

*“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”
(1 Corinthians 2:14).*

The Lord is speaking once again about your decisions. I would have posted something else, but really feel the Lord is trying to get you to work through a few things concerning your decisions.

Many times you give your mind more power over you than it should have. When you are controlled by your “natural” reasoning you can guarantee that logical choices are being made without faith. Paul states that the only way you can live a wise life is by having the right perspective and power that comes from above. When God’s Word has really become the fundamental power of your life you will consistently make decisions in faith. You have greater potential for being used of God when the power of His Word flows through you.

Your mind influences your thoughts, actions and behaviors. Holy Spirit knows the things God has freely given to you to help walk wisely. Freely given means that there is no charge attached to the Holy Spirit’s ministry of illumination. Verse 15 says, “He who is spiritual appraises (judges) all things...”

The verb “appraise” means to appraise the worth of something. In the art world, there are certain people who are full-time art appraisers. They can look at a painting and say, “That’s a forgery. It’s worthless.” Or “That’s worth \$5,000 at auction.” Or “That’s a Rembrandt. It will fetch at least \$7 million.” These appraisers are well paid because they have the ability to spot the real value of a painting. Paul says that because we have the Holy Spirit, we can properly appraise the real value of things. (Ray Pritchard, “The Great Divide”).

Paul tells us that it is the Holy Spirit who reveals deep things to Christians. You share the mind of Christ!!! The Spirit of truth has been made available to you. The truth will affect your life, your experiences, your choices and the decisions you make when you walk in faith, not in your natural mind!

Heavenly Father, in Jesus name, I ask for Your mind in every situation that I encounter today and everyday forward. I ask that You help me to never turn away from Your truth. I ask You to give me a fresh hunger to study Your Word, to meditate on Your Word and to completely absorb Your Word. I thank You that You have said I am equipped for every good work. Heavenly Father, help me to not believe the watered down truth, empty philosophies or lies of hopelessness that try to bombard me daily. I ask You to empower me by Your Spirit to be prepared to answer everyone who asks me to give the reason for the hope that I have. Lord, my desire is that Jesus would be seen clearly in my daily living. Thank You for strengthening my faith, building my faith, and setting me free, Today, I willingly embrace your Word and the Truth. Lord, help me to remember that if I do not stand firm in my faith I will not stand at all. O God, help me to stand. In Jesus’ name. Amen..