



**Please  
Stay on  
the Path**



**Depend On The Holy Spirit  
- 1 Corinthians 2:6-16**

If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95 percent of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference. If the Holy Spirit had been withdrawn from the New Testament church, 95 percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference.

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# What does it mean to be spiritual?

- “What it means to be spiritual is tied to the cross, and to nothing else.” D.A. Carson
- The spiritual person rejects the wisdom of the world and embraces God’s wisdom



# Contrast #1: Those Who Receive God's Wisdom and Those Who Do Not - 2:6-10a

- Truth is not found in the wisdom of this age - history is divided into two ages: present age and the coming age
- Mature refers to Christians who value the cross in contrast to a culture that rejects it



# Wisdom of the Cross

- The message of the cross was hidden in the past but now revealed
- The cross has always been the plan of God
- We only understand God's plan because he has revealed it by the Holy Spirit



# Contrast #2: The Spirit of God and the Spirit of the World

- Major premise: Only a person's own mind knows their thoughts
- Minor premise: Christians have the Holy Spirit
- Conclusion: Christians can know God's thoughts as the Spirit reveals them



# Contrast #3: The “Natural” Person and the “Spiritual” Person - 2:14-16

- Natural - “one who lives on the purely material plane, without being touched by the Spirit of God



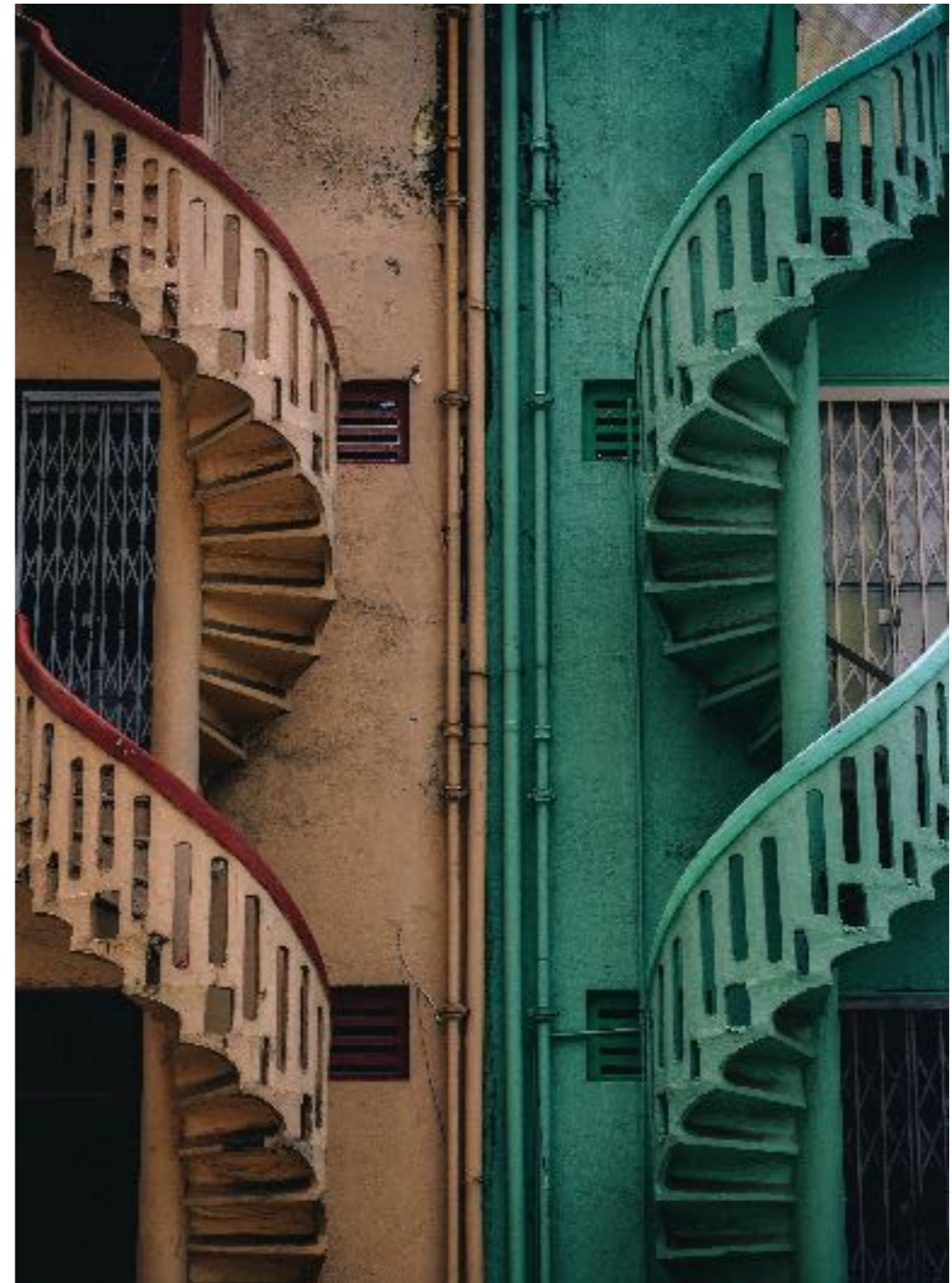


**This kind of individual “lives as if there was nothing beyond the physical life and there were no needs other than material needs.” Such a person “thinks that nothing is more important than the satisfaction of the sex urge” and thus “cannot understand the meaning of chastity.” One “who ranks the amassing of material things as the supreme end of life cannot understand generosity,” and one “who has never a thought beyond this world cannot understand the things of God.”**

*–William Barclay*

# A World of Understanding

- Not subject to any man's judgment? - Not an elite group of Christians
- The Christian can speak from experience about two worlds



# What Now

- Linger
- Confess Sin
- Trust God

