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PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for the gift of Your Word, we ask that Your Holy Spirit would teach us and give us the mind of Christ. Quiet the noise of the world around us so we can hear Your voice clearly. Help us to grow deeper in our relationship with You, maturing in our faith, in Jesus' name we ask these things, Amen.

OPENING QUESTION (OPTIONAL)

When you hear the word “maturity,” what does that mean to you?

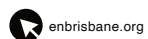


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WORD

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. 7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15 The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. 16 “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Hebrew 5:11-14

James 1:5-8

REFLECTION

Spiritual maturity isn't about how long we've been Christians or how much knowledge we've collected. Paul reminds us that true maturity comes when the Holy Spirit teaches us, to open our eyes to what God has freely given us. Without Him, we're stuck relying on shallow human wisdom that can't grasp God's purposes. The amazing truth is that we've been given the mind of Christ—we don't just follow His example from a distance, we actually get to share in His perspective and see life through His eyes.

This means learning discernment and growing beyond spiritual "milk" into "solid food"—a deeper understanding of God's truth that we can live out in everyday life. Through prayer, obedience, and practice, we can become more attuned to the Spirit's leading and better distinguish God's voice from all the other voices around us. The challenge is choosing to think with the mind of Christ rather than letting culture shape how we see the world.

Spiritual maturity isn't about being perfect—it's about our posture. As we keep yielding to the Spirit, seeking the mind of Christ, and growing in discernment, we'll find ourselves walking in God's deeper wisdom, not the world's wisdom.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Where do you typically go first for wisdom—Google, friends, social media, or God's Spirit?
2. How do you personally discern if a thought, idea, or trend is from God or from culture?
3. How can you cultivate Spirit-led discernment?
4. What does it mean for you to “think with the mind of Christ” in your daily decisions, relationships, or challenges?
5. What areas of your spiritual life feel like “milk”? Where is God calling you to go deeper into “solid food”?

CLOSING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us Your wisdom. We declare that Your Spirit has revealed to us the deep things of God - things no human heart has conceived. We thank You that we have received Your Spirit so we can understand the things You have freely given us. We declare that we have the mind of Christ - His thoughts and wisdom guiding our lives. In Jesus' name we pray these things, Amen.