

THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT

If You Will Do His Will, You Will Know His Will

- I. **There are THINGS the Holy Spirit has for us, wants show us, wants to do through us, wants to manifest to us-1Co12:1-Concerning spiritual, brethren, I would not have you ignorant-CJ-The things of the Spirit**
- II. **The things of the Spirit are spiritually discerned which means they go beyond natural understanding-1Co2:14-The natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned (Natural-Sensual, governed by senses; Foolish-Silly, absurd; Know-Understand; Discern-Discover, known, see)**
- A. Mysteries of God/kingdom-1Cor4:1, Mt13:11-TH-Not obvious to the understanding-W18-Beyond human comprehension
- B. When the Holy Ghost manifests it is sure to go beyond your understanding
Many are closed off to anything beyond their understanding
- C. What you do when the Holy Spirit moves and it goes beyond your understanding determines the rest of your dealings with Him-What will you do when you encounter something you don't understand
- III. **The key to knowing if something is or isn't God is being willing to conform to God's will (whatever it may be) and if you are willing to conform to God's will (whatever it may be), you will know what is and isn't God-Jn7:12-There was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceives the people.¹⁶Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.¹⁷If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself**
- A. If you're unwilling to conform to God's will you won't know His will- Not because you didn't hear enough scriptures but because you're unwilling to conform; You'll never know it no matter how many scriptures you hear
- B. Resolving to go with God whatever that means opens you up to know what actually is God-EX-If speaking in tongues is God I'm speaking in tongues; That opens you up to know whether tongues is really God
- C. Because they were unwilling they didn't discern what was God-Jr42:6-Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of the Lord our God-Jr43:2-You speak falsely: the Lord our God hath not sent you to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there
- IV. **We are not to lean to our own understanding-Pr3:5-Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean (ST-Rely-TH-Trust in) not unto thine own understanding (ST-Knowledge, TH-Discernment).⁶In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.⁷Be not wise in thine own eyes..**
- A. Don't lean to your own understanding-To know what's right and wrong, what is/isn't God, what is/isn't real, don't trust it; It'll lie to you; It's an unreliable source for what's God/what's not-1Co2:14-AM
- B. Instead of leaning to your own understanding acknowledge Him-Rely on Him to reveal to you what's right/wrong, real/not, Him/not

C. Don't be wise in your own eyes-You're not smart about the things of The Spirit apart from getting knowledge directly from The Spirit about them

1. The world is foolish to us-**1Co1:21**-I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and willing bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent...²⁵foolishness of God is wiser than men...²⁷God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise...^{3:18}If any man among you seems to be wise in this world let him become a fool that he may be wise. ¹⁹The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God...²⁰The thoughts of the wise...they are vain

V. **Natural man is governed by his senses and natural reasoning and anything beyond his five senses and reasoning he won't accept**-**Rm8:6-AC**-The mind of the flesh [is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit]

A. Christians can live like natural men-Governed by the senses and natural understanding-**1Co2:14-3:1**-I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal...³For ye are yet carnal...and walk as men?

B. Much of the church lives on a human level (walks by sight)-**1Co2:14-NTFE**-Someone living at the merely human level doesn't accept the things of God's spirit-**TP**-Rejects...for they make no sense to him