

THE WISE FOOL

1 Corinthians 3:18-23

I. Why Pursuing Godly Wisdom Is Better Than Worldly Wisdom (18-20)

A. Living In Truth Is Better Than Self-Deception (18a)

18a Let no one deceive himself.

B. Understanding Objectively Is Better Than Egotistically (18b; Prov 1:1-7)

18b If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.

- Personally, Philosophy Is How One Views The World (Titus 1:9; Heb 5:14)
- Academically, Philosophy Is How One Perceives Truth And Experience
- Religiously, Philosophy Is How One Comprehends Religious Beliefs And Experience (Acts 26:27-28; 18:4; 19:8)
- Logically, Philosophy Is How To Analyze With Reason (Isa 1:18; Rom 1:21-22)

C. Living In God's Reality Is Better Than The Web Of Self-Deception (19; Job 5:13; Col 2:8; Acts 17:17-19, 28)

19 For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness,"

D. An Eternal Perspective Is Better Than A Futility (20; Ps 94:11)

20 and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

II. Why The Accomplishments Of God Is More Admirable Than The Achievements Of Man (21-23)

A. Boasting About Man Leads To Divisiveness (21a; Jer 9:24)

21a So let no one boast in men.

B. Boasting About God Leads To Praise (21b-23)

21b For all things are yours, 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, 23 and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

Conclusion:

- Don't ignore learning about the world, just don't be enamored by it.
- God's wisdom is based on truth, love, revelation and reason.
- Worldly wisdom is temporal, godly wisdom is eternal – prepare for eternity.