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**What A Fool Believes**

1 Corinthians 3:18-19 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. (19) For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. (KJV)

So in order to become wise I have to become a fool? Sounds a bit contradictory doesn’t it, like an oxymoron? Well actually the more you experience the Lord in your life, the more foolish your own ways and thoughts are. You really realize that God created the heavens and the earth without your help or input, and then planned a life for you before the foundation of this world that would lead you to His eternal inheritance before you had time to critique His plan or make your own foolish changes.

1 Corinthians 4:10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. (KJV)

1 Corinthians 4:7-13

2. He compares his own case with that of the Corinthians: "We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are honourable, but we are despised, v. 10. We are fools for Christ's sake; such in common account, and we are well content to be so accounted. We can pass for fools in the world, and be despised as such, so that the wisdom of God and the honour of the gospel may by this means be secured and displayed." Note, Faithful ministers can bear being despised, so that the wisdom of God and the power of his grace be thereby displayed. "But you are wise in Christ. You have the fame of being wise and learned Christians, and you do not a little value yourselves upon it. We are under disgrace for delivering the plain truths of the gospel, and in as plain a manner: you are in reputation for your eloquence and human wisdom, which among many make you pass for wise men in Christ. (from Matthew Henry's Commentary)

I thought I was supposed to quit being a fool for Christ’s sake and seek the wisdom from above? Well actually you are wise when following the Lord, it just seems foolish to our carnal thinking, and to all those carnal people that observe us as well. You are just the opposite of the world and its way of thinking, where they put self first and God last. You the believer in Christ have chosen to seek Him first, which is why you will last in His kingdom and body of believers.

Colossians 4:5-6 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. (6) Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. (KJV)

When I think of words like wisdom and knowledge I know many that have knowledge of the Lord but not the wisdom to walk in it effectively. Many know about the Lord and have studied His word but the wisdom to get His results as well as speak His word properly eludes them, which then puts them back into the category of a fool.

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (15) But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. (16) For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. (KJV)

Haven’t you wasted enough time in the past pursuing foolish things that could never bring peace? When you lean back to your own understanding as well as that carnal mind then the things of God seem foolish rather than the things of man.

Colossians 2:2-4 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; (3) In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (4) And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. (KJV)

So what a fool believes? That they could ever find comfort or peace without an understanding of the mystery of the gospel, where in Christ is hidden all the treasures of God’s wisdom and knowledge for us to operate in. God bless Church, and don’t be fooled again.