

Spiritual Wisdom from God Part-2

Tonight I want to talk to you about **operating under the power of Holy Spirit** so as to have divine impact upon people whom you're ministering to. The Apostle Paul was a man submitted to the will & council of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. So should we be as well.

The Importance of Holy Spirit Demonstrations

1 Cor. 2:4 NKJV *"And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but **in demonstration of the Spirit and of power**", 5. that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."* **Man's wisdom vs God's power!** *SFLB: "***Demonstration of the Spirit and of power*** not only refer to the fact that the miraculous accompanied Paul's preaching, but also to **the Holy Spirit's transforming power** in the individual lives of the Corinthians at the time of their conversion. Far from a mere intellectual conversion through human wisdom, they encountered the Spirit Himself, Who demonstrated His presence in them through various spiritual gifts, including speaking in tongues."

AMPC: "***Demonstration of the [Holy] Spirit and power*** [a proof by the Spirit and power of God, operating on me and stirring in the minds of my hearers the most holy emotions and thus persuading them]." By faith we must allow the Spirit of God freedom to move & bring conviction upon people to trust God!

Selwyn Hughes "It Lacks That", 1 Corinthians 2:4

"Much of modern-day Christianity is lacking power and conviction because it lacks a close encounter with this aspect of the [Holy] Spirit's resources. If we are to experience the fullness of the Spirit in our lives, then we must open ourselves to everything He wants to give us. We must not pick and choose

and say “I’ll take this but not that,” for in order to be God’s true representatives in this world, we must know Him in all His fullness.

“I watched a man on television one day examine a beautiful painting. He studied it for a few moments and said, “It’s perspective is good, the coloring is fine, the tones are excellent, the idea behind it is to be commended, but it lacks... that.”

“The same can be said of a lot of Christian activity in this generation. Our preaching is correct, our worship services are well-structured, our music is fine, our organization is superb, but it lacks one thing – the throbbing power of the Holy Spirit. Without the power of the Spirit in our midst, we are preaching unquickened truth – truth that doesn’t fall upon the soul with convicting, sobering, awakening, converting power. Our Christianity is not bad – it is just dull. The Holy Spirit, when accepted and obeyed, turns insipidity [or ‘deadness’] into inspiration, dullness into dancing, and mediocrity into magnificence. If we are not careful, we may find ourselves in court one of these days accused of contravening the Trade Descriptions Act [which is a British law designed to prevent companies from presenting their goods or services in a dishonest or misleading way].”

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1 Cor. 2:6 AMPC *“Yet when we are among the full-grown (spiritually mature Christians who are ripe in understanding), we do impart a [higher] **wisdom** (the knowledge of the divine plan previously hidden); **6b.** but it is indeed not a **wisdom** of this present age or of this world nor of the leaders and rulers of this age, who are being brought to nothing and are doomed to pass away.”* **Christian wisdom conflicts with doomed worldly wisdom** (i.e. no sex before marriage). Paul uses the word **wisdom** 16 times in the first three chapters of 1 Corinthians.

TPT V 6b. *“It’s wisdom that didn’t originate in this present age, nor did it come from **the rulers of this age who are in the process of being dethroned.** TPT note: “Or “rulers who are doomed to come to nothing” or “the nullified overLords of this present age.” This does not refer merely to human governments, but to the dethroned rulers of darkness that know nothing of God’s secret wisdom.” Darkness is collapsing on itself!*

7. *Instead, we continually speak of this **wonderful wisdom** that comes from God, hidden before now in a mystery.” TPT note: “That is, something so profound it is beyond the scope of human ingenuity and unattainable by human reasoning. Wisdom comes from above and is given to those who love God and live in awe of Him.” **Wisdom is God’s secret plan for us:** “It is His secret plan, **destined*** before the ages, to bring us into **glory** (AMPC “to lift us into the glory of His presence.” TPT note: “The Aramaic can be translated “for our glorification” or “so that glory may be ours.”).*

***TPT note:** “Or “decreed.” The Gk. word *proorizo* means “to mark out the boundaries. It is a form of the word *horizon*. God has marked out ahead of time the horizon of the ages and will finish His predetermined plan perfectly.” **God’s will will be done!**

8. *“None of the rulers of this present world order understood it*, for if they had, they never would have crucified the Lord of shining glory.” *TPT note: “It seems clear that Paul is speaking of the principalities and powers of darkness, who were clueless about the [effectiveness] of Christ’s crucifixion to realign the universe & initiate a new kingdom under our Lord Jesus Christ.” The universe has been realigned in kingdom order.*

SFLB note: “This passage asserts that Satan (“the god of this age,” 2 Cor. 4:4) and the demons of hell (“principalities and

powers,” Col. 2:15) were completely confounded by the Cross. This is a profound disclosure of Satan’s limited ability to anticipate the tactics of almighty God, the reminder that God’s sovereign power and omniscience (all knowing) are always the insurance of the believer’s ultimate victory in Christ.”

V. 9 AMPC *“But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, “What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him [who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed.]”*

SFLB note: *“Eye has not seen:* The quotation from **Isa. 64:4** implies three ways of knowing: 1) perceptual knowledge (**eye... ear**) through observation and sense experience; 2) conceptual knowledge (**heart**, mind) by reason and intellectual inquiry; and 3) spiritual knowledge (**love**) by moral and personal [attraction]. Since knowledge of the things of God is more of a spiritual than an intellectual nature, there is no basis for glorying in any religious leader for his supposed superior grasp of reality.”

Isa. 64:4 TPT *“These amazing things had never been heard of before; You did things never dreamed of! No one perceived your greatness. No eye has ever seen a God like you, Who intervenes for those who wait and long for You!”*

Isa. 65:17 TPT *“Look! I am creating entirely new heavens and a new earth! They will be so wonderful that no one will even think about the old ones anymore!*

1 Cor. 2:10 AMPC *“Yet to us **God** has unveiled and **revealed** them (TPT “these profound realities”) by and through His Spirit, for the [Holy] Spirit searches diligently, exploring and examining everything, even sounding the profound*

and bottomless things of God [the divine counsels and things hidden & beyond man's scrutiny]." **SFLB note:** "**God has revealed**": Two elements are necessary to know the things of God: 1) a revelation from God by the Spirit, and 2) an appropriate spiritual response by man (2:14-3:4)."

V. 11. *"For what person perceives (knows and understands) what passes through a man's thoughts except the man's own spirit within him? Just so no one discerns (comes to know and comprehend) the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God."*

SFLB note: "As one's own inner thoughts are known only to himself, so the mind of God is known only by God's Spirit. God has chosen to make Himself known in Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit has brought this revelation to the church through the apostles." **You CAN know God's mind through Jesus Christ!**

V. 12 AMPC *"Now we have not received the spirit [that belongs to] the world, but the [Holy] Spirit Who is from God, [given to us] that we might realize and comprehend and appreciate the gifts [of divine favor & blessing so freely & lavishly] bestowed* on us by God."*

***NKJV "freely given". Col. 3:13 NKJV** *"bearing with one another, and forgiving one*

another...." **SFLB WW: Forgiving, charizomai:** "To do a favor, show kindness unconditionally, give freely, grant forgiveness, forgive freely. The word is from the same root as *charis*, "grace.""

When we forgive another for the offense that they have caused us, then we are acting like God does towards us. Thus, Jesus says in **Mark 11:25-26 NKJV** *"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."*

In Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven graciously by Father God.

1 John 1:9 NKJV: *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to **cleanse*** us from all unrighteousness.”*

***SFLB WW:** *“**Cleanse,**”* *katharizo:* To cleanse, make clean, purify. To confess sin is to *“think the same”* about those sins as God, who is completely righteous (1:9). When believers confess their sins, God forgives those sins because *“the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin”* (1:7). Such sins are the direct opposite of God’s character: *unrighteousness*. Yet that does not in any way hinder the Lord from bringing about the amazing transformation from unrighteousness to complete cleansing from all the guilt of our sins through His incredible forgiveness.”