

Vantage Points, part 2: 5 Vantage Points

1 Corinthians 2:9-11

⁹ but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And *which* have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him." ¹⁰ For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

John 16:13

¹³ But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

5 Vantage Points- 5 high and holy places you might go to in the Spirit while seeking to know the full truth

The Son: What has the Spirit of Jesus been speaking to you?

Hebrews 1:1-2

¹ God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

God signing on, not signing off

Galatians 4:6 ⁶ Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

1 Corinthians 2:16 ¹⁶ For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.

When you want to know the truth, ask Jesus first! Then quiet your heart and listen. His sheep hear His voice!
Simple people are confounding the wise all the time because they expect to and do hear from God.

Psalms 119:49 ⁴⁹ Remember the word to Your servant, In which You have made me hope.

The Law: The Word of God- What has God spoken in the Scriptures?

Psalms 119:89 ⁸⁹ Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Luke 24:32

³² They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

Even the written Scriptures require the activation of the Spirit to be truly helpful in our quest for truth.
Once activated and brought to life for us, they are a mighty source of encouragement and understanding.

The Prophets- What are God's faithful servants saying?

Amos 3:7 ⁷ Surely the Lord God does nothing Unless He reveals His secret counsel To His servants the prophets.

1 Corinthians 14:5 ⁵ Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but *even* more that you would prophesy; and greater is one who prophesies than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may receive edifying.

1 Corinthians 14:31-33

³¹For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted; ³²and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets; ³³for God is not a *God* of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-21

¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit; ²⁰do not despise prophetic utterances. ²¹But examine everything *carefully*; hold fast to that which is good

Prophetic words from trustworthy people should provide a consensus, if there is any word from God on a matter. The church broadly must seek out these words, listen, test, refuse to despise the good, learn and be exhorted.

Study/Investigation- What have you found through diligent searching?

Proverbs 23:23

²³Buy truth, and do not sell it, *Get* wisdom and instruction and understanding.

Deuteronomy 13:12-15

¹²“If you hear in one of your cities, which the Lord your God is giving you to live in, *anyone* saying *that* ¹³some worthless men have gone out from among you and have seduced the inhabitants of their city, saying, ‘Let us go and serve other gods’ (whom you have not known), ¹⁴then you shall investigate and search out and inquire thoroughly. If it is true *and* the matter established that this abomination has been done among you, ¹⁵you shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying it and all that is in it and its cattle with the edge of the sword.

If there are credible allegations of the worst violations of Law, you SHALL investigate, search out, and inquire thoroughly. If the matter is found to be true, you SHALL SURELY also punish these transgressions to the fullest extent of the Law. Truth crisis: Statistical anomalies, 2000+ affidavits eyewitnesses and participants- burden of proof is on the States Whatever the cost, pay it. The truth is too valuable to pass up go without for lack of diligence!

Discernment/perception- What does your gut tell you?

Psalms 119:66

⁶⁶Teach me good discernment and knowledge, For I believe in Your commandments.

Through faith and familiarity with His commands, we find that God will train our instincts to be a true guide as He leads us into all truth.

Commission:

Romans 8:26-28

²⁶In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words; ²⁷and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*. ²⁸And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.