

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (NIV)

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is **foolishness** to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the **power of God**. ¹⁹ For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

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²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

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21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased **through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.**

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²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but **we preach Christ crucified:** a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

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²⁵ For the **foolishness of God** is wiser than human wisdom, and the **weakness of God** is stronger than human strength.

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²⁶ Brothers and sisters, 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**.

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27 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.

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²⁸ **God chose** the lowly things of this world
and the despised things—and the things
that are not—to nullify the things that are,
²⁹ so that no one may boast before him.

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³⁰ 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. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

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¹ And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (NIV)

² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except **Jesus Christ and him crucified**. ³ I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling.

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⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

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