

EXHORTATIONS FROM THE FATHER

["Reflections" Of The Father's Heart]

[May 27th]

* When one "allows" themselves *[through pride and self-seeking]* to be bound by the "spirit of the world" *[and the darkness that is its spontaneous fruit]* their ability to discern from that place *[as opposed to My Kingdom]* is ALWAYS rooted and grounded in their "own" fears and concerns of how something or someone is negatively affecting their "own" agenda.

.... "Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever".... 1 John 2:15-17 NASB

*.... "But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, 'What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him [who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed]. [Isa. 64:4; 65:17.]' Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit, for the [Holy] Spirit searches diligently, exploring and examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God [the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man's scrutiny]. For what person perceives [knows and understands] what passes through a man's thoughts except the man's own spirit within him? **Just so no one discerns [comes to know and comprehend] the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.** Now we have not received the spirit [that belongs to] the world, but the [Holy] Spirit Who is from God, [given to us] that we might realize and comprehend and appreciate the gifts [of divine favor and blessing so freely and lavishly] bestowed on us by God. And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the [Holy] Spirit, combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language [to those who possess the Holy Spirit]. **But the natural, nonspiritual man does not [recognize] accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly [meaningless nonsense] to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of***

*progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are spiritually discerned and estimated and appreciated. But the spiritual man tries all things [he examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern or appraise or get an insight into him]. For who has known or understood the mind [the counsels and purposes] of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But **we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.** [Isa. 40:13]".... 1 Corinthians 2:9-16 The Amplified Translation*