

Just a Thought

Perception

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Merriam Webster's on-line dictionary defines "perception" as "the way you think about or understand someone or something."

1 Corinthians 2: 6-16 tells us that, in order to understand the things of God (spiritual things), we must have the Spirit of God. (Vs. 14 "But the natural man does not welcome what comes from God's Spirit, because it is foolishness to him; he is not able to know it since it is evaluated spiritually.")

We are told in chapter three that we can be babies in our understanding. So we see that, as Christians, we receive the Holy Spirit and He begins to teach us. As we grow, study, and open ourselves to the Spirit, we become more and more mature in our thinking. We receive Spiritual Wisdom. Our perception changes.

A story told to me about my young great-grandson is an example of a difference in perception. His mother asked his sisters how they had slept the night before and they replied that they had not slept well. One had a bad dream; the other just did not rest well. When he was asked the same question, he replied that he had slept on his back and on his pillow. That is a small difference in perception. How great a difference is there in our understanding of spiritual things with or without the help of the Holy Spirit? Paul said we cannot understand without His help.

We are told in James 1:5 that if we want wisdom we should ask God. He will give it to us. I don't think we should expect some holy download. He will, though, enlighten our minds as we pray, study, and think on the things of God. A passage in the Bible might have new meaning as we read. He wants us to know Him and the truth He has given us. We have to seek, and we will find.



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