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Man's wisdom -

The purpose of life for most of mankind:

- 1. Satisfying our desires**
- 2. Elevating ourselves**
- 3. Death**

God's wisdom -

The purpose of life for a few:

- 1. Choose God's will over our own**
- 2. Glorify God**
- 3. Life**

God has made foolish the wisdom of this world

1 Corinthians 1

³⁰ But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

- ▶ God brought us into Christ
- ▶ He showed us His wisdom in Christ
- ▶ By being in Christ, and choosing God's wisdom we are made righteous.
- ▶ We are made useable for God's purpose by the sacrifice of Christ

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¹ And I, brethren, when I came to you, came **not with excellency of speech or of wisdom**, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

- **not with eloquence or clever arguments**

Jesus Is Christ

- Acts 18:4

⁴ And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. ⁵ And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews *that Jesus was Christ*.

1 Corinthians 2

² For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

- Paul resolved not to depend on human knowledge

1 Corinthians 1:17 - For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

1 Corinthians 2

³ And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

- ▶ Paul was nervous and afraid when he spoke to them

1 Corinthians 2

4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

- ▶ **It is the word of God that changes people**
- ▶ **We all know enough to say a few words to people we meet**

1 Corinthians 2

5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

The Problems of the Ecclesia

- envying, strife, and division (3:3)
- pride and arrogance (4:6-8)
- fornication was permitted to continue (5:1-2)
- wronged and sued each other (6:1,6-8.)
- questioned the need for head coverings (11:1-16)
- turned the Lord's supper into feasting and drinking (11:21-22)
- used spiritual gifts to glorify themselves (14:1-32)
- questioned the resurrection (15:12-20)

1 Corinthians 2

⁶ Howbeit **we** speak wisdom among them that are **perfect**: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, **that come to nought**:

- ▶ **we** - apostles and teachers sent by God
- ▶ **perfect** - spiritually mature
- ▶ The world's wisdom is coming to nothing

1 Corinthians 2

⁷ But we speak the wisdom of God in a **mystery**, even the hidden *wisdom*, which **God ordained** before the world **unto our glory**:

- ▶ **mystery** - a truth once hidden now revealed
Vines
- ▶ God's plan was unto our glory

1 Corinthians 2

⁸ Which **none of the princes of this world knew**: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified **the Lord of glory**.

- ▶ They were too interested in their power and prestige to listen to the wisdom that Christ spoke.
- ▶ **the Lord of glory** - Christ is our master leading us to true glory.

1 Corinthians 2

⁹ But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

- **Isaiah 64:1-4**

1 Corinthians 2

¹⁰ But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

- ▶ **by his spirit** - God shares his plan with mankind by His words and His power.
- ▶ We develop spiritual minds from the word of God which allows us to search further and develop further.

The natural mind cannot rise any higher than earthly things.

How to receive the Holy Spirit (per the Bible)

*If you're familiar with Christianity, you've probably heard of the Holy Spirit—but what is it, and how does it become a part of your life? Theologians have filled untold pages with their thoughts on the subject, but the simplest answer is that **the Holy Spirit is the presence of God**, and it was sent to guide us after Jesus ascended to heaven. **You will receive the Holy Spirit after you get saved and become a Christian.** However, learning to recognize when the Spirit is moving in you can take a little practice.*

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¹¹ For what man knoweth the things of a man, **save the spirit of man which is in him?** even so the things of God knoweth no man, but **the Spirit of God.**

- ▶ We do not know the thoughts of a person unless we hear their words.
- ▶ In the same way we do not know the things of God unless we hear His words.

1 Corinthians 2

¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

- ▶ What we are teaching is not based on the ideas of man.
- ▶ We have received God's wisdom by His grace.

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¹³ Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; **comparing** spiritual things with spiritual.

► **comparing** = interpreting

Studying the word of God greatly benefits our spiritual development.

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14 But **the natural man** **receiveth not** the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: **neither can he know them,** because they are spiritually discerned.

- ▶ **the natural man** - people who do not go beyond natural thinking
- ▶ **receiveth not** - choose not to accept
- ▶ The things of the spirit cannot be accepted or grasped by people who only have human wisdom.

1 Corinthians 2

¹⁵ But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

- ▶ If we can develop the mind of the spirit we can rightly judge all things.
- ▶ Human judgments are insufficient.

Mark 8:31-33

³¹ And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

A mind still being directed by human wisdom.

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Isaiah 40:13-15

**13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the
LORD, Or being his counsellor hath
taught him? 14 With whom took he
counsel, and who instructed him, And
taught him in the path of judgment,
And taught him knowledge, And
shewed to him the way of
understanding? 15 Behold, the nations
are as a drop of a bucket, And are
counted as the small dust of the
balance:**

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