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~ INTRO ~

- (1-Corinthians) **Applies Christianity...**
  - So we know how-to live out our faith.
- And corrects wrong beliefs...
  - By pointing to spiritual truth.

~ STUDY ~

- Paul gives the church **four avenues** of insight.
  - He teaches that God’s wisdom doesn’t operate...
    - According to the principals of the world.

**WHY?**

(Acts 26:18) NLT

*“to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God’s people, who are set apart by faith in Me.”*

**INSIGHT #1 – GOLDY WISDOM**

- Paul is correcting the *spiritual-drift* that was in the church.
- People were following at a distance.
- They believed smooth speech would accomplish spiritual things.

BUT...

- Transformation does NOT come from eloquence...
  - It comes from the Holy Spirit applying the word of God.

**A FEW PRACTICAL LESSONS TO AMPLIFY THIS:**

- i. God wants service directed by the Holy Spirit
  - (2 Sam. 6:1-7) NKJV
- ii. What starts in the Spirit must remain in the Spirit

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➤ (Gal. 3:3) NKJV

iii. Life experience does NOT equal Biblical wisdom.

➤ (Proverbs 2:6) NKJV

## **INSIGHT #2 – GODLY REVELATION**

- (Proverbs 3:32b) – “*God’s secret counsel is with the upright.*”
- (Jeremiah 33:3) – Things we don’t know about the future.
- (Ps. 32:8-9) – A promise to instruct / teach / guide with His eye.

WHILE... HUMAN **REASON** HAS LIMITS.

- The Spirit of God reveals what intellect cannot reach.

PAUL...

- Wanted the Corinthian believers to trust in God for revelation.
  - NOT put confidence in the skill of a human messenger.

(1 Thess. 2:13) NKJV

*“For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.”*

**HERE’S THE POINT...**

- Truth originates from God NOT man –it *revelation*.

## **INSIGHT #3 – GODLY INSPIRATION**

- We don’t just receive Biblical truths...
  - We proclaim them.
    - Inspiration is the Spirit guiding us to proclaim truth.
- While salvation is personal – it’s never private.
  - If you’ve received grace...
    - The Holy Spirit uses you to proclaim grace.

## **INSIGHT #4 – GODLY ILLUMINATION**

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The gospel seems foolish to someone spiritually dead.

- This is NOT an intelligence issue.
  - It's a spiritual condition issue.

BELIEVERS...

- Have “*the mind of Christ.*”

ILLUMINATION...

- Is the Spirit of God enabling believers to understand truth.

**HERE'S HOW IT LOOKS PRACTICALLY:**

- We begin thinking from God's perspective...
  - And our values, priorities, & understanding change.
- We interpret life through the cross...
  - Because the love of God fills our heart.
- We understand this world is NOT our home...
  - So the brevity of life grips our hearts with a kingdom focus.

**~ IN CLOSING ~**

THE SIMPLE TRUTH IS...

- Jesus died for your sin...
  - He rose from the grave...
    - And He invites you to trust Him.