

Let's Not Miss Out - 1 Corinthians 3:21-23

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1Co 3:21-23 So then let no one boast in men. For all things belong to you, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you, and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God.

Context

Misunderstanding Wisdom

- 1Co 1:18

Misunderstanding the value of worldly wisdom.

- God had declared through the prophet that He would render worldly wisdom futile.
 - 1 Cor 1:19
 - Is 29:14:
- God had done so.
 - 1 Cor 1:20-25
- God's calling of believers illustrated the futility of worldly wisdom.
 - 1 Cor 1:26-29

Misunderstanding the Nature of True Wisdom

- True wisdom is from God
 - 1Co 2:6-7
 - Is 64:4:
- True wisdom is given by the Holy Spirit
 - 1 Cor 2:10-13

Paul's way: Not with persuasive words.

- 1Co 2:1-5
- 1Co 1:17

The Corinthian way: Walking in worldly wisdom.

- Gal 2:2-9.
- 1 Cor 3:5

The Relationship Between Worldly Wisdom and Immaturity

- Worldly wisdom can bring about no real growth.
 - 1 Cor 1:28-29

- Worldly wisdom deludes, takes captive, defrauds.
 - Col 2:2-4
 - Col 2:8
 - Col 2:18-19a
- Worldly wisdom tends to death
 - Rom 8:6
 - Rom 8:13
- Worldly wisdom quenches the Spirit.
 - Gal 5:20
 - Eph 2:13, 19
 - Eph 4:13
 - 1 Th 5:19

Root cause

- 1Co 4:6-8

Rx

- Put others before ourselves.
 - Php 2:1-4
 - Luk 6:12-16
 - Joh 13:1
- Be willing to have our minds changed about what is unacceptable.
 - Acts 10:10-28

Provisos:

- The essentials of the faith cannot be compromised.
- Personal style is not bad.
 - 1Co 12:7
 - Rom 12:1
 - 1Co 9:19-23

Application

- Teachers
- Personalities.
- Worship styles.