

Unwise Wisdom

Intro:

Ps 37:1-4

Division begins with a deviation from delight in the Lord

We get this backwards: give me the desires of my heart and then I will delight myself in the Lord...
This is not only backwards it is also deadly

The desires of our heart are dictated by the direction of our heart
Which direction is your heart facing?

(What do you live for?)

Problem:

Gal 2:11-16

Division is a big deal and it is a danger to anyone

Peter thankfully repented - Paul seems to be hoping for the same for the Corinthian church

1 cor 1:10-3:17

Paul's argument to the Corinthians is not only that divisiveness was unspiritual but it was also unwise - it was self deceiving, self defeating, self defining, dumb and dangerous

Main Idea:

Divisiveness is self deceiving

Self defeating

Self defining

Dumb

Implication:

Divisiveness is a defeated foe

Application:

Be at peace - leave it to God He will repay

Articles for further study:

<http://phillipjohnson.blogspot.com/2005/12/what-is-worldliness-and-when-is-it.html>

<http://www.wheelersburg.net/Downloads/Lewis%20Glory.pdf>

<https://www.internationalfishers.com/blog/how-to-deal-with-divisive-people-aka-relational-arsonists>

<https://churchanswers.com/blog/nine-traits-church-bullies/>

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Text:

Divisiveness is self deceiving

1Cor. 3:18 ¶ Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is **wise in this age**, let him become a **fool** that he may become **wise**.

acts 20:18-32 (from among yourselves... divisiveness is self deceiving)

2 Tim 3:12-17 (deceived and being deceived- by what?... deviation from the Word Jn 17

sanctify them in truth your Word is truth)

(jn 17:14-19 (sanctify in truth - your word - not divided enough)

James 4:1-12 (deceived by the world and your own desires)

1 jn 2:15-17 (deceived by your own desires)

Self defeating

1Cor. 3:19 For the **wisdom of this world** is **folly** with God. For it is written, "He catches the **wise** in their **craftiness**,"

Titus 3:10-11 (he disarmed the rulers and authorities triumphing over them in Him - divisive people only divide themselves ultimately from God's blessings)

2 pet 2 (divisiveness is self deceiving and self defeating - it is also self defining)

Self defining

1Cor. 3:20 and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the **wise**, that they are **futile**."

Jude (like unreasoning animals - this is the wisdom of the world - demonic)

eph 2:1-3 (satanic)

Dumb

1Cor. 3:21a So **let no one boast in men. For all things are yours,**

1Cor. 3:22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—**all are yours,**

1Cor. 3:23 **and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.**

mk 10:35-46 (they wanted greatness but they were blinded by their own desires...they couldn't see true greatness right in front of them)

(isa 2 (Not boast enough - Ps 49:12, 20 (man in his pomp is like the beast that perish)

rom 11:36 (all things...what does that mean?)

rom 8:18-25 (our longings are too weak - wait for it with patience)

2 pet 3:8-14 (in the meantime be at peace (opposite of worldly division)

And a defeated foe

1 Cor 1:31; 3:16-20 (quotes job 5 and psalm 94)(division is also dangerous - for us (don't repay) and them (vengeance is mine)

ps 94 (He will repay and we will not be put to shame)