

## 1 Corinthians 2:16

*For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.*

I heard a story that goes something like this.

A child went to her dad asking him for a pony. But not only asking for the pony, but also saying to her dad, *"Okay dad, today I want you to get up early and have your devotional time with the Lord, then take a shower and have your breakfast. Then go to work early and work ten... no, twelve hours a day, because I "WANT" you to get me this pony."*

Now if your child came to you like that, how would you feel? Would you even consider giving that child a pony, or anything else? I know that sounds crazy, but how many times do we go to God in prayer, saying the same thing in a sense, asking Him for something, but also telling Him how to provide it for us.

Notice Paul says, *"But we have the mind of Christ"* and if you think about it, the mind of Christ was always to point others to God and not Himself.

† **John 8:29** *And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.*

Also, when you read of Jesus praying, He never told God how to do something. When He healed a person with leprosy, you never heard Jesus say, *"Ok Father, this is how we are going to do this. Have the person with leprosy call out to Me and I will call him over, then as soon as I touch the person with leprosy, You go ahead and heal him, and I'll say something like, 'Your cleansed of your leprosy' Yeah, I'm sure that will look really good."*

I know that sounds ridiculous, and if you think about it, when we read of Jesus going off to pray all night, it's very likely He was getting instructions for the next day. It was not Jesus telling God what He thinks He should do and how God the Father should step in and add to it.

We even spend time with the Lord each day, and as we do, we do so that we can hear from the Lord, not to tell the Lord what our plans are and telling Him how He can fit into those plans.

We all love this next verse which reads,

† **Psalms 119:105** *Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.*

Yet are we praying, *"Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. So whatever path I want to shine that light on, You light it up and make it smooth."* Instead of, *"Lord, Your*

*word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. Please light the path that I may follow Your will, Your ways and not my own."*

† **James 4:15-17** *Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.*

† **Psalm 25:9** *The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way.*