

# Sermon Notes



## 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

**Big Idea:** You need divine wisdom because you become what you think.

**Last words:**

John F. Kennedy, 1963. *“No, you certainly can’t.”*

Elvis Presley, 1977. *“OK, I won’t.”*

Bob Marley, 1981. *“Money can’t buy life.”*

Princess Diana 1997. *“My God, what’s happened?”*

Steve Jobs, 2011. *“O wow, O wow, O wow.”*

**1 Corinthians 2:7**

“But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages **for our glory.**”

**Divine Wisdom:**

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**How do I get it?** Through the Spirit of God by the word of God.

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- v. 11- “the thoughts of God”
- v. 12- “these things”
- v. 13- “spiritual truths”
- v. 14- “the things of the Spirit”
- v. 15- “things”
- v. 16- “the mind of Christ”

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**Romans 11:33**- “Oh, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!...For who has known the mind of the Lord...?”

#### **Ephesians 3:18-19**

“...to comprehend ... what is the breadth and length and height and **depth**, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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<sup>10</sup> these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> 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.

#### **A. Access to the Mind of God (10-12)**

<sup>12</sup> 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.

#### **John 1:12**

“But to all who did receive him, ... he gave the right to become children of God...”

#### **1 Corinthians 12:13**

“For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.”

#### **B. How it Works (13)**

<sup>13</sup> And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, *interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual*.

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## **Divine Revelation**

**John 14:26** “The Holy Spirit will bring to remembrance all that I have said to you.”

**2 Peter 1:21**- “For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

**2 Timothy 3:16**- “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable ...”

## **Divine Illumination**

“...interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.”

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**Ephesians 1:18** “...the eyes of your heart are enlightened, that you may know what is the hope...”

**Colossians 3:16**- “Let the word of Christ dwell richly in you...”

*Result: Praise, thanksgiving, mutual submission.*

**Ephesians 5**- “...keep being filled with the Spirit...”

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## **C. Why it Matters (14-16)**

<sup>14</sup>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.

### **1. The Natural Person**

### **2. The Spiritual Person**

<sup>15</sup>The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>“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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## **Romans 12:2a**

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”

# Study Guide



## 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

### Introduction

Describe a time when you were seeking wisdom from God on something. What was that like for you? How do you find God's wisdom?

1. Discuss the implications of the following points regarding **Divine Wisdom**.

**What is it?** The capacity to understand life from God's perspective.

**How do I get it?** Through the Spirit of God by the word of God.

**Why do I need it?** Because you become what you think.

2. Read 1 Corinthians 2:10-12.

Share a time when you opened your heart to God and started to notice His Spirit give you wisdom. What does it mean to you to "understand the things freely given us by God."? Discuss.

3. Read 1 Corinthians 2:13.

Notice that "*interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual*" refers to divine revelation in the formation of the Bible (John 14:26; 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16). That phrase involves three Greek words:

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It also refers to divine illumination (Ephesians 1:18).

Share a time when you were seeking God's wisdom in a matter and He revealed it to you so that you were in sync with His thoughts and will on it.

4. Read 1 Corinthians 2:14-16.

Contrast the natural person and the spiritual person. What does it mean that a spiritual person "judges all things" but is "judged by no one."

5. How can you prioritize your schedule to better tap into the mind of Christ? What is an area the group can be praying about where you need God's wisdom right now?