



**Sermon Series:** Set Apart: A Life Lived for God

**To be used with Session 3:** Set Apart but Not Alone

**Sermon Title Possibilities:** Entrance into True Wisdom

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

**Connection with Unit Theme:** To complement the Bible study “Set Apart: A Life Lived for God” this sermon will identify our source of true wisdom. The apostle Paul recalls that how the Christian obtains wisdom is in contrast with the world’s source. The Holy Spirit of God leads, guides, and directs the believer by revealing the mystery of Jesus active in the lives of those set apart for His purposes. The Corinthian church sought wisdom that could only be revealed by the Holy Spirit of God. The true wisdom of God could not be learned about only, it must entered by invitation of Our Lord and Savior.

**Introduction:** The world around us has become digital, therefore our excess to information is enormous. We are bombarded by misinformation, lies, and confirmation bias that it is difficult to establish a ‘wisdom’ lane. According to Jason Thacker a writer with Ethics Religious and Liberty Commission, “One of the most subtle and deleterious effects of technology today is how our society perceives truth and how the information overload we face each day is causing all of us to lose a grip on reality.”<sup>i</sup> Even some Christians are being swept away into cultural issues that are constantly shifting because they don’t have a solid footing on reality. However, God is still in control and Paul delivers a message to the Corinthian church that can be applied to the church today. That message is that the true wisdom of God is here and will never leave us alone. We enter in a relationship with Christ to receive this wisdom and the world cannot rid us of this wisdom because it has been deposited within every believer through the Holy Spirit of God.

### **1. True Wisdom extended (vv. 6-8)**

The life of the Christian is to live set apart from the world. This world is not our home, but we are destined to be used by God while we are here. The church in Corinth much like the church today, was being enamored by the world and being convinced that the wisdom of the age would bring lastly peace and satisfaction. However, Paul’s letter offered little

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rebuttal to worldly wisdom. Instead, he chooses to allow them to see the wisdom that God extended to them. This true wisdom extended had eternal ramifications on their lives. The mature believers understand that we are destined for more than what the world can offer. The current age rejects the message of the gospel and is convinced that something else will satisfy. However, this invitation of the gospel message extended of Christ death, burial, and resurrection is the true wisdom. Our acceptance of Christ leads to a relationship with God.

## **2. True Wisdom experienced (vv. 9-11)**

We experience God through the Holy Spirit. John 14:26 explains, But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit —the Father will send Him in My name—will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you. The believer in Jesus Christ has been gifted with an experience in true wisdom that has been deposited within them. Unlike conventional sources for gaining wisdom, the believer has a whole life to discover the fruits of the spirit that now reside within them. As we remove the decay of our life before Christ and connect to the Holy Spirit that helps us apply the Word of God in our lives we are being transformed. We get to enjoy a peace, joy, and fulfillment that we can never acquire from the wisdom of the world. The Spirit of God relays the thoughts of God to the believer that they may live experience a full life in Christ.

## **3. True Wisdom exercised (vv. 12,13)**

The Christian walks in freedom from sin and with every advantage can exercise his gifts for God. It is important that we remain close to God in his Word, but we should also not feel pressured to know all things perfectly. The spirit of the world is concerned about being perfectly suited to impressively deliver a presentation so good that it has men wanting to congratulate our hard work. But the Spirit of God searches the hearts and cuts through to transform men and have God be glorified. (Hebrews 4:12) When we see God work in a person's life the servant and the hearer can praise God. Luke 12:12 states, "For the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what must be said." Our posture must be to stay close to Christ and the Holy Spirit will accomplish its saving work.

**Conclusion:** Now what? God's heart is directed towards his people fulfilling his Great Commission. And he empowers us with his Holy Spirit that it may be accomplished. The believer in relationship with God is referred to as the spiritual person. Our culture screams far too often they are spiritual and not religious, but God remarkably transforms his people to truly house his Spirit thus we are spiritual beings. According to Morris, "Because the Spirit who reveals is truly God, what he reveals is the truth of God."<sup>1</sup> We have been extended that invitation of abiding in Christ that we may experience his indwelling Spirit and exercise sharing

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<sup>1</sup> Morris, L. (1985). [\*1 Corinthians: an introduction and commentary\*](#) (Vol. 7, p. 62). InterVarsity Press.

this gift with all we encounter. How might we accomplish sharing God's indwelling Spirit with others in our lives?

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<sup>i</sup> 4 ethical issues in technology to watch for in 2022, downloaded from ERLC.