

DIRTY CHURCH

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Fools Who Have Everything | 1 Corinthians 3:18–23

1. 1 Corinthians 3:18 reads, “Let no one deceive himself.” In what specific way were the Corinthians deceiving themselves? Is Paul suggesting that some of Corinthians aren’t necessarily Christians? Why or why not?

2. How do we deceive ourselves regarding our standing with God (see Matthew 7:21-27)? In that Matthew text, why is it that Jesus says those who have done many great spiritual works actually aren’t known by him? What’s their issue that shows they’re not real Christians? How can we be in danger of that same issue?

3. In what ways do Christians act like they are still part of the present age instead of being committed to the ways of the age to come? Where do Christians follow the wisdom of the world instead of the wisdom of God?

4. What kinds of things will help us to be at peace being seen as fools by the world when we follow the wisdom of God? What kinds of practices can we do that will help us remain faithful to God’s wisdom in the face of being thought of as foolish?

5. What does it mean that “all things are yours” in 1 Corinthians 3:21-22? Why are they all yours?

6. Read Romans 8:16-17 and Romans 8:28-39. What do these passages say about the present and future condition of Christians? How should that position influence how you think about yourself and your future? How should that position influence the boldness we show in following the wisdom of God instead of the wisdom of the world?

Additional Scriptures cited in the sermon: Romans 12:1-2. Luke 12:29-31. James 2:1-4. Romans 12:19. Hebrews 13:4. Romans 8:16-17. 28-39.