

Praying in the Spirit

Definition: In the Spirit, is to be dependent on what the Holy Spirit knows and understands, rather than functioning from my own mind, will or emotions (Strength of soul). It is to yield myself to the wisdom from above, rather than the limitations of human wisdom or instruction. It is to live and speak from dependence upon His indwelling life, rather than leaning on my own understanding.

Waiting/Watching—Listening/Learning

Jesus modeled humility in all that He did and said. He demonstrated what it looks like to only say what He heard the Father saying, and only doing what He saw the Father doing. (John 5:19, 8:28-29, 12:49)

Upon our 'new birth', we are filled with the Holy Spirit—no longer limited to the realm of human knowledge or our natural capacities (I Corinthians 2:1-16)

Not persuasive words of wisdom/ but demonstration of the Spirit/power (vs 4)

Wisdom of men/ power of God (Vs 5)

Wisdom of the Lord for the mature / wisdom of the world (tree of knowledge of good/ evil) (vs 6)

Wisdom in a mystery/hidden—given to us (Vs 7, Job 28, James 1:2-7, 3:13-18)

Wisdom from above—not gained by natural practices/means (vs 8-9)

There is a spirit of the world/ Spirit of God—which kingdom we are in submission to, determines which one we will hear from. (Vs 12)

Wisdom for those dependent on hearing (vs 14, I Cor 1:18-30, I Cor 3:18-21)

Submission to the Spirit

Original Design An Us/ God Thing

Spirit—to relate to the spiritual realm

Soul—to relate to the natural realm

Body—to relate with our senses

We were designed to be “governed”.

Designed to co-operate under that “governing”.

What happened at the fall-----began to function independently:

man-----God

man-----woman

soul-----spirit

When the soul functions independent of the Spirit, the soul becomes director and acts as Lord of our hearts.

The disconnection of soul to spirit leaves a soul that requires external spiritual stimulation and is self-focused.

This principle of submission is so significant that God Himself put on flesh and demonstrated the way back from our state of rebellion.

What Does Submission Have to do with Prayer

It is a Matter of Worship

Heb 10:5-9

Rom 12:1-2

It is the Primary Principle in the Lord's Prayer

Matt 6:10

Prayer from a Submitted Will

It is about learning to respond in prayer—rather than lead.

Submission is Key to Power and Authority in Prayer

John 15:7

Matthew 26:42

John 14:10-15

John 10:37-38

John 15:4-7

Praying in Agreement:

- Different than WWJD
- Listening before speaking
- Allowing the Holy Spirit to use your lips to speak
- Corporate hearing is dependent on personal listening