

### III. THE SPIRITUAL PERSON

This person is saved. They are also walking in the Spirit and growing in Christ.

A. They are spiritually mature.

*“But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.”*

I Corinthians 2:15

B. They have the mind of Christ.

*“For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.”*

I Corinthians 2:16

- The mind of Christ views greatness as servanthood.

*“26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.*

*27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—*

*28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

Matthew 20:26-28

- The mind of Christ is willing to serve for the benefit of others

*“5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,*

*6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,*

*7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.*

*8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”*

Philippians 2:5-8

### LET GOD’S SPIRIT “MOVE IN”

## GET IN THE GAME Let God’s Spirit “Move In” Pastor Steve Reynolds

### INTRODUCTION

- A. Football season is here! Football is 22 people on the field who desperately need a break being watched by thousands of people in the stands who desperately need exercise.

Sadly this sounds a lot like the Church.

20% of the people doing 80% of the work.

WE NEED EVERYONE TO GET IN THE GAME.

Not everyone is gifted to play football, but everyone is gifted to serve God.

*“10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

*11 ... If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified...”*

I Peter 4:10-11b

- B. God doesn’t want you sitting on the bench or hanging out on the sidelines. He wants you in the game using your gifts to minister to others. Our Get In The Game Teaching Series will show you four “moves” to make for winning at serving.

Aug 20 Join Our T.E.A.M.!

TODAY Let God’s Spirit “Move In”

Sep 3 Let The Pastors “Move Over”

Sep 10 Let The People “Move Up”

Sep 17 Let The Church “Move Forward”

Sep 24 Game Time! Let’s Go!

C. TEXT: I Corinthians 2:14-3:4

You must be filled with God’s Spirit to be an effective servant.

## HOW TO LET GOD'S SPIRIT "MOVE IN"

There are three kinds of people.

### I. THE NATURAL PERSON

This person is unsaved and does not have the Holy Spirit.

#### A. They are spiritually apathetic.

*"But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them...."* I Corinthians 2:14a

- No internalization of spiritual things.
- No appreciation of spiritual things.
- No comprehension of spiritual things.

#### B. They are spiritually dead.

*"... because they are spiritually discerned."*  
I Corinthians 2:14b

*"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,  
2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,  
3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others."* Ephesians 2:1-3

## II. THE CARNAL PERSON

This person is saved, but not walking in the Spirit or growing in Christ.

#### A. They are spiritually immature.

*"1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.*

*2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able;*

*3 for you are still carnal...."* I Corinthians 3:1-3a

*"11 We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand.*

*12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!*

*13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.*

*14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.*

*1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection,..."* Hebrews 5:11-6:1a

#### B. They are living as common human beings.

*"...For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?"*

*4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?"*

I Corinthians 3:3b-4

*"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."* John 10:10