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FOOLISHNESS OF THE CHRISTIANS

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All men without the knowledge of God are foolish (Titus 3:3). Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men (1 Cor. 1:20, 25). For the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As the Scriptures say, God catches those who think they are wise in their own cleverness (1 Cor. 3:19). "A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart." Proverbs 18:2

Spiritual wisdom is the ability to devise perfect ends by perfect means. It has the ability to see everything in focus, each in proper relation to all, able to work toward predestined goals with flawless precision. Spiritual wisdom (refers only to wisdom of God) is the power to see the inclination to choose the best and highest goal with the perfect means to attain it. God alone is naturally, entirely, perfectly, and eternally invariable wise. The wisdom of God is revealed to all men basically through divine establishment principles and to believers through spiritual principles.

James 3:17 listed some characteristics of the wisdom of God:

- Pure (hagnos) properly clean
- Peaceable (eirenikos)
- Gentle (epieikes) appropriate
- Easy to be intreated (eupeithes) good for persuasion
- Full of mercy (mestos eleos)
- Good fruits (agathos karpos)
- No partiality (adiakritos)
- Without hypocrisy (anupokritos)

The wisdom of God:

- Always under attack of the demons, cosmic system and old sinful nature
- Always rejected and disregarded by negative volition of men
- Always in the minority and unpopular in the world
- Always mocked and insulted by the world system

More wisdom of Bible doctrine means more spiritual growth, more spiritual blessings, more undeserved suffering for blessing and testing.

The foundation of true wisdom is reverence toward the word of God (Psalm 111:10). The essence of religion is enthronement of self. The essence of spirituality is elimination of self. Spiritual growth therefore is the systematic dismantling of self, the tearing down of the god of self. Glorification of god in your life means the tearing down of self and lifting up the Lord Jesus Christ by being in the right place of blessings.

The Wisdom of God is exhibited in:

- His works (Psalms 104:24, 136:5, Prov. 3:19)
- His counsels (Isa. 28:29, Jer. 32:19)
- His foreshadowing events (Isaiah 42:9, 46:10)
- Redemption (1 Cor. 1:24, Eph. 1:8, 3:10)
- Searching the heart (1 Chron. 28:9)
- Understanding the thoughts (1 Chron. 28:9, Psa. 139:2)
- The heart (Psa. 44:21, Proverbs 15:11)
- The actions (Job 34:21, Psalms 139:2-3)
- The words (Psalms 139:4)
- His saints (2 Sam. 7:20 2 Timothy 2:19)
- The way of saints (Job 23:10 Psa. 1:6)
- The want of saints (Deut. 2:7, Mat. 6:8)
- The afflictions of saints (Psalm 142:3)
- The infirmities of saints (Psalms 103:14)
- The minutest matters (Matt. 10:29-30)
- The most secret things (Matthew 6:18)
- The time of judgment (Matthew 24:36)
- The wicked. (Nehemiah 9:10, Job 11:11)
- The works of the wicked (Isaiah 66:18)

- Nothing is concealed from (Psalms 139:12)
- The wicked question (Psalms 73:11, Isaiah 47:10)
- Should be magnified (Romans 16:27, Jude 1:25)

The wisdom of the world (1 Cor. 1:18-25)

- Covers every realm in the world (1 John 2:16)
- Consider the Cross of Christ as foolishness
- God will destroy the wisdom of the world
- The wisdom of the world cannot know God
- Inferior to the foolishness of God
- God will frustrate human intelligence (1 Cor. 1:13-31)
- God had chosen the foolish things (in the eyes) of the world (1 Cor. 1:27)
- God choose the weak things of the world
- If we are to boast, we must boast of the Lord and not of the world
- The fear of the Lord (positive volition toward Bible doctrine) is the beginning of wisdom (Prov. 9:10)
- The possession of knowledge of God is the beginning of wisdom.
- Denial and rejection of God's Word is the beginning of foolishness
- A life without knowledge of God is the breeding ground for deception, perversion and wrong priorities.
- Spiritual fools are believers without metabolized Bible doctrine.
- Ever-increasing knowledge of God plus deepening spiritual experience results to increased wisdom from God.

The making of the Christian fools:

There are two types of preachers: those of the minority with Bible doctrine in the souls and the majority those with demonic doctrine known for their foolish preaching. Demonic doctrines are well loved, easily received, appreciated by all, recognized and popular in the world.

The creation of the foolishness among church people is through the preaching and teaching of the foolish pastors. The pastors are committing the terrible mistakes of preaching foolish sermons which are comfortable, compromising and contrary to Bible doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ. The fundamental characteristics of foolish sermons:

1. Sermons from the misunderstood passages. This is where the preacher says things that may or may not be true, and things that are not from the context of the passage. This can happen either by carelessness with the content of the text or carelessness with the context.
2. Sermons from the point of the preacher's own preference ignoring the very context of the passage. The congregation does not receive all that God intended them to hear since the preacher determine the spiritual diet of the congregation and not the Holy Spirit.
3. Sermons from the point of the preacher's laziness and lack of skill in systematic biblical interpretation.
4. Sermons from the point of ignoring the true meaning of the passages. The preacher has understood the center of the text, pays lip service to it, and then becomes intrigued by something that is a secondary or tertiary point, fixing his attention on that for the remainder of the sermon. What he says does come from the text, but is never the main point of the text used.
5. Sermons from the point of non-applicable truth of the passages. The preacher claimed as expositor using exegetical commentary but boring and irrelevant being without application merely informing the mind, not warning the heart or constraining the will. Everything said about the passage is true but it is not a doctrinal message but merely a study notes.
6. Sermons from the point of passage application for others. The sermon has nothing to say about its congregation but toward others outside. The congregation becomes puffed up and self-righteous since the preacher is tickling their ears with flattery, avoiding hurting his people in anyway.
7. Sermons from the point of misapplied passage for the present congregation. Sometimes the hermeneutical gap between the original passage and the present congregation is misunderstood that the application is wrongly directly transferred to the present context. This is the result of ignorance of dispensations and lack of correct hermeneutics.

8. Sermons from the point of passage divorce from its impact. This sermon ignored the category of the passage and its central point. The propositional truths are reduced and conveyed into flattened monotonous way.
9. Sermons from the point of preaching without exegetical reference to the passage but exalting the preacher for excellence exposition. The congregation may well end up saying, 'what a wonderful sermon' rather than 'what a wonderful passage of scripture'.
10. Sermons from the point of commentary on the passage from unreliable sources. The enormous amount of false teaching results from opinion of men and not from the doctrinal perspective.
11. Sermons from the point of ignorance of Bible doctrine resulting to all kinds of heresy and lies.
12. Sermons from the point of lack of training and skills in hermeneutical and doctrinal approaches of Biblical studies resulting to all sorts of errors.
13. The foolishness of prioritizing human relationship above relationship with God.
14. The foolishness of neglecting or despising the love and graciousness of the Lord Jesus Christ.
15. The foolishness of worshipping the idols of self (2 cor. 4:4)
16. The foolishness of worshipping the universal god of all faith (1 Cor. 10:19-20)
17. The foolishness of interfaith marriage.
18. The foolishness of self-righteous arrogance, accepting the lie of inherent goodness of humanity.
19. The foolishness of boasting of the world and the things of the world (Luke 12:15)
20. The foolishness of frantic search for happiness in the world.
21. The foolishness of building human celebrityship, human achievements, fame, honor or riches.
22. The foolishness of reliance on human power, resources, protection, provision and wisdom.
23. The foolishness of living in the world without the protection of metabolized Bible doctrine.
24. The foolishness of living a life of unbelief.
25. The foolishness of living a life of hypocrisy or any form of pseudo-godliness.
26. The foolishness of concealing human depravity behind religious appearance (Matthew 15:5-8)
27. The foolishness of living a life of ignorance of Bible doctrine (2 Timothy 4:3-4)
28. The foolishness of living a life without testimony of God (Matthew 7:21-23)
29. The foolishness of living a reversionism (Matthew 25:1-13, Gal. 3:1-3, 5:17).
30. The foolishness of living a life of spiritual deserter (spiritual AWOL or apostate, Heb. 6:4-6, 10:26-29).
31. The foolishness of making vows to God and not fulfilling it (Eccl. 5:4)
32. The foolishness of offering the sacrifices of the fools and not to hear the word of God (Eccl. 5:1).

Spiritual Foolishness: Every believer is in danger of falling into foolishness such as follows:

1. The foolishness of denying God (Psalm 14:1-3, 53:1-3)
2. The foolishness of rejecting the authority of God
3. The foolishness of becoming your own god (Romans 3:13-18)
4. The foolishness of living a life without confidence in God
5. The foolishness of living with vile passion (Romans 1:18-28)
6. The foolishness of rebellion against God
7. The foolishness of living in fear those who can only kill the body (Matthew 10:28) but cannot destroy the soul.
8. The foolishness of allowing fear to dominate the mind, body and soul.
9. The foolishness of fearing for the lives of others.
10. The foolishness of succumbing to temptations (Proverbs 24:9)
11. The foolishness of concentrating on the details of life
12. The foolishness of, rejecting, neglecting or ignoring rebound.

The Profile of Fools:

- Fools deny God (Psalms 14:1-3, 53:1-4)
- Fools blaspheme God (Psalms 74:18)
- Reproach God (Psalms 74)
- Make a mock at sin (Proverbs 14:9)

- Despise instruction (Proverbs 1:7, 15:5)
- Hate knowledge (Proverbs 1:22)
- Delight not in epignosis (Prov. 18:2)
- Engage in mischief (Prov. 10:23)
- Walk in darkness (Eccl. 2:14)
- Hate to depart from evil (Prov. 13:19)
- Worship of, hateful to God (Eccl. 5:1)
- Corrupt and abominable (Psalms 14:1)
- Self-sufficient (Prov. 12:15, Rom. 1:22)
- Self-confident (Proverbs 14:16)
- Self-deceivers (Proverbs 14:8)
- Mere professors of faith (Mat. 25:2-12)
- Full of words (Eccl. 10:14)
- Given to meddling (Proverbs 20:3)
- Slanderers (Proverbs 10:18)
- Liars (Proverbs 10:18)
- Slothful (Ecclesiastes 4:5)
- Angry (Ecclesiastes 7:9 Proverbs 18:6)
- A grief to parents (Prov. 17:25, 19:13)
- Come to shame (Proverbs 3:35, 10:8)
- The company of, ruinous (Prov. 13:20)
- Lips of, a snare to the soul (Prov. 18:7)
- Cling to their folly (Prov. 26:11, 27:22)
- Worship idols (Jer. 10:8 Rom. 1:22-23)
- Trusting their very own hearts (Prov. 28:26)
- Depend upon their wealth (Luke 12:20)
- Hear the gospel and obey it not (Mat. 7:26)
- The mouth of, pours out folly (Prov. 15:2)
- Honor is unbecoming for (Prov. 26:1, 26:8)
- God has no pleasure in them (Eccl. 5:4)
- Shall not stand in the presence of God (Psalms 5:5)
- Avoid them (Proverbs 9:6 Prov. 14:7)
- Exhorted to seek wisdom (Proverbs 8:5)
- Punishment of Fools (Prov. 19:29, 26:10)

Rejection of God's call for adjustment to His justice results to:

- Judicial blindness (Isaiah 6:9, Acts 28:24-27, Romans 11:8-10)
- Delusion (Isaiah 66:4, 2 Thess. 2:10-11)
- Withdrawal of the means of grace (Jeremiah 26:4-6, Acts 13:46, Acts 18:6)
- Temporal judgments (Isaiah 28:12, Jeremiah 6:16, 35:17)
- Rejection by God (Prov. 1:14-32, Jeremiah 6:19, 6:30)
- Condemnation (John 12:48, Heb. 2:1-3, 12:25)
- Destruction (Prov. 29:1, Mat. 22:3-7)

God's sovereign and directive will for all men is to come to a full knowledge of God (2 Tim. 2:3-4) through consistent intake of Bible doctrine. The accurate presentation of Bible doctrine when received with faith under the system of grace (1 Cor. 2:10-16) will result to correct character (virtue integrity). Virtue is the result of consistent intake of Bible doctrine. Bible doctrine is God's viewpoint on every subject in the universe (Prov. 8:1-26) which exists eternally, will remain forever, and contains no error, the only perfect information. The Lord Jesus Christ magnified Bible doctrine above His reputation (Psalm 138:2).

Warning against continual disobedience: "But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as it was against your fathers" (1 Samuel 12:15).

- Disobedience to God Provokes His anger: (Psalms 78:10, Psalms 78:40)
- Continual disobedience forfeits God's favor (not the logistical grace blessings – 1 Samuel 13:14)
- Continual disobedience Forfeits His promised blessings (not the logistical grace – Joshua 5:6, 1 Samuel 2:30, Jer. 18:10)
- Continual disobedience brings a curse that may end to sin unto death (Deut. 11:28, 28:15-68)

When you are disciplined, REBOUND, Acknowledge the punishment as just and good for you (Nehemiah 9:32-33) and KEEP MOVING IN THE PLAN OF GOD (restart your reception, retention and recalling of Bible doctrine).

You who are foolish, gain wisdom of God, you who are stubborn fools, set your hearts on it (Prov. 8:5). Because wisdom is better than jewels. Nothing you desire can equal it (Prov. 8:11).



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