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¹⁸ Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.

¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness";

²⁰ and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

²¹ Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours:

²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come—all are yours.

²³ And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

1 Corinthians 3:18-23

DECEPTION

1. Deceived by false teachers
2. Deceived by self
3. Deceived by Satan Revelation 12:9

SELF-DECEPTION

1. A person believes that he is "wise in this age"
2. Man's regard for wisdom of the world
 - a) Of the wise 1 Corinthians 2:19
 - b) Of this world 1 Corinthians 2:20
 - c) Many seek worldly wisdom 1 Corinthians 2:22b
 - d) They boast in men (their heroes)

3. God's regard for the wisdom of the world
 - a) The wisdom of this world is foolishness to God
 - b) The wise are caught in their own craftiness
 - c) The thoughts of the wise are futile

NOTHING TO BOAST ABOUT

1. Not even in the wisdom of the following:
 - a) Paul
 - b) Apollos
 - c) Cephas
2. There were factions in boasted about them
 - a) Because they were followers
 - b) Because they were influenced by worldly wisdom
 - c) Because they were CARNAL

IN GOD'S PROVISION

1. God has provided for all our needs
2. All blessings are given by the Lord
3. The most important truth to remember
 - a) We are Christ's
 - b) Christ is God's

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To seek godly wisdom
2. To understand what it means to belong to the Lord

3. To delight in belonging to the Lord (and not factions)