

Text: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-22
Topic: Wisdom Conflicts
Study First Corinthians
Week 1 of 4
Series 5

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Man's Wisdom vs. God's Wisdom Winning the Battle of Wits

1. Realize the _____ (v 18)

2. Embrace God's _____ (v 19-20)

3. Confidently _____ (v 21)

Text for today: 1 Cor. 1:18-22
“The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. 19 As the Scriptures say, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent.” 20 So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. 21 Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. (NLT)

TAKING THE NEXT STEP.....

- 1) Write out and memorize Ephesians 6:12-13

- 2) Do you think you need to gain a better understanding of the “clash of ideas” that exists between Christianity and the world? (The Truth Project profoundly deals with this challenge – call the office for more details)

- 3) In what ways have you been tempted to compromise your values in order to reach friends/family for Christ?

- 4) Do you think people are impacted positively or negatively when as believers our testimony is weak?

- 5) Think of a time when you tried to reach someone by making the gospel more palatable – did you have must success? How have you learned from that situation?

- 6) Often family members misunderstand our faith or stand for Christ, the most. How are you using godly wisdom to reach them? Is love your first priority?

- 7) How have you minimized or taken too lightly your responsibility to obey the scriptures? Think of a situation where you should have used Biblical wisdom -what was the result?

Think and say this affirmation: “The wisdom of God directs me daily.”