



“Fools”

Misplaced Confidence
II Corinthians 11:16-22

The wrong kind of:

I. **Pride** – “that I may boast myself a little” (vs. 16-19)

Boasting that is:

- A. **Un**_____ – “speak it not after the Lord”
- B. **Un**_____ – “for ye suffer fools gladly”
- C. **Un**_____ – “see ye yourselves are wise”

II. **Product** - “For you suffer” (v. 20)

Boasters that cause you to lose your:

- A. **Fr**_____ – “if a man bring you into bondage”
- B. **Fi**_____ – “if a man devour you”
- C. **Fa**_____ – “if a man take of you”
- D. **Fa**_____ – “if a man smite you on the face”

III. **Pedigree** – “So am I” (vs. 21-22)

Boasting about our:

- A. **La**_____ - “Are they Hebrews?”
- B. **Lo**_____ – “Are they Israelites?”
- C. **Li**_____ - “Are they the seed of Abraham?”

Sentence Sermon

“It is the peculiar quality of a fool to perceive the faults of others and to forget his own.” Cicero

Additional Verses

- **Romans 1:22**
- **Proverbs 26:4-5**
- **Galatians 6:14**
- **Proverbs 13:20**
- **John 3:30**
- **II Corinthians 4:5**
- **Philippians 3:5**
- **Romans 4:16**
- **I Corinthians 4:10**
- **Acts 17:26-28**

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why did Paul choose to “boast” when it is considered foolish?
4. What are some examples of people boasting “according to the flesh?”
5. In what ways can enduring fools cause harm to you and/or the church?
6. Which of the negative actions of false teachers in v. 20 is most egregious?
7. Why would people prefer the tyranny of fools to gentleness of Paul?
8. What should a believer be most proud of or boast of?
9. Have you ever been surprised by a humble person’s pedigree?
10. What is racism?
11. Why does racism exist? What is the solution to racism? (Acts 17:26-28)