



Life In Christ – A Higher Mind

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Introduction

- The power of our minds certainly has merit. We are how we think (Proverbs 23:7).
- Are you a positive or a negative thinker?
- Do you rest your mind on human wisdom or Godly wisdom?
- **Believers in Christ have access to a different way of thinking and acting. We have the mind of Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:16)**

Why is it important to “think” well? → The deep things of life, the purpose of life, the direction of life, meaningful things, important things, **eternal things.**

- The Corinthian culture → Philosophers
- **The most well known Ancient Greek philosophers like Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, helped shape life in Ancient Greece and influenced western philosophy.**
- The Greek word *philosophia* literally means the love for knowledge and wisdom. A *philosopher* is someone who reflects and forms theories related to fields like logic, ethics, ideologies and human nature.

1. The Testimony of God does not require lofty human wisdom. (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

- a. Our approach in sharing the message of God is not accomplished with pride, intellect, and excellent speech.
- b. We cannot “add” to or “take away” from the simple message of: Christ Crucified! (v. 2)
 - Some people are “apologetic” for the gospel.
- c. We must be filled with the Spirit of God → Truth of God’s word, prayer, and faith. (v. 5)
 - We do not want people to be persuaded by worldly wisdom, our personality, our human persuasion.

2. The Testimony of God does require a mature mindset. (1 Corinthians 2:6-9)

- a. The definition of mature – spiritually, not worldly. Worldly wisdom will come to nothing.
- b. The wisdom of God is hidden from the worldly mind (v. 7)
- c. If people with worldly wisdom and understanding could have understood the deep things of God, they would not have crucified Christ. (v. 8)

3. The Testimony of God is given to those who are Spiritually minded (1 Corinthians 2:10-16)

- a. God has and will reveal deep things (v. 10).
- b. Only the Spirit of God can know the things of God (v. 11).
- c. God gives freely to those who trust Him (v. 12).
- d. When we speak truth, the Spirit of God moves, if a person hears with worldly ears, he will not hear, these words are foolishness to him (v. 13-14).
- e. Those who hear with Spiritual ears and hearts, receive the things of God.

Application: _____
