

GOD SPEAKS
Romans 8:5-9 CSB

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not my ways." This is the LORD's declaration. ⁸"For as heaven is higher than earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Isaiah 55:8-9 (CSB)

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. ⁶Now the mindset of the flesh is death, but the mindset of the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷The mindset of the flesh is hostile to God because it does not submit to God's law. Indeed, it is unable to do so. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to him.

Romans 8:5-9 (CSB)

❖ The SELF-Filled Life:

For those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on the things of the flesh...

Romans 8:5a (CSB)

Now the mindset of the flesh is death...

Romans 8:6a (CSB)

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.

Romans 8:7 (CSB)

❖ The SPIRIT-Filled Life:

... but those who live according to the Spirit have their minds set on the things of the Spirit.

Romans 8:5b (CSB)

... but the mindset of the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:6b (CSB)

❖ God Speaks Through:

1. The BIBLE

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, ¹⁵and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2. PRAYER

Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him. ⁶But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord, ⁸being double-minded and unstable in all his ways.

James 1:5-8 (CSB)

3. CIRCUMSTANCES

4. The CHURCH

I write these things to you, hoping to come to you soon. ¹⁵But if I should be delayed, I have written so that you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. ¹⁶And most certainly, the mystery of godliness is great: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

1 Timothy 3:14-16 (CSB)

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to him.

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