profound plans and counsels of God. And how can there be a higher demonstration of omniscience than to *know God*? But if omniscient, the Holy Spirit is Divine--for this is one of the incommunicable attributes of God, 1 Chronicles 28:9; Psalms 139:1; Jeremiah 17:10 (Barn's Note on the Bible)
- **Connecting Factor:** *For Mans spirit to meet with God's spirit, you must have the Holy Spirit active in your life. You are missing the greatest relationship with God when you are not allowing the Holy Spirit to be active in your life.*
- There have been frustrating statements made that have been spoken out of need to define what God has done: Spirit filled, Baptized in the Holy Spirit, Full Gospel
- **The question is not "Did you get the Holy Spirit when you got saved"**
- **The question is, "Does the Holy Spirit get you since you have been saved?"**

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

When Jesus ascended to the Father, He promised His disciples "another Helper," the Holy Spirit (John 14:16–17). In Greek, the word another means, "another of the same kind." Jesus promised a supernatural Helper just like Him.

The Holy Spirit's Preexistence

Some have wrongly thought of the Holy Spirit as more of an "it" than a "He," but Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as "He" (John 26:13). The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the godhead. The word for God is *elohim*, which indicates three or more (referring to the Trinity). The Holy Spirit was active at the time of creation (Genesis 1:1–2). When God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness" (Genesis 1:26), He was addressing the other two Persons of the godhead.

The Person and Nature of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit has distinct functions in the lives of believers and the church (John

14:17; 1 Corinthians 2:10–12; Acts 5:3–4). In the original Greek, the Holy Spirit is called the paraclete, which literally means, "One called alongside to help."

The Work of the Holy Spirit in the World

Before we were Christians, the Holy Spirit spoke to our hearts, showing us our need for salvation. He drew us to Christ and convicted us of sin (John 15:26).

In John 16, Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit **convicts** the world of sin (vv. 8–9) and **convinces** the world of righteousness and judgment (vv. 10–11). The Holy Spirit also **restrains** the sweeping spread of evil (2 Thessalonians 2:7).

The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Believer

When we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit dwells within us. Paul writes, "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16).

The Holy Spirit regenerates us (Titus 3:4–7; John 3:5; 6:63); indwells us (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19); seals us (Ephesians 1:13–14); guides us (John 16:13; Romans 8:14); teaches us (John 14:26); helps us to pray (Romans 8:26–27); and empowers us (Acts 1:8).

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

As believers, we need the power of the Holy Spirit to come upon us. This is known as the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told His disciples, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you . . ." (Acts 1:8).

When the Holy Spirit comes upon a believer, He fills his or her mind with an understanding of truth, takes possession of the believer's abilities, and imparts gifts that qualify him or her for service in the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:4–10). The Holy Spirit imparts power for service and boldness in testimony and service (Acts 4:29, 31).

The Power of the Holy Spirit

Someone once referred to Niagara Falls as "the greatest unused power in the world." Actually, the greatest unused power is the Holy Spirit of the Living God. Don't neglect the power that God has given you—Himself—through the Holy Spirit. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you

Is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for Everyone?

To do God's work, we need God's power. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is for all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, and who are children of God through Him (Act 2:38–39).

What Is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

The baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs when the Spirit of God comes upon a believer. The Holy Spirit fills the believer's mind with a genuine understanding of truth, addresses the quality of life, takes possession of the believer's abilities, and imparts gifts that qualify the believer for service in the body of Christ.

The Holy Spirit also speaks to the hearts of unbelievers, showing them their need for salvation (John 16:7–11). When a person accepts Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord, the Holy Spirit dwells inside him or her (John 14:15–17; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 12:13). But believers also need the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5–8).

Why We Need the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

The purpose of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is to **empower believers for service, witness, spiritual warfare, and boldness in their testimonies** (Acts 1:8; 4:19–20, 29–31; 6:8–10; 1 Corinthians 2:4). Jesus commanded the disciples not to begin the work to which He called them until they were baptized in the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:48–49; Acts 1:4, 8). When the apostles met other believers in Christ, they at once asked whether the believers had received the Holy Spirit. If not, they made sure they received Him (Acts 8:14–16; 19:1–5). The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an absolute necessity in every Christian's life for the service to which God has called us.

How to Receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Luke 11:13

The New Testament tells us that some believers received the baptism of the Holy Spirit at the moment of their conversion, such as Cornelius and his family (Acts 10). Here at Cornerstone Church, we still believe that God is pouring out His spirit on believer's in the same way as at Cornelius' house. Others, such as the believers in Ephesus, received a continued manifestation of the Holy Spirit at a later time after their salvation experience (Acts 19:1–5). We should never limit God by our own expectations. He is sovereign and will work in whatever way He chooses.

Paul's Response To The Spirit

"¹²We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, 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, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words."

I Corinthians 2:12-13

- ***The purpose of the Holy Spirit: "...that we may understand what God has freely given us."***
 - It would be horrible to realize that you were a millionaire your whole life but only to find that out when you were on your death bed.
- So, what I am telling you is not some neat speech I have come up with. These are words that I have presented to you that have come from my spirit man, not my head. **And I am using terms and a vocabulary you are probably not familiar with, I am expressing spiritual truths and spiritual Words.**
- Erwin McManus tells a story of his encounter with God in an unusual way just a few months after becoming a follower of Jesus Christ. He was in college and was so hungry for God that he attended everything he could about God from Catholic Mass to a charismatic fellowship, it was like eating at a buffet of Christian faith. He had come to know a young woman who led worship for a particular ministry. She had come out of a wild lifestyle and become radically saved and was a great blessing. One day she approached Erwin and shared what her life was before and after coming to know Christ. She had come to look like the perfect "church girl" but Erwin was learning that you can look great on

the outside and be an absolute mess on the inside. But she was tempted to run back into her old life, she didn't seem to feel God any more and she was in a dry place. She told him that she just didn't believe God loved her, and Erwin knew that was wrong. So Erwin assured her that God did love her and before he realized his own words he had told her, "If there was anything God could do to prove His love to her, He would do it." And for some bizarre reason she immediately responded by saying, "Well, then I want it to snow." He was shocked because he would have never asked for that. Maybe a date with one of the cheerleaders or turning an F to an A, but snow? Much to his surprise, out of his mouth came, "God is going to make it snow for you." Shocked, he realized what had just left his mouth and before he knew it more words followed, "Within twenty-four hours." He meant to say it would take more than twenty-four hours but it got mixed up. She left because God was going to make it snow because God loved her so much and he left trying to find a place to fall on his face and asking God, "What in the world have I done?" He wondered what had happened to him, kicking himself and saying, "What were you thinking?" As he lay in his bed crying out to God and eventually falling asleep a few hours had past when his roommate awakened him and his first words out of his mouth were, "Have you looked outside?" He said evidently the snow had started falling immediately after he began his crying out to God.

"I'll never forget the warm feeling I had while running across that snow and finding this young woman playing in the gift that God sent just for her. At least on that day God changed her mind. It was on the same day that God drove me out of mine."

"Those who brought me to the faith did not take the time to civilize me. They brought me to the barbarian way and never tried to make me like them- only like Christ. The brought me into the presence of the living God and knew that His presence would both consume me and transform me."(Erwin McManus, *The Barbarian Way*, Nelson Books, 2005, pp. 71-77)

- **High School- Pastor's Daughter** came to my house and came to my bedroom and wanted to have sex. But the spirit wouldn't allow it.
- **The Infallible Gospel**- The apostle is speaking here of the whole course of instruction by which the deep things of God were made known to the Christian church; and all this was not made known in the very words which were already contained in the Old Testament. He evidently refers to the fact that the apostles were themselves under the direction of the Holy Spirit, in the words and doctrines which they imparted; and this passage is a full proof **that they laid claim to Divine inspiration**. It is further observable that he says that this was done in such "words" as the Holy Ghost taught--referring not to the doctrines or subjects merely, but to the manner of expressing them. It is evident here that he lays claim to an inspiration in regard to the words which he used, or to the manner of his stating the doctrines of revelation. (Barnes' Notes on the New Testament)

Responding To Others

¹⁴*The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.*"

I Corinthians 2:14

- High School- **Cheerleader** came up and said that she was going to do everything possible to get me in bed with her.
- **Man cannot be convinced of God without first being convicted of God.** He cannot accept the things that come from the Spirit of God and therefore cannot be saved, they are foolish to him. He doesn't get it. You can only get it through the spiritual connection.
- ψυχικός, The animal man-the man who is in a mere state of nature, and lives under the influence of his **animal passions**; for the word ψυχή, which we often translate **soul**, means the **lower** and sensitive **part of man**, in opposition to νοῦς, the **understanding** or **rational part**. The **Latins** use **anima** to signify these **lower passions**; and **animus** to signify the **higher**. The person in question is not only one who either has had no spiritual teaching, or has not profited by it; but one who lives for the present world, having no respect to spiritual or eternal things. **This ψυχικός, or animal man, is opposed to the πνευματικός, or spiritual man: and, as this latter is one who is under the influence of the Spirit of God, so the former is one who is without that influence.** (The Adam Clarke Commentary)

Spiritual People

¹⁵*The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:"*

I Corinthians 2:15

- The Spirit is active
- It will not settle down but can be quenched or quieted down. I Thessalonians 5:19, "Do not quench the spirit or put out the Spirit's fire."
- Computer and Chanel Surfing is dangerous because it catches your Spirit off balance.

A Great Question To Ask

¹⁶*For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ."*

I Corinthians 2:16

- **A Bold Question: Who can know the mind of the Lord? Who can instruct the Lord?**
- **But we have the mind of Christ.**
 - To hear God
 - To be instructed by God
 - To obey God