

## The Wisdom of the Spirit

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

**Main idea:** The wisdom of the Spirit seems like foolishness to the world because it can only be fully understood by those who are born of God and spiritually mature.

**Key Verses:** “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. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.” (2:12-13 ESV)

### Key Principles:

- If you exalt worldly wisdom, then you will think in worldly terms and will eventually lead a life that opposes the gospel that you proclaim.
- Riding the fence between worldly wisdom and the gospel will lead to self-righteousness and divisions within the church.
- The truth of Christ revealed by the Spirit of God comes only to those who depend on the teaching of the Spirit.
- Because wisdom comes only by dependence on the Spirit, those who do not have the Spirit cannot judge the wisdom of those who do.
- Even if you have the Spirit, you can still resist His wisdom and disqualify your judgment.
- You cannot follow worldly and heavenly wisdom.

### Discussion:

1. What are some things that God has freely given to us? Which of these things can we figure out on our own, and which of these do we need the Holy Spirit in order to understand?
2. If people without the Spirit do not accept the things that come from the Spirit, how can they be saved? Does the gospel not come from the Spirit of God?
3. Do you have the mind of Christ? How do you know? How does this affect the way you think? How about the way you act?
4. How should this passage of Scripture have helped solve the Corinthians' problems of divisions? How could it help our church?
5. Why is it impossible to follow worldly wisdom and heavenly wisdom? How do people try to do this in church today?

### Prayer:

- Pray that College Road would be led by the wisdom of the Spirit and not the world.
- Pray:
  - o For our leaders and their discernment in the way they lead and cast vision.
  - o For our members and the way they follow the Spirit in unity and mission.
  - o That we would be unified in bringing glory to God and the gospel to the lost.

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- I. **Do not seek worldly wisdom.** **2:6-8**
  - 1. True wisdom comes from God. 2:6-7
  - 2. Worldly wisdom runs from God. 2:8
  
- II. **Do not trust worldly wisdom.** **2:9-11**
  - 1. God has revealed truth to us. 2:9-11
  - 2. God has sent His Spirit to us. 2:12-13
  
- III. **Do not fear worldly wisdom.** **2:14-16**
  - 1. Don't accept the wisdom of the flesh. 2:14
  - 2. Don't reject the wisdom of the Spirit. 2:15-16

NEXT WEEK:  
**The Power of the Spirit**  
Romans 8:1-17