



# 1 Corinthians

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*1 Corinthians 2:8-12 (ESV)*

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*“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”*

*10 But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets. 11 No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. 12 And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.*



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The spiritual realm is real

There is a spiritual battle for the souls of people

How do you recognise a spiritual battle?

1. Intensity
2. Frequency
3. Discernment

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*Isaiah 64:4 For since the world began, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him!*

**God desires good for us.**

*John 10:10 The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.*

## **10 But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets.**

God has always desired for us to know Him. Sin was never His desire.

True love will allow free choice.

True love will reveal all of yourself and be vulnerable.



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God desires for us to know His heart

God gave us His Spirit

- 1) The spiritual realm is real**
- 2) The spiritual battle for your soul is real**
- 3) God gave us His Spirit to accomplish both**

