

WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////

This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your group.



FOR DISCUSSION:

1. We have now covered the first two chapters of 1 Corinthians. How would you describe Paul's style and intent?
2. How would you explain the things that “the world doesn't know?” Why does this matter?
3. What are the three parts to knowing God's Word and how is it helpful to understand them?
4. What was your best thought?

SCRIPTURES

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1Cor. 2:10 these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who knows 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, 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. 14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 15 The person with the Spirit makes judgments 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.



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TWO LESSONS FOR THIS SERIES

1. Unity in the church is the greatest _____ to Christ and His _____.
2. We who have the _____ of Christ also have the “_____ of Christ,” and we need to use this _____.

LET'S REVIEW

1. Paul wrote a _____ to Corinth several years after living 18 months _____ the people.
2. He reminded them of the blessings of knowing Christ: in the past, _____; in the present, _____; and in the future; _____.
3. But his purpose in writing was to encourage _____ living. His message was simply, “your _____ in Christ is secure, now let's work on your _____.”
4. The first issue to tackle was _____. He warned them about following _____, and also following _____ (philosophies).
5. In today's study we learn that Paul encouraged the Corinthians to understand and follow _____.

2Cor. 2:5 so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

WHAT THE WORLD DOESN'T KNOW

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1. The people of this world know _____ and, in many ways, are more _____ in that knowledge than believers.

Luke 16:8 . . . For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.

2. But the _____ in Christ have a _____ wisdom. This wisdom isn't secular, which will soon be _____ (age).

3. God's wisdom is a _____ (μυστήριον, mystērion). A mystery in Scripture is something that _____ be known _____ from God, but is now _____ to His followers.

Col. 2:2 . . . in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4. As proof of this mystery, Paul says that _____ of the _____ of this age understood it or they _____ have crucified Jesus. "Crucified — Lord of Glory"

5. Paul then provides an Old Testament _____ that natural man _____ understand God's wisdom.

Isa 64:4 Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

Two ways that we learn: _____ & _____

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1. Those things that the world _____ know are the very things that believers know _____ because of the Holy Spirit. (10)

2. Since only you _____ know your private thoughts and your true self, _____ God's _____ can share the _____ of God. And this is what we have in the _____ of God. (11-13)

3. So we don't _____ like the world; we have _____ thoughts and full _____ of His Word. (14)

The three parts in knowing God's Word:

a. _____ — from the Holy Spirit to human _____

1Cor. 2:10 these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. . . .

b. _____ — from Scriptures to _____

1Cor. 2:12 . . . so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

c. _____ — from understanding to _____

1Cor. 2:15 The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things,

4. Although believers are able to make _____ from a spiritual perspective; they won't be understood and they cannot be _____ to human judgment. (15)

5. **Q.** — What man has given God _____? **A.** — _____! But now we have the _____ of Christ. (16)

Isa. 40:13 Who can fathom the Spirit of the LORD, or instruct the LORD as his counselor?

WHAT WE SHOULD APPLY

1. Trusting in _____ wisdom (philosophies) will lead to _____, but God's wisdom brings _____.

2. God's wisdom is from the Holy Spirit and _____.

1Cor. 3:1 Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ.

3. The world cannot understand your _____.