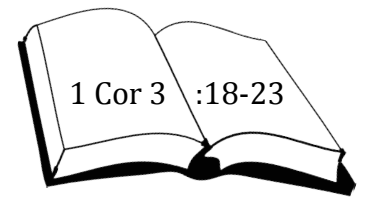


**Avoid worldly
Wisdom**

1 Corinthians
Lesson 8
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In Ch 1:17-31, the thought was that worldly wisdom cannot even understand the cross. In ch 2 consideration was given to human wisdom, vs the hidden wisdom of God via the Holy Spirit – and he then began this chapter by telling them they are still of this fleshly mindset. After discussing the importance of the *church* as the *temple* of the *Holy Spirit*, Paul turns back to wisdom of the world vs true wisdom.

1. As Paul begins this section (:18-23), who is he concerned is using worldly wisdom (which could destroy the temple of God)? (Is it coming from outside the church?) (vs 18)

There are many ways that worldly wisdom can work its way into the church.

2. What is a specific way Paul that addresses in this section (vs 21-22)?

3. What are some other ways that worldly wisdom can start to infiltrate?

(a) 2 Tim 2:14-1 & 23; Col 2:8; Eph 2:14; 1 Tim 6:20-21?

(b) How do these avenues present themselves today – in 21st century America?

4. Why is it so important to avoid letting worldly wisdom sneak its way into our thinking – what are the stakes? (1 Cor 3:16-17; 1 Tim 1:19-20; 2 Tim 2:14-17 & :23; 1 Tim 6:20-21; Prov 14:12)

5. Earthly “wisdom” surrounds us daily – how can we **not** let it be part of our thinking in the church? (1 Cor 3:18 & :21-23; 2 Tim 2:14-16 & :23; 1 Tim 1:19; Col 2:8; James 1:5; Eph 4:12-15; 1 Tim 6:20)