

"Fools for Christ's Sake"

1 C i hia 4:1-10

➔ The dge e a hi aCh i ia i a f (M . 11:18; M . 3:21-22; J h 8:52; Ac 17:18; 1 C . 1:18; 2:14).

➔ The e i a bigge f ha a f f Ch i I i *a fool without Christ* (P . 14:1).

Wha a e he a f a f f Ch i ?

I. Begins with a CONSPICUOUS CONVERSION.

A. Pa had a defi i e e e i e ce fge i g a ed. Sa a i b g ace h gh fai h NO WORKS (Ti . 3:5).

B. He e ed a ha a b e a a ce f a a i . The d hi e ca f e he e he i g a de a h.

II. Possess a CLEAR COMPREHENSION others lack (1 C . 2:9-14).

➔ See hi g diffe e ha he d ee (2 C . 4:16-18). Ch i - ia i i e hi g i h a e e a e e c i e (Phi 1:21 *For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*)

➔ The C i hia ch ch e ca a , e ca ia , a di a e ch ch. A f e he ca e, he e e ha a fi e , he fai ee hei be a d deg ade e e e e. Thi i ha he C i hia e e d i g.

➔ I e Pa i **sarcastically contrasting** he C i hia ffe d- i i f he e e c a ed ha f he a - e :

"*Ye are full...Ye are rich*" "Y ac i e ' e a i e d a d d eed a hi g" (M . 5:6; L e 6:24-26 cf. Re . 3:17).

"*Ye have reigned as kings*" "Y a e e ab e a he a if e e i g a h e! I be ice eig e he . I'd i e eig i h ! B G d ha ade a e LAST a d a ec ac e he d" (cf. . 20; 2 Ti . 2:12; R . 8:17).

"*Ye are wise*" (. 10) "We a e a e f , b C i hi-
a a e i e Y hi e ha e d e e
G d."

"*Ye are strong*" (. 10) "We a e ea , b a e g Y
hi a e g beca e d ' ha e e d e he e -
ec i ea e d " (R . 8:36; 2 C . 4:11).

"*Ye are honorable*" (. 10 cf. P . 18:12; J h 5:44; 8:54)
"Y a e h a b e i igh , b h a e i
G d' e e ?"

III. **Travels a COMMITTED COURSE** (Phi . 3:5-14).

A. Pa a c i ed i ea a ic a a . He a che a
diffe e d bea .

B. Pa ed hi bac a hi d he i age f Chi
(Phi . 3:5-14).

IV. **Enjoyed a CONTENTED COMPOSURE** regardless of his circum- stances or trials (Phi . 4:11-12; Ac 26:2 "*I think myself happy*).

SUMMATION If a e g i g be f be a f f Chi a e.
Ma f e e a ha ed be f f Sa a he e e e -
a ed. We did a f i h hi g .

Ma G d he be a ha ed be ca ed **fool fo Chi 'ake**
ha e a e a ed! Whe a he a i e a d e a f f
e f d i g e hi g f G d? A igh a e ee i g? Sig a i g?
Ti hi g? Sac ificia gi i g (T adi g ace i h G d ee Gi e G d 90%
a d ee 10% f e f).