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**Slice of Life**

1 Corinthians 2:12-14 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. (13) Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. (14) But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (KJV)

Remember what happened to the first man Adam? Yeah he was of this natural realm and fell prey to a spiritual being who basically told him that the wisdom of this world was wiser than God’s. Sound familiar; yeah there truly is nothing new under the sun, because mankind has been falling for that one over and over again. It took the Second man Adam, that being Christ the Son of God, to show us how we could live by the word of God and not lean back to our own natural understanding. When we consider the things of God foolishness, well let’s just say you reap what you sow. Are you ready to move out of this foolish realm and into a higher one? Well that only happens when you allow the Holy Ghost to be your teacher, no longer leaning to man’s so called wisdom which is limited to the carnal realm.

1 Corinthians 1:18-19 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. (19) For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. (KJV)

Do you desire to become wise in the realm of the Spirit? Then you will have to realize how weak and foolish man’s ways and thoughts are. You need to take up your own cross and die to self; cast down and nail those imaginations to your spiritual cross, and then resurrect into a newness of life. It’s only when we die that we can live again, which will no longer be limited to the ways of man. Are you ready to step out into a newness of life? Well you may just have to do something foolish in order for that to be accomplished. Oh by the way, it is only foolish to the carnal man and not to the spiritual one.

1 Corinthians 1:19-21 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. (20) 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? (21) For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. (KJV)

Do you realize that we are our own worst enemies at times when we lean back to our own understanding? You need to empty the cup of all that old rotten fermented way of thinking and replace it with some new living waters that will renew the mind daily. By the way, when our Lord says that He will destroy the wisdom of the wise, it means all those that don’t have the mind of Christ and who are holding to that fallen way of thinking will be destroyed as well.

Romans 8:5-8 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. (6) For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. (7) Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. (8) So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. (KJV)

When you hang onto your old ways and thoughts it’s like being in prison, sitting on death row waiting for the sentence to be carried out. The death that is being referred to in verse 6 means separation from God, which will last for eternity if one does not let go of their own thoughts and ways.

Romans 8:13-14 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. (14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (KJV)

So what if God asks something of you today that may just seem a bit odd or foolish? Will you step out in faith and be led by the Spirit, or will you stay imprisoned to the realm of the flesh which is considered foolishness also?