

Following Human Wisdom?

It is the power of God working in the gospel message, that saves people, not human wisdom.

I. To Human Wisdom... (18-25)

The message makes no sense.

II. To Human Wisdom... (26-31)

The method makes no sense.

III. To Human Wisdom... (2:1-5)

The messenger makes no sense.

In God's wisdom self-dependence is replaced with God-dependence.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Can you think of an experience in which you, or someone you know, were turned away from Christ because they were told they weren't worthy in some way? What happened?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25. What is the message in "the word of the cross" (v. 18) and "Christ crucified" (v. 23)?

How does Paul say this message is received by those who are perishing? Why do they respond like this?

How is this message the "power" and "wisdom" of God"? (v. 18, 21, 24)

What is your response to the power and wisdom of God directed toward you?

3. What are the "things" God has chosen in 1 Corinthians 1:26-31?

Why did God choose these things?

What are God's "doings" in all true believers? (v. 30)

What has been your response to God's choice and doings in you?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. How does Paul describe himself when he first came to the Corinthians?

What did he want to do, and why?

5. What are some principles you see in this passage about being a good witness for Christ?