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## **My Teacher**

There is nothing I need more. I have no stronger desire. **What is your desire? What do you want?** I want you to be my teacher. I am thankful that you are my teacher. You give me understanding. You show me what is true and what is false. You protect me from what is foolish and guide me into what is wise. No longer do I need to live by what is my best guess. No longer will I be guided by the thoughts and opinions and values of the world. **What will you do?** I will listen attentively to you. I will not race ahead with my own plan. I will not stubbornly hold on to my own ways. I will humbly and attentively listen to you. I will seek your guidance. I will follow your direction. **That will be very good.**

**How will you receive my teaching? How will you listen to my instruction? How will you follow my guidance and direction? What are some actual steps that you will implement? How will your life look and be different because you want me to be your teacher?** Those are all very good questions. **Do you have any answers?** Yes, I do. I will come to meet with you. I will draw near to you. I will quiet myself before you. I will center my attention on you. I will submit my heart and mind and life to you. **How will you meet with me?** I will meet with you in prayer. I will meet with you in worship. I will meet with you in your word. Those seem like part of the classroom to me. Those seem like where my instruction will begin. I will make it my priority to meet with you in prayer and worship and in your word on a daily basis so that I can place myself in a position to hear and be taught by you. **That will be very good. Can you think of any other times and places when and where I will teach you?** You will teach me at all times and in all places as I love, follow and serve you. Our formal and set times together in prayer and worship and in your word will strengthen my ability to hear from you at all times and in all places. **Yes, it will.** I look forward to all that you will teach me. I am glad beyond words that I am your student and you are my teacher. Teach me, I'm listening. **That is very good.**

*Holy Spirit, you are my teacher. You will give me understanding. You will teach me what I don't know. You will give me wisdom and discernment to guide me through life. Thank you, I will no longer need to rely on my best guesses or the opinions of this world. Amen*

## **Becoming Like Christ** *The Mind Of Christ*

This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

NIV 1 Corinthians 2:13-16

## **Becoming Like Christ** *The Mind Of Christ*

When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others. For, "Who can know the LORD's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?" But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

NLT 1 Corinthians 2:13-16

## **Becoming Like Christ** *The Mind Of Christ*

And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

NRSV 1 Corinthians 2:13-16

## **Becoming Like Christ** *The Mind Of Christ*

And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the [Holy] Spirit, combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language [to those who possess the Holy Spirit]. But the natural, nonspiritual man does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are spiritually discerned and estimated and appreciated. But the spiritual man tries all things [he examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern or appraise or get an insight into him]. For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.

AMP 1 Corinthians 2:13-16

## **Becoming Like Christ** *The Mind Of Christ*

which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.

NASB 1 Corinthians 2:13-16

## **Becoming Like Christ** *The Mind Of Christ*

And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. 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. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

ESV 1 Corinthians 2:13-16

## **Becoming Like Christ** *The Mind Of Christ*

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

NKJV 1 Corinthians 2:13-16

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Christ's Spirit*

We don't have to rely on the world's guesses and opinions. We didn't learn this by reading books or going to school; we learned it from God, who taught us person-to-person through Jesus, and we're passing it on to you in the same firsthand, personal way. The unspiritual self, just as it is by nature, can't receive the gifts of God's Spirit. There's no capacity for them. They seem like so much silliness. Spirit can be known only by spirit—God's Spirit and our spirits in open communion. Spiritually alive, we have access to everything God's Spirit is doing, and can't be judged by unspiritual critics. Isaiah's question, "Is there anyone around who knows God's Spirit, anyone who knows what he is doing?" has been answered: Christ knows, and we have Christ's Spirit.

MSG 1 Corinthians 2:13-16

## **Becoming Like Christ** *The Mind Of Christ*

In telling you about these gifts we have even used the very words given to us by the Holy Spirit, not words that we as men might choose. So we use the Holy Spirit's words to explain the Holy Spirit's facts. But the man who isn't a Christian can't understand and can't accept these thoughts from God, which the Holy Spirit teaches us. They sound foolish to him because only those who have the Holy Spirit within them can understand what the Holy Spirit means. Others just can't take it in. But the spiritual man has insight into everything, and that bothers and baffles the man of the world, who can't understand him at all. How could he? For certainly he has never been one to know the Lord's thoughts, or to discuss them with him, or to move the hands of God by prayer. But, strange as it seems, we Christians actually do have within us a portion of the very thoughts and mind of Christ.

TLB 1 Corinthians 2:13-16

## **Becoming Like Christ** *The Mind Of Christ*

And we speak about these things, not with words taught us by human wisdom but with words taught us by the Spirit. And so we explain spiritual truths to spiritual people. A person who does not have the Spirit does not accept the truths that come from the Spirit of God. That person thinks they are foolish and cannot understand them, because they can only be judged to be true by the Spirit. The spiritual person is able to judge all things, but no one can judge him. The Scripture says: "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Who has been able to teach him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

NCV 1 Corinthians 2:13-16

# The Mind Of Christ

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Becoming Like Christ** – 1 Corinthians 2:13-16

**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?)***

Holy Spirit, you are my teacher. You will give me understanding. You will teach me what I don't know. You will give me wisdom and discernment to guide me through life. Thank you, I will no longer need to rely on my best guesses or the opinions of this world. Amen

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

When did you once think that the things of God were both foolishness and incomprehensible?

How is it that you now have the mind of Christ to guide your thoughts, words and actions?

**How are you making yourself attentive to listening carefully to the Spirit of God teaching you?**

**How has the Holy Spirit used the word of God to change your heart and transform your mind?**

Why do you no longer need to rely on your best guesses and the world's opinions to guide your life?

How has the Spirit of God given good judgment so that you can make good decisions?

**When has the Spirit of God given you discernment far beyond what you could have known?**

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

Allow the Spirit of God to guard and guide all your thoughts and words and actions.

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

Have faith that the Holy Spirit will teach you and give you understanding to guard and guide you through life.

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

Share with another person or your small group how you are listening attentively to the Holy Spirit teaching you.

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**Close With Prayer:**

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*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?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May you listen attentively to the Holy Spirit teaching you.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Holy Spirit, I will listen attentively to your teaching.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Holy Spirit, what do you want to teach me today as I listen attentively to you?*

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