

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Topic: Wisdom. Humility.  
Study: First Corinthians  
Week: 12  
Series: 3 of 5

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# Head Games <sup>part 3</sup>

## God's Reminder for Smart Guys



1. Note \_\_\_\_\_ (v.26)

2. Remember \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.27-30)

3. Impress \_\_\_\_\_ (v.31)

1 Cor. 1:26-31

<sup>26</sup> Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.

<sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

<sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord." (NIV)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.*

1. Romans 12:3 exhorts individual Christians with the words, "Do not think more highly of yourself than you ought." In what ways do you think the church has *corporately* failed to "think with sober judgment" about who we are and who we aren't?

What are some of the futile ways we are tempted to impress the world by measuring up to their standards?

What kinds of things are tragically compromised when we try to meet the world's expectations?

2. How have you (or your Christian circle) tried to impress other Christians?

In light of what we've studied in 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, why is that such a foolish endeavor?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 1:27-30. Write out a prayer that humbly confesses your understanding and acceptance of those truths.
4. What will you do this week to consciously put the spotlight on Christ, regardless of how it might be received or rejected?

*We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.*

**Sunday**

*Is. 35-36 & 2Cor. 1*

**Monday**

*Is. 37-38 & 2Cor. 2*

**Tuesday**

*Is. 39-40 & 2Cor. 3*

**Wednesday**

*Is. 41-42 & Cor. 4*

**Thursday**

*Is. 43-44 & 2Cor. 5*

**Friday**

*Is. 45-46 & 2Cor. 6*

**Saturday**

*Is. 47-48 & 2Cor. 7*

*Here are some resources to help you keep Christ and his Church in proper perspective.*

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