

EXHORTATIONS FROM THE FATHER

["Reflections" Of The Father's Heart]

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* The heart that pursues "sense-knowledge" as their final authority has NO capacity for the reception of spiritual understanding.

"sense knowledge" - that which is perceived by what one feels, hears, sees or thinks based on their outward circumstances; that which is perceived through the soul [*mind, will, emotions*] - apart from "revelation" in the inner man [*spirit, heart*] through the Holy Spirit - Who is the Spirit of wisdom and revelation;

*.... "These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them. "In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; and they have no firm root in themselves, but are only temporary; then, when **affliction** or **persecution** arises because of the word, immediately they fall away. "And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, but **the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things** [that are apart from God's Will] enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful".... Mark 4:15-20 NASB*

.... "And those sown on the good (well-adapted) soil [good ground of the heart] are the ones who hear the Word and receive and accept and welcome it and bear fruit -some thirty times as much as was sown, some sixty times as much, and some [even] a hundred times as much".... Mark 4:20 The Amplified Translation

.... "Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding [sense-knowledge]. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths".... Proverbs 3:5-6 The Amplified Translation

.... "The entrance and unfolding of Your words [into one's heart] give light; their unfolding gives understanding [discernment and comprehension]".... Psalms 119:130 The Amplified Translation

...."For this reason also, since the day we heard [of it,] we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge [a revelation] of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please [Him] in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son".... Colossians 1:9-13 NASB