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CORINTHIANS

CHRIST ALONE: TOGETHER



Stinking Rich

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Paul continues to encourage us to genuinely and deeply experience and then more accurately and fully display Jesus' love in a way that delights God. What keeps us from more abundantly enjoying God's design for our lives? What will help us?

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(Holding wisdom of "this age")

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Wise in this age → Fool in this world → Wise in God

1 Corinthians 1:20-21

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

1 Corinthians 2:6-8

⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.

⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 2:14

¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

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The journey of faith is to find that significance and security in our relationship with God.

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