

Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. We live in a world overflowing with opinions, philosophies, and self-proclaimed experts. Every day we are told what will bring happiness, fulfillment, success, and purpose. Yet Paul, under the inspiration of God, reminds us that there is a vast difference between human wisdom and God's wisdom. The greatest proof of that difference is the cross of Jesus Christ. No human philosopher would have designed a plan of salvation centered on a crucified Savior. To many, then and now, the message of the cross seems foolish, weak, and irrational. Yet what the world dismissed as foolishness was actually the very wisdom of God.

Paul explains that human wisdom, for all its achievements, cannot bring a person into a saving relationship with God. Philosophers can speculate, scholars can debate, and experts can offer theories, but none of them can reveal the heart of a loving Savior who gave Himself for our sins. God chose to save people through the message of Christ crucified! It's a message that offends human pride because it teaches not only that we are lost in our sin, but that salvation cannot be earned or reasoned out. Rather, it must be received by faith.

Throughout history, the wisdom of the world has repeatedly promised answers while leaving people empty. Cultures change, trends come and go, and human theories are constantly revised. Yet the gospel continues to transform lives. The same message that changed Saul of Tarsus from a persecutor into an apostle still changes hearts today. What appears weak is actually God's power. What appears foolish is actually God's wisdom. The cross reveals both God's perfect justice against sin and His immeasurable love for sinners.

As followers of Christ, we should never be embarrassed by God's design. The world may mock biblical truth, ridicule Christian convictions, or dismiss obedience to God's Word as outdated and foolish. But Scripture assures us that the wisest decision anyone can ever make is to trust the wisdom of God rather than the wisdom of the age. Real wisdom is not defined by popular opinion, intellectual trends, or human achievement. Real wisdom begins with God, is revealed by God, and leads us back to God. When we choose to live according to His design, we are not choosing foolishness, we are in fact embracing the only real wisdom that exists.

Prayerfully consider the following this week: What voices of worldly wisdom most often compete with God's wisdom in my daily life? Are there areas where I am tempted to be embarrassed by God's design rather than confidently trusting it? How can I be more intentional in building my decisions, priorities, and worldview upon the wisdom revealed in the cross of Christ?

Weekly Memory Verse:

“For the foolishness of God is wiser than mankind,
and the weakness of God is stronger than mankind.”

1 Corinthians 1:25

Weekly Affirmation:

**GOD IS THE AUTHOR
OF WISDOM**

JUNE 2026 GROWTH GOALS

- Read the Book of 1 Corinthians
- Watch the Bible Project video on 1 Corinthians (*available on the website*).
- Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- “Plant a seed” with a friend, family member, and/or stranger by sharing a scripture or prayer for them in person.