

Together: study of 1 Corinthians
“Understanding True Wisdom”
1 Corinthians 2:6-16
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1. Wisdom comes from the Spirit of God.

⁶ 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, 1 Corinthians 2:6-7a

THE EFFECT OF GOD’S WISDOM
GOD WILL BRING ABOUT THE BEST POSSIBLE RESULTS,
BY THE BEST POSSIBLE MEANS,
FOR THE MOST POSSIBLE PEOPLE,
FOR THE LONGEST POSSIBLE TIME.

The Holy Spirit conveys God’s Wisdom by:

(a) Revealing to us the things of God

¹⁰ these are the things that God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who know’s 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, 1 Corinthians 2:10-12a

◆ **Apokalyptō (ä-po-kä-lü’p-tō): to reveal: to unveil**

(b) Making plain to us the things 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 Spirit-taught words. 1 Corinthians 2:12-13

(c) Explaining to us the things of God

¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness and they cannot

understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵ The person with the Spirit makes judgements 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. 1 Corinthians 2:14-16

2. Wisdom is given to the children of God.

⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, 1 Corinthians 2:6a

◆ **Teleios (te’-lā-os): end; come to the end; complete; perfect; mature**

⁷ No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 1 Corinthians 2:7

◆ **Mystērion (mü-stā’-rē-on): mystery; secret which can be known but has to be revealed**

¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV)

Discussion Questions

1. What was your “take-away” from Sunday’s message? Why did this stick with you?
2. How is God’s wisdom different from the wisdom of this age?
3. Why are “mystery” and “hidden” (v.7) good words to describe this wisdom?
4. If God’s wisdom is a mystery and hidden, how can we come to know it and express it? (v.10-13)
5. When it comes to understanding God’s wisdom, how does the person without the Spirit contrast with the spiritual person? (v. 14-16)?
6. When in your life has God given you understanding or communication ability that went beyond your own natural capacity?
7. How could these experiences become more frequent in your life?