

We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor (1Cor. 4:10).

The story is told of a man who wore a sign around his neck that read, "I am a fool for Christ, whose fool are you?" At first many thought this man needed psychological help, but the more they got to thinking about it, he was drawing attention to a serious situation.

While no one likes to admit they are a fool about anything, one of the (archaic) definitions of being foolish is to be humble. It carries the idea of worthlessness and being at the mercy of someone else. Such was the attitude of the apostle Paul in speaking of himself and his fellow apostles. They were "fools" for Christ. Humble servants, worthless in matters of righteousness, saved and directed by the life and death of Jesus. Such foolishness needs to be investigated!

But our friend's sign asks the question, "...whose fool are you?" The meaning is, that if you are not a fool for Christ's sake then you have become a fool for someone else. Such a realization is quite damaging. To blindly follow anyone other than Christ is to be foolish indeed! Would anyone brag about being a fool for the devil? Could anyone, seriously, take pride in saying they were humble servants of that which cannot save? Those who live in sin and fail to become obedient to Jesus have such foolishness as their fortune.

Now, I'm not advocating that you wear a sign around your neck, but "actions speak louder than words." So by the testimony of your life, "whose fool are you?"

See you Sunday!

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