



CHAPTER 2

Spiritual Understanding

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SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING

The Scriptural principles quoted in Appendix A may not be accepted or understood by the person who is not a believer in Jesus Christ. In fact, these truths will be foolishness to the unbeliever. How can I be certain about that? God Himself said so as follows:

I Corinthians 2:7-16

No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" – but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. 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.

(See also Matthew 13:11; John 8:43; John 13:7; John 14:17; John 16:12; Romans 11:33; I Corinthians 1:18-25; Ephesians 3:4-5; I John 5:20)

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The Bible says that a Christian can understand scriptural truths and receive instruction from God, while the unbeliever cannot. This explains why a marriage relationship is seriously out of whack if one spouse is a Christian and the other spouse is not a Christian. God himself describes such a situation as being "unequally yoked."

I Corinthians 7:39 A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, **but he must belong to the Lord.**

II Corinthians 6:14-16 Do not be **yoked together** with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

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The equal yoke principle is discussed further in the next Chapter. Both you and your spouse should be pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus

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(Philippians 3:14), and striving to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (II Peter 3:18). Attached hereto as Appendices C and D are **Accountability Questions for Men** and **Accountability Questions for Women**. Review those questions. How are doing? Also review Appendix E, **Principles for Christian Living**. I urge you to remain transparent before the Lord and to review these matters regularly and honestly. Furthermore, I suggest that you stand accountable to your spouse in the areas listed in said lists.

VERY IMPORTANT:

If you are not certain that you are a true Christian – if you are not absolutely sure that you have received Jesus Christ as your Savior – **please** study Appendix B.

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