

• 1 CORINTHIANS •

FOOLISHNESS OR POWER

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1 Corinthians 2:11-16 (CSB)
 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except his spirit within him? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

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1 Corinthians 2:11-16 (CSB)
 12 Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who comes from God, so that we may understand what has been freely given to us by God.

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1 Corinthians 2:11-16 (CSB)

¹³ We also speak these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual things to spiritual people.

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1 Corinthians 2:11-16 (CSB)

¹⁴ But the person without the Spirit does not receive what comes from God's Spirit, because it is foolishness to him; he is not able to understand it since it is evaluated spiritually.

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1 Corinthians 2:11-16 (CSB)

¹⁵ The spiritual person, however, can evaluate everything, and yet he himself cannot be evaluated by anyone.
¹⁶ *For who has known the Lord's mind, that he may instruct him?* But we have the mind of Christ.

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1 Corinthians 1:18 (CSB)

For the **word** of the cross is **foolishness** to those who are perishing, but it is the **power** of God to us who are being saved.

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1 Corinthians 2:1-2 (CSB)

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, announcing the mystery of God to you, I did not come with brilliance of speech or wisdom.

² I decided to know nothing among you except **Jesus Christ and him crucified**.

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1 Corinthians 2:3 (CSB)

I came to you in weakness, in fear, and in much **trembling**.

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Fear does not negate God's calling.

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There is so much at stake.

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1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (CSB)

⁴ My speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the ***Spirit's power***,
⁵ so that your faith might not be based on ***human wisdom*** but on ***God's power***.

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What you win people with
is what you win them to.

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1 Corinthians 2:6 (CSB)

We do, however, speak a wisdom
among the mature, but not a *wisdom
of this age*, or of the rulers of this age,
who are coming to nothing.

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“If you’re appalled by some of the
things your great-grandparents
believed, don’t worry: your great-
grandchildren will be appalled by
some of the things you believe.”

~ Andrew Wilson

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Jude 3 (CSB)
Dear friends...I found it necessary to write, appealing to you to **contend for the faith** that was delivered to the saints once for all.

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1 Corinthians 2:7-8 (CSB)
⁷On the contrary, we speak God's hidden wisdom in a mystery, a wisdom God predestined before the ages for our glory.

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1 Corinthians 2:7-8 (CSB)

⁸ None of the **rulers of this age** knew this wisdom, because if they had known it, **they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**

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1 Corinthians 2:9 (CSB)

But as it is written,
*What no eye has seen, no ear has heard,
and no human heart has conceived—
God has prepared these things for those
who love him.*

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1 Corinthians 2:10-11 (CSB)

¹⁰ Now God has revealed these things to us by the **Spirit**, since the **Spirit** searches everything, even the depths of God.

¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except his spirit within him?

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Psalms 19:1-2 (CSB)

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the expanse proclaims the work of his hands.
²Day after day they pour out speech; night after night they communicate knowledge.

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It is only through the revelation of the Spirit that we know the love of God and the heart of God.

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1 Corinthians 2:11 (CSB)

In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

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“We read the scriptures, which the Spirit has inspired, in the midst of the church, whom the Spirit has filled, in search of the Christ, whom the Spirit reveals.”

~ Andrew Wilson

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1 Corinthians 2:12-13 (CSB)

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1 Corinthians 2:16 (CSB)

For “who has known the Lord’s mind, that he may instruct him?” ...

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For “who has known the Lord’s mind, that he may instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

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We have access to the mind of God through His Spirit and His word.

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1 Corinthians 12:3 (CSB)

...no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” **except by the Holy Spirit.**

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If we look upon the cross without the Spirit, we will only see a dead man hanging there in disgrace.

But if we look upon the cross with the Spirit, we will see the living God hanging there in our place.

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Romans 8:5-7 (CSB)

⁵ For those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the *Spirit* have their minds set on the things of the Spirit.

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Romans 8:5-7 (CSB)

⁶ Now the mindset of the *flesh is death*, but the mindset of the *Spirit is life* and peace.

⁷ The mindset of the flesh is *hostile* to God because it does not submit to God's law. Indeed, it is unable to do so.

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1 Corinthians 2:2 (CSB)

I decided to know nothing among you
except *Jesus Christ and him crucified.*
