



I HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST!

Perhaps you've heard it said that a tell-tale indicator of two people being best friends or soulmates is that they can read each other's minds. Others stand back, amazed, as they watch the connection of two people who know each other so well. They can even finish each other's sentences! When we come into the Kingdom of God, we are given an incredible gift: "the mind of Christ!" Having the *mind of Christ* means that we can actually *think* like God does. This goes much deeper than mere head knowledge, though. The longer we walk with Christ in our new nature, the more we actually *see* people as he does and *feel* the way he feels toward them. God created us in his image and, through the cross, Christ *conforms* us to that very image (see Romans 8:29). The word "conformed" there means to be shaped, adjusted and literally morphed into the likeness of something else. It actually goes a little deeper than that. The word is "morphed with" and means that the one doing the morphing is actually with us intimately in every step of the shaping process. We are being morphed *by* him — and we are being morphed *with* him. Our destiny is to see, think, act and feel like Christ does, and he joins us for every step of our transformation. You *have* the mind of Christ. Ask God to tear down areas where you are stuck in your own thinking and to reveal those you aren't even aware of yet. After all, the danger with deception is that you don't know that you're deceived! Receive anew the anointing to see yourself, your family and others the way that he sees them! It is yours.

"We *have* the *mind* of Christ" 1 Corinthians 2:16 – Emphasis added.

"From now on we *regard no one from a worldly point of view*. Through we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here" 2 Corinthians 5:16-17 – Emphasis added.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any places you are stuck in old ways and patterns of thinking. Check any that come to mind.
 - God is disappointed in me
 - I will always wrestle with this sin
 - I am rejected/second rate
 - God does not hear/answer my prayers
 - I will not have what I need
 - Other _____
2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-17 again. Is there anyone you are presently seeing "from a worldly point of view?" Think especially of people you are critical, harsh or judgmental toward. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see them with his mind and his heart.

PRAYER:

Father, I agree with your Word that I have the mind of Christ. I am astounded that you would conform me to be like you. Help me to be more aware of all the ways you walk with me today. I agree that I can and will hear your voice. I break any curse or fear that has kept me from confidently recognizing what you want to say to me. I declare that I will be led by the Holy Spirit, and I will understand your Word as I read and study it. I will receive from others as you speak through them. I have discernment and wisdom. Thank you for teaching me. Help me to be teachable today.

LISTENING TIME:

Stop for a few minutes and ask the Lord what he wants to say to you. He might bring to mind a picture, a word, a song, an encouragement, a Scripture or an answer to a burden in your heart. Don't rush or feel pressure to figure out the meaning of your impressions. Just invite him to speak and draw or write down what you sense. Afterward, ask God to help you discern and understand what he is saying to you. You might want to ask other trusted friends in the Kingdom for their input as well.

USE THE FOLLOWING SPACE TO RECORD WHAT GOD IS SAYING



TOOLS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS:

Talk about different ways that we hear God. Recognize that God speaks in different ways to people. Some of us hear, some of us see, some of us might even sense smells or feel a person's emotions. Pray for wisdom and discernment to know how each one senses God. Encourage one another.

TOOLS FOR PRAYING FOR OTHERS:

Pray for a fellow believer who is struggling to hear the voice of God. Pray that they will hear him clearly speak to them and specifically for any blockages that are keeping them from recognizing God's voice to be removed.