

IQ Is No Detriment to Any Believer's Spiritual Growth; All that Is Required Is Interest, Mt 13:15; Thompson on Language; School Options: Private, Christian, or Home

12. However, if a believer has interest he can advance in his knowledge of the Bible all the way to spiritual maturity.
13. In the case of a believer, IQ is not a limiting factor. Available to him are the two power options: (1) the filling of the Holy Spirit plus human IQ results in spiritual IQ. (2) When the Spirit-filled believer avails himself to the teaching of the Word of God, then the Holy Spirit communicates to his human spirit a lucid understanding of infinite divine truth.
14. Regardless of his human IQ, any believer with the aid of the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit can comprehend biblical truth. The only issue he faces is whether or not he considers the information as something he is willing to believe.
15. Pulling the volitional trigger to accept what is heard enables the Holy Spirit to convert the teachings into *epignōsis* understanding and store them in the person's *kardia*.
16. The factor that keeps this process moving forward is the believer's interest in learning the Word and in renovating his soul to line up with divine viewpoint.
17. Solomon's eighth Proverb issues a challenge to the believer to exert interest in the subject of wisdom, which he personifies as a verbal instructor to the naïve and foolish.
18. The major debilitation of the benighted is disinterest, a condition our Lord addressed in:
Matthew 13:15 - The heart of this people has become dull, with their ears they scarcely hear, and they have closed their eyes, otherwise they would see with their eyes, hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and return, and I would heal them.
19. Lack of interest means that even though one may hear the communication of truth, he hears without understanding. The communication of truth can only present the information; there is no guarantee of a receptive ear.
20. The methods by which wisdom is gained physiologically are described by Dr. Richard F. Thompson, Keck Professor of Psychology and Biological Sciences and Senior Scientific Advisor to the Neuroscience Program at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. The phenomena of language, consciousness, and the brain are the subjects of chapter 12 in his book, *The Brain: A Neuroscience Primer*:

Language, Consciousness, and the Brain. Language is the one species-typical behavior that sets humans completely apart from all other animals. We use our native language so naturally and fluently that we are completely unaware of the extraordinary complexity of the process.



