

## I Corinthians 6 - Divisions – part 3

### I Cor. 1:10-12

--The Corinthians church was lining up behind men: Paul, Apollos, Cephas.

We have no problems of this type in our churches today:

--We don't identify ourselves with people to the exclusion of those who do not -- do we? Not Trump, Not Obama, Not our favorite preachers (we would never stop going to a church when our favorite pastor retires or moves on). ?

--We don't segregate ourselves in our churches over human philosophies and ideologies like politics, immigration, taxes, health care—that's really good! ?

--We would never stoop to allowing extra biblical issues and traditions to affect our fellowship or the love for each other: Liturgical worship vs more free worship, contemporary vs traditional. ?

--Certainly, never bothered for a second on the color of the carpet or the temperature of the room or that someone is sitting in our seat; we haven't seen the least trouble from such things. ?

--We never ever let views propounded by men's wisdom have any effect on us because we always line up under Christ and never let Human philosophy or wisdom become anything we care about much less contend over. ?

Isn't it great that we don't have any of the tendencies of Corinth!?

### 1. We have to be so careful because our fallen natures can destroy the work that God intends to do through us.

--Human philosophy and wisdom, no matter how noble and well-intended, if it becomes our philosophy of how we operate--how we do church, it will always end in disaster.

This is why: **James 3:15** – Human wisdom is:

--Earthly = Has no view of anything outside of the physical or anything outside of this life.

--Sensual – All about how we feel and meeting felt needs and human desires; sounds good but it ends bad.

–One of the worst phrases among believers is: “We like it that way”

--Demonic – Human wisdom and philosophy, that is not also found in the Bible and promoted by it, **is not human!**

### 2. How do we know if we've been infested with human wisdom and philosophy in our churches?

--There are tell-tale signs: **James 3:16** -- including but not limited to: division; descensions; immorality; disorder; bad theology.

--These were all symptoms of the sickness of worldly wisdom in the church at Corinth.

--We are so easily infected by this sickness and that is why we need to be so humble and so dependent on the Lord every day; asking for Him to show us how we are thinking and acting wrong.

--**Colossians 2:8** –“Beware” means we should expect this to be constant threat.

### 3. These are the symptoms of a church that follows God's wisdom from His word:

#### **James 3:17-18**

--This is why we study the Scriptures, and why we don't focus on the current news or politics or people's opinions or preferences or the next new thing.

**I Cor. 1:13-17a** – Baptism wasn't the thing he did because it is not where the power of God is:  
**Romans 1:16**

**I Cor. 1:17-21** – The best the world can come up with is short of the most simple and obvious realities.

--The obvious thing is that there is a designer of all of this: it is all so precise and fine-tuned but the world cannot see it.

--If I said that the watch on my arm just appeared out of random selection and the right chemicals and time—they'd call me an idiot.

--But if I hold the same beliefs about the arm that the watch is on—I'm a scientist!

--The world in all its thinking has lost its mind because it has chosen not to keep the knowledge of God—"they became fools"

**A piece of conceptual art titled "Comedian," created by Italian artist Maurizio Cattelan, was recently auctioned for \$6.2 million at Sotheby's of New York. The artwork consists of a banana duct-taped to a wall.**

The winning bid at Sotheby's came from **Justin Sun, founder of the cryptocurrency platform TRON**. With auction house fees included, Sun paid over 40 times the original selling price. It's important to note, however, that Sun didn't purchase the banana itself. Instead, he bought a certificate of authenticity that grants him the right to duct-tape a banana to a wall and call it "Comedian."

**Sun, commenting on his purchase, stated that "Comedian" represents "a cultural phenomenon that bridges the worlds of art, memes, and the cryptocurrency community."** He also revealed his plans for the artwork, stating, "Additionally, in the coming days, I will personally eat the banana as part of this unique artistic experience, honoring its place in both art history and popular culture."

--There can be no add mixture to God's truth: **I Cor. 1:17**

If I have a gallon of clean, filtered spring water and two drops of animal blood, will you drink it? Can't you just ignore or drink around two drops?

--We cannot add anything to this message or this organization that is not from God.

--We cannot allow ourselves to line up behind anything, any program, any person or ideology but Jesus and Him Crucified.

"Pharisee" is a bad word in the New Testament, but they started out so good. Ezra is considered the father of Pharisaical movement. It a movement of purity, of obedience to the Bible, of seeking God, of living right. But they began to add things that they came up with themselves. things that were not in scripture. Things that they thought up through their own wisdom. There are over 600 commandments for the Jews in the Old Testament, but to prevent people from breaking them they created 1000's more rules called oral traditions to create a "fence" around God's commands. These oral traditions eventually became elevated to the level of God's law and even nullified the things that God had said. they were taken captive by their own thinking.

--But it started by them thinking that God's words aren't quite sufficient.