

A SPIRITUAL MIND

As God thinks, so should we.

Are my thoughts and actions what God wants them to be?



1 Corinthians 2:12-16 KJV

[12] Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. [13] Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. [14] But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. [15] But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. [16] For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:1-4 KJV

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God Reveals Through the Holy Spirit

- 1. The Spirit tells us what we have now** - God saves us instantly but it takes our entire lifetime to fully grasp what salvation means.
- 2. The Spirit shows us that there is more to come.**
- 3. The Spirit wants us to think like Jesus.**

The Holy Spirit Helps the Teacher and Listener

Teaching is learning twice. The Holy Spirit is the messenger of God that brings the message of God to your heart. The Holy Spirit is the messenger that is the deliverer from God. When God communicates to us, the blessing is that God has a thought for us, that the Holy Spirit delivers the message to us, that our ears hear it, that our heart receives it, everyone involved with the message is blessed by God when He sends a message.

Not Everyone Understands Spiritual Truths

1. **Natural Mind** - The unspiritual mind of mankind. Able to understand natural phenomenon and things related to natural interaction with fellow man.
2. **Carnal Mind** - The carnal mind can include both believer and unbeliever alike. It is the mind that is focused or lead by thoughts of the flesh.
3. **Spiritual Mind** - A mind eager to learn the ways of God, to obey the word and to grow in a relationship to God.

1 John 4:1-3 KJV

[1] Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. [2] Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: [3] And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Characteristics of a Spiritual Mind / Person

1. A spiritual person is always evaluating and appraising things.
2. A spiritual person thinks about how to please God.
3. A spiritual person has a hunger for God.
4. A spiritual person is sensitive to the Holy Spirit.
5. A spiritual person knows when they're under conviction and acts on that conviction.
6. A spiritual person is attracted to the things that are pleasing to God.
7. A spiritual person has insight from the Holy Spirit to see through the facade of other people's ways.

**Our actions need to reflect our spiritual mind
or we can do harm to our testimony.**

There are Two Levels to Spiritual Thinking

1. **Milk** - This is the infancy of spiritual understanding and discernment. When we first accept Christ, our learning is light and fragile.

2. **Solid Foods** - As we grow spiritually, our understanding should become more foundational and we should be able to grasp the spiritual side of more complex circumstances.

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God Wants to Increase Our Spiritual Understanding

God takes joy in watching us grow in our spiritual walk but He also wants to give us more and more to experience and learn from. What are we doing with what he's already shown us before we ask more?

Matthew 13:10-13 KJV

[10] And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? [11] He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. [12] For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. [13] Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

John 16:12 KJV

I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

Church does not make you spiritual, but it can be a tool to feed and grow your spiritual mind.