

LESSON 4: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-9

The Mind of Christ

1. What were Paul's motives for preaching the Gospel, and what were his methods (vv. 2:1-5)?
2. How has the discussion about the wisdom of God and the world in chapter 1 affected Paul's conduct (vv. 1-5)? If you accept the points made in chapter 1, how has, or how should your conduct be affected?
3. Why was it good for Paul that he had previously come to Corinth in weakness and fear (vv. 3,5)?
4. What does "with a demonstration of the Spirit's power" rather than "with wise and persuasive words" mean (v. 4)? Does Romans 15:13 help? Can you think of any examples in the Book of Acts? In your own life, perhaps?
5. What is God's "secret wisdom," and why had it been hidden (v. 7; see also Romans 16:25-27)? Was it fair for God to have hidden his wisdom from the world?