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Walk In Wisdom

Do you want to know me? Do you want to know my will and walk in my ways? Do want to live and walk in my wisdom? Do you want to receive my wisdom and live out all that I have prepared for you? Yes, I want to know you. I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I want nothing more than to know your will and walk in your ways. In every way, I want to live and walk in your wisdom. I want to receive your wisdom and live out all that you have prepared for me. I don't want to miss out on anything that you have planned and prepared for me.

How can I know your will? How can I receive your wisdom? How can I walk in your ways? **Those are good questions. It is very good that you are passionately asking me these questions.** Why is that? **You must want to know my will. You must want to receive my wisdom. You must want to walk in my ways. Your questions are filled with passionate desire. You are passionately asking me these questions because you love me with all your heart and mind and soul and strength. You are filled with desire to know and do my will. You are fully devoted to loving, following and serving me. You are seeking me with all your heart. You are giving yourself fully to me. You are holding nothing back. You are keeping nothing in reserve. You are pouring yourself out in service to me. That is very good.**

You will not be denied. Your request has been heard and will be answered. I will help you to know and respond to my wisdom. My wisdom will guide you. My wisdom will guard you. My wisdom will lead you to where I want you to go. My wisdom will make you able to do what I ask you to do. You will fulfill my purposes and accomplishes my plans. My wisdom will make you able to will live and walk in all the good things I have prepared for you. You will not miss out. You will not fall short. You will have no regrets as you continue to follow and serve me. That will be great. That will be fantastic. That will be beyond what I could have ever hoped for or even imagined. **Yes, it will.**

Lord, I love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength. I want to know and understand and respond to all your wisdom. Show me what I could not begin to know or understand about your wisdom. Help me to live and walk in what you have prepared for me. Amen

Wisdom *Revealed It To Us*

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NIV 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Wisdom *Revealed These Things*

Yet when I am among mature believers, I do speak with words of wisdom, but not the kind of wisdom that belongs to this world or to the rulers of this world, who are soon forgotten. No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God—his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. But the rulers of this world have not understood it; if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord. That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets.

NLT 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Wisdom *Revealed To Us*

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

NRSV 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Wisdom *Unveiled And Revealed Them*

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); 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. But rather what we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden [from the human understanding] and now revealed to us by God—[that wisdom] which God devised and decreed before the ages for our glorification [to lift us into the glory of His presence]. None of the rulers of this age or world perceived and recognized and understood this, for if they had, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory. 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]. Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them 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 and beyond man's scrutiny].

AMP 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Wisdom *Revealed Them*

Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory; the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM." For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

NASB 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Wisdom *Revealed To Us*

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. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 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"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

ESV 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Wisdom *Revealed Them*

However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

NKJV 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Wisdom *Brought It All Out Into The Open*

We, of course, have plenty of wisdom to pass on to you once you get your feet on firm spiritual ground, but it's not popular wisdom, the fashionable wisdom of high-priced experts that will be out-of-date in a year or so. God's wisdom is something mysterious that goes deep into the interior of his purposes. You don't find it lying around on the surface. It's not the latest message, but more like the oldest—what God determined as the way to bring out his best in us, long before we ever arrived on the scene. The experts of our day haven't a clue about what this eternal plan is. If they had, they wouldn't have killed the Master of the God-designed life on a cross. That's why we have this Scripture text: No one's ever seen or heard anything like this. Never so much as imagined anything quite like it—What God has arranged for those who love him. But you've seen and heard it because God by his Spirit has brought it all out into the open before you. The Spirit, not content to flit around on the surface, dives into the depths of God, and brings out what God planned all along.

MSG 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Wisdom *To Tell Us*

Yet when I am among mature Christians I do speak with words of great wisdom, but not the kind that comes from here on earth, and not the kind that appeals to the great men of this world, who are doomed to fall. Our words are wise because they are from God, telling of God's wise plan to bring us into the glories of heaven. This plan was hidden in former times, though it was made for our benefit before the world began. But the great men of the world have not understood it; if they had, they never would have crucified the Lord of Glory. That is what is meant by the Scriptures which say that no mere man has ever seen, heard, or even imagined what wonderful things God has ready for those who love the Lord. But we know about these things because God has sent his Spirit to tell us, and his Spirit searches out and shows us all of God's deepest secrets.

NLB 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Wisdom *Shown Us These Things*

However, I speak a wisdom to those who are mature. But this wisdom is not from this world or from the rulers of this world, who are losing their power. I speak God's secret wisdom, which he has kept hidden. Before the world began, God planned this wisdom for our glory. None of the rulers of this world understood it. If they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written in the Scriptures: "No one has ever seen this, and no one has ever heard about it. No one has ever imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." But God has shown us these things through the Spirit. The Spirit searches out all things, even the deep secrets of God.

NCV 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Revealed It To Us

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Wisdom – 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

In Context: Read 1 Corinthians 2

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength. I want to know and understand and respond to all your wisdom. Show me what I could not begin to know or understand about your wisdom. Help me to live and walk in what you have prepared for me. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How does the wisdom from God differ from the wisdom that comes from the world?

What has helped or hindered your ability to receive wisdom from God?

How has loving God with all your heart and mind and soul made you able to receive His wisdom?

When have you received wisdom from God as you have met with Him in His word?

When has the Holy Spirit revealed wisdom from God that you could not have known or understood on your own?

When has the Holy Spirit spoken wisdom into your life through the words of others?

How have you responded to wisdom from God that the Holy Spirit has shown to you?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to know and respond to wisdom from God.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Holy Spirit will reveal to you what you could not know or understand about God’s wisdom.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Holy Spirit has revealed God’s wisdom to you.

Close With Prayer: ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

Pause And Offer Prayers Of..

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you rely on the Holy Spirit to show you what you could not know or understand.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Holy Spirit, I will rely on you to show me what I could not know or understand.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Holy Spirit, what do you want to show me about what I could not know or understand?
