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## Spiritual Dependency

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1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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### 1. A need for \_\_\_\_\_ faith

1 Corinthians 2:1-9

- a) Your faith should not rest on \_\_\_\_\_ speech or wisdom but on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (vs. 1)
  - b) Your faith should not rest on \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge but on Jesus Christ and His \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 2-3)
  - c) Your faith should not rest on the \_\_\_\_\_ of men but on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (vs. 5)
  - d) Your faith should not rest on the wisdom of this \_\_\_\_\_ or the rulers of this age but on \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom (vs. 6-8)
  - e) Your faith should not rest on what you \_\_\_\_\_ and hear but on God who \_\_\_\_\_ you (vs. 9)
- A \_\_\_\_\_ faith keeps your focus on the work of God and not the work of man.

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### 2. The need for Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 2:10-16

- a) God reveals His \_\_\_\_\_ through the Spirit (vs. 10-11)
  - b) We have received the Spirit to know the things \_\_\_\_\_ given by God (vs. 12)
  - c) The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us spiritual truth (vs. 13)
  - d) Things of spiritual value seem \_\_\_\_\_ to an unspiritual man (vs. 14)
  - e) Spiritual men value spiritual things but their lives are not \_\_\_\_\_ by unspiritual men (vs. 15)
  - f) The Spirit helps us to have the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (vs. 16)
- Spiritual illumination \_\_\_\_\_ your Christian living.

### ❖ Insight for life:

I will develop a spiritual dependency that is built on God and not on people.

### My Thoughts:

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### 1. A need for Biblical faith

1 Corinthians 2:1-9

- a) Your faith should not rest on superior speech or wisdom but on the testimony of God (vs. 1)
- b) Your faith should not rest on great knowledge but on Jesus Christ and His crucifixion (vs. 2-3)
- c) Your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men but on the power of God (vs. 5)
- d) Your faith should not rest on the wisdom of this age or the rulers of this age but on God's wisdom (vs. 6-8)
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### 2. The need for Spiritual illumination

1 Corinthians 2:10-16

- a) God reveals His wisdom through the Spirit (vs. 10-11)
- b) We have received the Spirit to know the things freely given by God (vs. 12)
- c) The Spirit teaches us spiritual truth (vs. 13)
- d) Things of spiritual value seem foolish to an unspiritual man (vs. 14)
- e) Spiritual men value spiritual things but their lives are not valued by unspiritual men (vs. 15)
- f) The Spirit helps us to have the mind of Christ (vs. 16)
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