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 - not intellectual inability to understand what we read.

 - the spiritual inability to take to heart what we read.

- ❑ To move from reading to responding, invite the Spirit to cause you to take to heart the Word of God.

Getting Started: Who is someone you know that you consider very wise? Why?

Digging In: Read 1 Corinthians 2. What does Paul say about the natural man? What is it the natural man cannot understand? What does Paul tell us about the spiritual man? In the context of this chapter, what are the spiritual things Paul is referencing? How does the Holy Spirit help us welcome and receive the Word of God into our lives (see also Jn 3:19-21; 2 Cor 3:12-4:15; Eph 1:13-19; Col 1:9-14; 1 Jn 1:5-7)?

Living It Out: On a scale of 1-10, how strongly do you agree with this statement, "Our problem is not a matter of perception of the meaning of sentences and paragraphs in Scripture as it is the willingness of the reader to receive it"? When has the "mind of Christ" (vs. 16) made a difference in your values, choices and decisions? When have you been resistant to welcoming the truth into your life on all levels? This week, look back to those places of resistance, read the Word, and ask the Spirit to transform your valuing of what the Bible says to these things.



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