

From the Source

1 Corinthians 2:10-13

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A. Mind of God (Vs. 10):

1. God – Compared to those who live in a fallen state in the world, we are in possession of the One who has comprehensive power and might and completely reigns over all things.
2. God – God loves us but does not seek our permission to do anything.
3. God revealed – God sovereignly once and for all publicly disclosed, based on His heavenly wisdom, the mystery of how He plans to make Himself available to all those who choose to believe in Him (Matthew 16:17)
4. God revealed – All that God prepared for us will only be made clear by Him.
5. God revealed – All that God prepared for us is made clear only by Him.
6. Through the Spirit – These are believers who purpose in their hearts to willfully act on those things that are based on the truth (John 14:16-17; 16:13). This is their lifetime objective (Philippians 3:2-21).
7. Through the Spirit - The attributes of the Spirit are *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”* (Galatians 5:22-25; NIV)
8. Through the Spirit – Getting to understand His revelations only takes place through the Holy Spirit.
9. Search – The Holy Spirit continuously and meticulously investigates all that God does, thinks, and plans to do.
10. Deep – The Holy Spirit’s investigations into the things of God are extremely deep.
11. Deep – There is nothing hidden from the Holy Spirit.

B. Within Us (vs. 11-13):

1. Thoughts of a man - No one can clearly identify, especially the entirety, of what a person intends to do.

2. Who knows the thoughts of a man – A person's thoughts are hidden from everyone, and so is the mind of God.
3. Except the spirit of man – The immaterial part of man that was breathed into existence by God is so distinctive to each individual that no one can predict or interpret what another person is feeling or thinking without that person telling them what is going on inside of them.
4. The thoughts of God – Interpreting God's truth (the Spirit of truth; John 14:16-17) is impossible without the Holy Spirit.
5. No one knows – No one can have a complete knowledge and understanding of what God is thinking without the Spirit of God.
6. Spirit of God – The Holy Spirit has the very nature of God and has such an intimate relationship with God. He has a complete knowledge and understanding of all that God is thinking and planning to do.
7. Now we have received – We have once and for all been provided the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17; Titus 3:4-8) which is a free gift from God.
8. Not the spirit of the world - When God comes into our lives, He dwells in us (1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20) so that the influences of the world, which are directly opposed to God, are not present within us.
9. Not the spirit of the world – The way of thinking and passions of the world is a spirit that is not of God.
10. Holy Spirit who is from God - The direct objective of God sending the Holy Spirit is for us to possess the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives (1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20) permanently (John 14:16).
11. So that you will know the things - The purpose of the Holy Spirit being deposited in us is so that we can come to the complete knowledge of perfectly knowing God's divine will (Colossians 1:28-29).
12. So that you will know the things - The purpose of the Holy Spirit being deposited in us is so that we can completely experience the movement of God in our lives each day as a result of the full disclosure of His Word.
13. So that you will know the things – To think like the world prevents us from experiencing God.
14. So that you will know the things – We must live in the Spirit; this turns off the world.
15. So that you will know the things – The benefits of living by the Spirit of God are:
 - a) We can continuously come to a complete experience of God.
 - b) God becomes a daily experience, not just a message.
 - c) The Spirit reminds us of God's Word and makes it plain (John 14:26; 16:13).
 - d) God continuously directs our path (Proverbs 3:5-6).
 - e) Our knowledge of God provides blessings and power against Satan (Proverbs 24:3-5; Hebrews 4:12).
16. Freely given – The provision of the Holy Spirit is due to the unconditional generosity of God. This was done based on the sovereign will of God.

17. Which things we also speak – It is because of the free, unmerited gift of the Holy Spirit in us that allows Paul to express what God is leading him to say in the letter.
18. Which things we also speak – We can better understand God's Word when we live by His Spirit.
19. Which things we also speak – The world does not need to approve what we think before we believe and live it.
20. Not words thought by human wisdom – The inward thoughts that the Holy Spirit provides are not knowledge that is gained from someone's daily experiences.
21. Not words thought by human wisdom – Paul's expressions in this passage are not acquired based on anyone's ability to intellectually, skillfully communicate what God is saying (1 Corinthians 1:17; 2:4).
22. Those thought by Holy Spirit – What Paul taught was led and controlled by the Holy Spirit, who is the very nature of God. Because the Holy Spirit is the very nature of God, a believer can learn the deepest things of God (Ephesians 3:19-21).
23. Combining spiritual thought with spiritual words - Because of the deposit of the Holy Spirit, we can judge issues correctly (Hebrews 5:14).
24. Combining spiritual thought with spiritual words - Because of the deposit of the Holy Spirit, we can with a complete spiritual understanding, clearly explain what God is saying.
25. Combining spiritual thought with spiritual words - Because of the deposit of the Holy Spirit, we can discern what is of God, as the Holy Spirit, who has a clear and complete understanding of all things, can expose all that God intends to say to us is in harmony with God.
26. Combining spiritual thought with spiritual words – When the Spirit is in control:
 - a) God's word makes more sense, so we can better apply it daily.
 - b) Making good decisions is more consistent.
 - c) We can discern what is of God and what is not (Hebrews 5:14).
 - d) As a result we can walk in step with the Spirit for a blessed life (John 15:8-10).