

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (NIV)

Your Word

What do you rely on? What do you place your faith in? What is worthy of all your trust? Do you rely on seemingly wise and persuasive words of men? Are you taken in by the wisdom of the world? Is your life founded on the thoughts, opinions and values of the world? Does your faith rest on the wisdom of men? You have asked a lot of questions. **Do you have any answers?** I have only one answer. **Let me hear it.** My faith rests on you. **I would like to hear more from you on this subject.**

It is true, that at one time I placed my faith on wisdom that comes from the world. My life conformed to the thoughts and opinions and values of the world. I thought like the world thought. I spoke like the world spoke. I acted like the world acted. I was no different than anyone else that is living in the world. **What did you find out?** There is no hope and joy and peace in living a life that is founded on the patterns and practices of the world. There is no purpose and meaning in thinking and speaking and acting in worldly ways. My worldly life became a bruised and battered and broken life. I was empty. I wanted more. I wanted something else. I wanted you. I wanted to know you. I wanted to love you. I wanted to follow and serve you. I wanted to live my life in ways that would please you. Did I know all of this at the time? Certainly not. But you brought me to yourself. You came into my life. You forgave my sins and gave me a new life to live. **Yes, I did.**

How is your life now different? My faith rests on you. My faith rests on your word. My faith rests on your power. **What do you know?** I know that you are using your word to make me like you. Your Holy Spirit powerfully uses your word like a sword. He uses the sword of your word to fight in me, with me, for me and through me. **Yes, that is true. What do you do with my word?** I take your word into my heart and mind and life. I am letting your word mold and shape me. I am letting your word teach and train me. I am letting your word guard and guide me. Now I know without a doubt that my faith rests on you and the power of your word. That is good. **What are you asking?** I am asking for your Holy Spirit to continue to use your word to do your work in and through me. **I will hear and answer that prayer.**

Lord, I will no longer place my faith in the seemingly wise and persuasive words of men. To do so would be foolish. I will rely on you. I will trust your word. I will place all my faith in the power of God. Work in, for, and through me according to your good pleasure. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Not Rest On Men's Wisdom*

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

NIV 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Becoming Like Christ *Trust Not In Human Wisdom*

And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God.

NLT 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Becoming Like Christ *Not Rest On Human Wisdom*

My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

NRSV 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Becoming Like Christ *Not Rest In The Wisdom Of Men*

And my language and my message were not set forth in persuasive (enticing and plausible) words of wisdom, but they were in 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], So that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men (human philosophy), but in the power of God.

AMP 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Becoming Like Christ *Not Rest On The Wisdom Of Men*

and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

NASB 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Becoming Like Christ *Not Rest In The Wisdom Of Men*

and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

ESV 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Becoming Like Christ *Not Be In The Wisdom Of Men*

And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

NKJV 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Becoming Like Christ *Not To Some Fancy Mental Or Emotional Footwork*

and so nothing I said could have impressed you or anyone else. But the Message came through anyway. God's Spirit and God's power did it, which made it clear that your life of faith is a response to God's power, not to some fancy mental or emotional footwork by me or anyone else.

MSG 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Becoming Like Christ *Not On Man's Great Ideas*

And my preaching was very plain, not with a lot of oratory and human wisdom, but the Holy Spirit's power was in my words, proving to those who heard them that the message was from God. I did this because I wanted your faith to stand firmly upon God, not on man's great ideas.

TLB 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Becoming Like Christ *Not In Human Wisdom*

My teaching and preaching were not with words of human wisdom that persuade people but with proof of the power that the Spirit gives. This was so that your faith would be in God's power and not in human wisdom.

NCV 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

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 place all your faith in God rather than on seemingly wise and persuasive words of men.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will place all my faith in you rather than on seemingly wise and persuasive words of men.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I place all my faith in you today?
