

THE MIND OF CHRIST

We are transformed by the renewing of our mind (Romans 12:2), by which we are reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:17-20), and have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16).

Spiritual maturity is evidenced by being rightly related to God.

Healing prayer (listening prayer) is led by the Spirit (Romans 8:26-27).

Intercessory prayer must also be led by the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:11).

- How do you know when an insight is from the Spirit rather than a product of your own reasoning?
- How do you distinguish between your thoughts (paradigm) and the Spirit's?
- How do you know whether to follow an impulse or treat it as a distraction?
- How do you know when you are operating with the mind of Christ?

The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? - Genesis 18:17

This chapter (Genesis 18) brings out the delight of real friendship with God as compared with occasional feelings of His presence in prayer. To be so much in contact with God that you never need to ask Him to show you His will, is to be nearing the final stage of your discipline in the life of faith.

When you are rightly related to God, it is a life of freedom and liberty and delight, you *are* God's will, and all your common-sense decisions are His will for you unless He checks. You decide things in perfect delightful friendship with God, knowing that if your decisions are wrong He will always check; when He checks, stop at once.

(Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest, Friendship with God - Page 80)

- How have you discovered the will of God in past situations?
- How would you characterize your current relationship status with God?
- What builds your confidence in knowing His will?
- How do you recognize when He checks?
- Where in your life do you operate apart from God?
- What circumstances must you avoid to remain in contact with Him?

For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. - 1 Corinthians 2:11

"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ. - 1 Corinthians 2:16