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**What A Fool Believes**

Proverbs 22:15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him. (KJV)

Now when looking at this verse above, we as parents know firsthand that in raising children they do the most foolish things even though they don’t have a clue that it is wrong. We in our past before the Lord thought only of pleasing the outward man without ever realizing there was an inward man starving for attention. We also, even though we are walking around in adult bodies, still have some foolishness that needs to be driven out of us as well.

Proverbs 15:14-15 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness. (15) All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast. (KJV)

What goes into the heart is what will come out of the mouth. We have the opportunity to speak words that are both Spirit and life, and will let the Lord loose on our behalf, or we can speak words that are foolish and will end up binding the Lord instead of the enemy. God has prepared a table for His people, are you feasting on the meat of the Word, or are you settling for the scraps?

1 Corinthians 13:9-11 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. (10) But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. (11) When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. (KJV)

As one grows and matures in their walk with the Lord they are able to see clearly the total picture, and how to be set free from their own childish ways as well as thinking. Sometimes we realize that some of those childish things that we were hanging onto were people from our past who were more of a detriment than uplifting.

Jeremiah 4:22 For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. (KJV)

Carnal Christians are more apt to react in the flesh rather than respond in the Spirit; you know that stuff about being quick to hear and slow to speak, and slow to wrath as well? When one grows up and matures in Christ they take the time to think first, then understand what they are speaking before launching words that can have a deadly affect not only on themselves but others as well.

1 Corinthians 14:20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men. (KJV)

Have you ever heard a child repeat something that the parent said about someone else, and that someone else just happened to be within ear shot? Talk about awkward, yet the child didn’t mean any harm. Oh and just because you got angry about a situation doesn’t mean that you need to be spewing all those toxic words out there for the whole world to hear.

Romans 16:17-19 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. (18) For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. (19) For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil. (KJV)

Your new life in Christ should be totally different from your old fallen one that you left behind. If you encounter those that are not likeminded don’t waste your time trying to please those of the world, rather dust the feet and move on. What a fool believes; well again we see that they are the ones that are more apt to lean unto their own understanding rather than the Lord’s.