

# Diving Deeper

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**Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.**

**~ 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:12-13 (NASB)**

## **1) The Work Of God's Spirit In The World**

- A) The wisdom of God is for the mature, those who are growing deeper in their relationship with Jesus Christ (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:6).**
  
- B) God's wisdom is not revealed through normal means (2:6-9). God's wisdom can only be fully known through God's Spirit (2:10).**
  
- C) Much like the spirit of a man (our internal consciousness, the "image" of God in man), our thoughts, motives, and secrets can only be known internally -- the spirit of a person must choose to reveal what is inside in order to be known (2:11).**

**D) God reveals Himself to His followers by means of His Spirit (2:12). The same Spirit which dwelt in Jesus Christ dwells in His followers (Romans 8:9-11; John 16:14-15).**

**E) The Spirit teaches God's people about sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8-11). No matter what the situation, the Spirit of God is available to Christians for guidance (2:13).**

## **2) Spiritual Thoughts & Spiritual Words**

**A) In this sense, God's secrets are freely revealed to God's people through His Spirit (2:12). How? By "translating" (interpreting, fitting) spiritual words (Scripture) for spiritual people (2:13).**

**B) The role of the Spirit in the life of every follower of Christ is to take those words and thoughts of Scripture and "fit them" or "translate them" into the substance of our lives!**

**C) Every believer can live with the total confidence that God is personally present in every life situation! Further, God is always "fitting" His Word into our life situations for His glory!**

**D) While the world does not understand this kind of "submissive" lifestyle (cf. John 5:30) and cannot properly "appraise" the follower of Christ (2:14-15), we are to depend on God in this manner!**

**E) The Word of God gives voice to the Spirit of God so that the people of God can have the mind of the Son of God and live lives which glorify God (2:16).**