



Life Lessons from 1 Corinthians, Chapter 2

I remember the first time I had to stand up before others and speak. It was my senior year in high school, and I had to give a presentation to my International Relations class. So, when it was my turn, I stood up, and instead of speaking, I began to laugh. But unfortunately, it was uncontrollable, nervous laughter, and I could not continue.

In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he reminded them that he came to them "in weakness - timid and trembling." ([1 Corinthians 2:3](#)) I'm encouraged to learn that even the best missionary was nervous! (Alas, I don't see any reference to Paul laughing!)

During Paul's time, people were very impressed by good speakers. Great speakers were like the movie and sports celebrities of today. And the Corinthians expected Paul to be the same way. But Paul knew the approach he was to take, and it wasn't to impress others with his eloquence or big words.

Paul wasn't there to start Paul's fan club, website, Facebook page, or become an Instagram influencer. Instead, Paul's goal was to point others to Jesus. He wanted them to know and love Jesus, not himself. And he knew the best way to do that was to rely *not* on his ability but on the Holy Spirit's power.



The Holy Spirit comes to live in you when you receive Christ by faith. In 1 Corinthians, chapter 2, Paul reminds his readers that they have the power of the Holy Spirit in them who will enable them to do what God has asked them to do. Paul knew the power he had to teach



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came from God's Spirit, not himself. Our human weakness will not hinder God's message.

The Holy Spirit will also enable us to understand God's Word. No amount of human teaching can replace the Holy Spirit's teaching. The Holy Spirit reveals God to us. We cannot know Him through the wisdom and power of man, but those who have the mind of Christ can understand the truths of God.

"For, "Who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?" But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ." [1 Corinthians 2:16](#)

How often do you pray before you read and study your Bible? The essential first step is praying for the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you and help you understand. What do you attempt to do in your own power, trying to look good and impress others? Rely on the Holy Spirit's power, allowing Him to use your life as He pleases.

Whenever you share the message of Christ, keep Christ at the front and rely on the Spirit because you've got the power!

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