
WAR OF THE WORLDVIEWS

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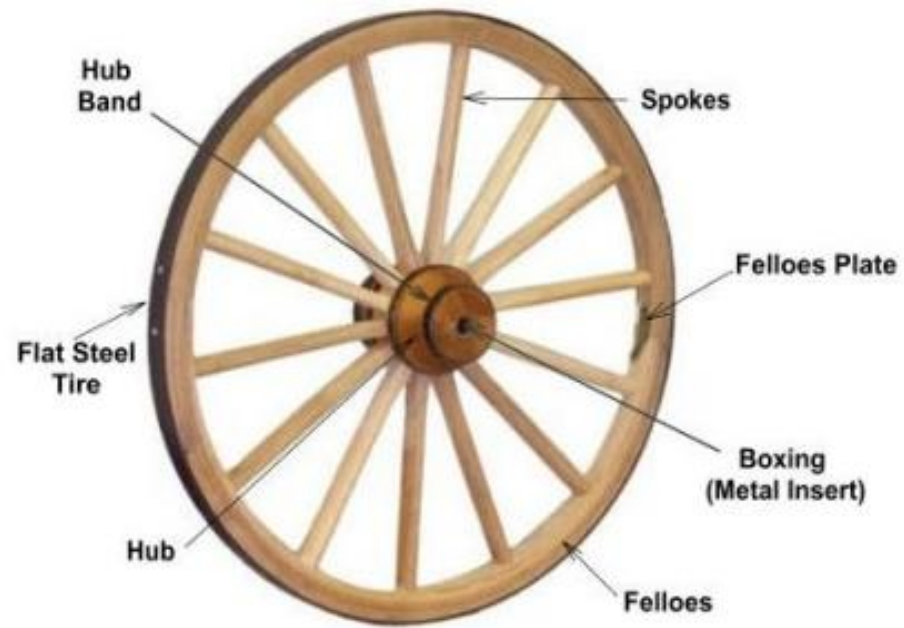
The graduation is an event, education is a practice.

The race is an event, fitness is a practice.

The heart, soul, mind, and strength are endless pursuits."



GROWING STRONG





ISAIAH 5:20-21

20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil,

Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness,

Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes

And understanding in their own sight!

-Alien People

WHO ARE WE?

...in a...

-Hostile world



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THE WISDOM OF FOOLISHNESS

Our faith is counterintuitive: contrary to **intuition** or to **common-sense** expectation (but nevertheless true).

All religions/philosophies fit into two clear categories:

False Teaching = False systems that are perishing

Biblical Gospel = Everlasting Life

What type of ideas were present in the society that the Christians and Paul were evangelizing?

How would they be like our current society?



They scoff at notions of Christ's deity, incarnation, virgin birth, perfect life, miracles, atoning death, bodily resurrection, and ascension to heaven. To them, the gospel message sounds foolish, especially in our day of scientific discovery, technological advancement, and academic sophistication. The non-Christian culture of Paul's day also had its array of critics and mockers. Consider how Paul turned the attack of the skeptics back on them. He explained that what the world declares to be foolish, God demonstrates to be the very essence of wisdom. The gospel is the wisdom and power of salvation.

AUDIENCE

ALWAYS
REMEMBER THE
FOUNDATION.

Keep the Gospel the focus... That is the wisdom of God...

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THE GLORY OF HUMILIATION

What is a *stumbling block*? an **obstacle** that **prevents** *progress, understanding, or agreement*, **falling** into a trap

Why is the gospel a stumbling block for Jews?

What is *folly*? **lack of good sense** or *normal prudence and foresight*

Why was the gospel folly to the Greeks?



efficacy means getting things done (is it working?)

effective means doing the right things (is it working well?),

efficient means doing things right (is it working in the best way?)

Efficacy

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78. SMARTPHONE

2007 Apple releases the first iPhone.

By now, most of us have had our little hand computers in our pockets for so long that it's easy to forget they didn't exist a decade ago. BlackBerry built a now faded empire on the idea that a cell phone could deliver e-mail, too; Apple put more than 30 other things in there. Think back to the last time you bought a GPS navigator, flashlight, camera, even an iPod. Unless you're especially outdoorsy, or love iPods, it was probably before 2007. —Jeff Muskus

THINGS THE SMARTPHONE KILLED



Typing out a paper on a phone is still harder than on a laptop, but you can do it.



Google Play and iTunes are this century's CD collection.



Streaming music apps can substitute for the radio.

Don't go digging out your old iPod. It'll blow your mind.



The Rolodex was like a contacts list that could only get so overstuffed.



Your browser, or a host of apps, can replace print news. (But thanks for buying this magazine!)

iBooks and Kindle apps can keep you away from print books.

There's even a phone in there! Technically!



Paper plane tickets: suitable for framing.



You can't really play Call of Duty on a phone, but you can pick from tens of thousands of other video games.



Streaming video apps look better than the picture on your portable TV.

Netflix is a lighter haul than your DVD collection.

This camera is a lot bulkier than the two in your phone...



...and your phone probably has a better lens than this point-and-shoot.



You couldn't take a Vine in the video camera era.

Your phone has GPS built in. Say hi to the NSA!



Guess what calendar apps replace?

True, atlases look better on coffee tables.



Bar-code scanner apps make comparison shopping easy.



No need for an old-school lodestone with compass apps.

Smartphones moved watches back into people's pockets. We'll see if smartwatches can put phones on our wrists.



Yahoo! Weather: more features than a thermometer, less mercury.



Actually, solar-powered calculators are still pretty useful. Too bad you threw yours away.



LOL pedometer!



Audio recorders: for that Maxwell Smart vibe.



The legal pad isn't as compact as Evernote.



If you're under 25, you've never owned a paper day planner.



Clock apps are generally more flexible than the old alarm clock.



Unlike actual flashlights, flashlight apps don't need C or D batteries.



The Mail app is the giant fish-shaped mailbox we deserve.



*WHAT IS MOST
IMPORTANT TO A
PERISHING SOUL?*

– Their eternal state!

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ETERNAL life is better than life itself

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THE STRENGTH OF WEAKNESS

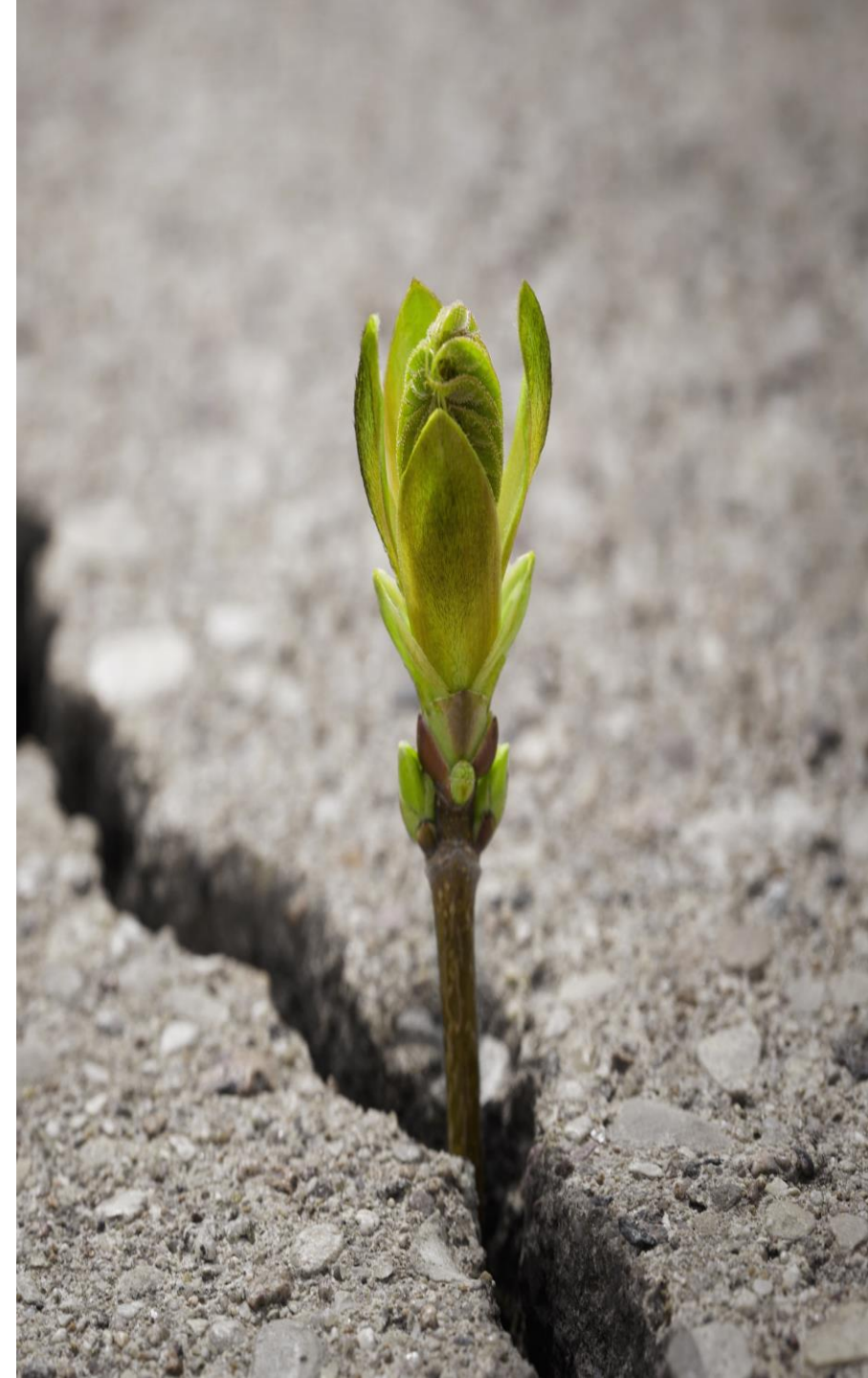
How does the world define influential? How about influencer:

86% of young Americans surveyed said they're willing to try out influencing on their social media platforms — and 12% of young people said they already considered themselves one

"Social media star" has become the **fourth-most popular career aspiration for kids**. "Influencer" even made the short list for "Word of the Year" in a U.K. dictionary.

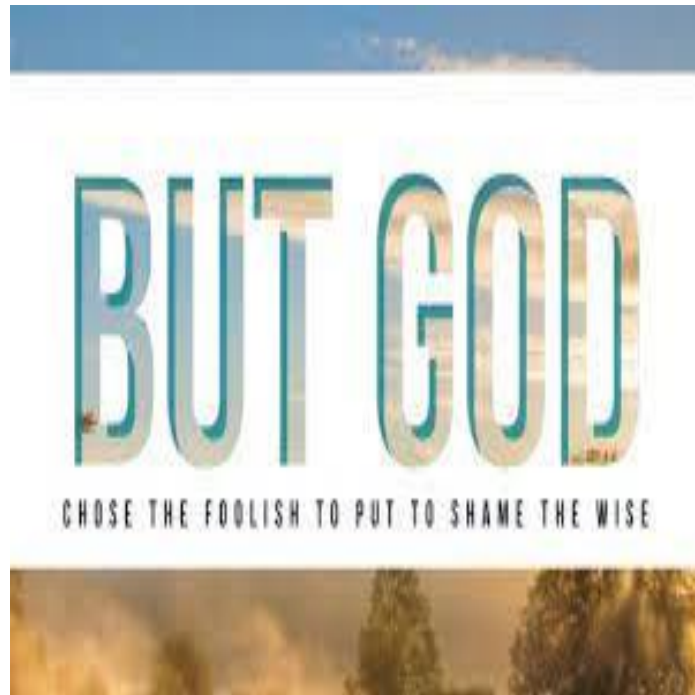
50% of people said they trust influencers **MORE** than any celebrity.

How would the church at Corinth stack up in influence?



GOD'S INFLUENCERS

Foolish

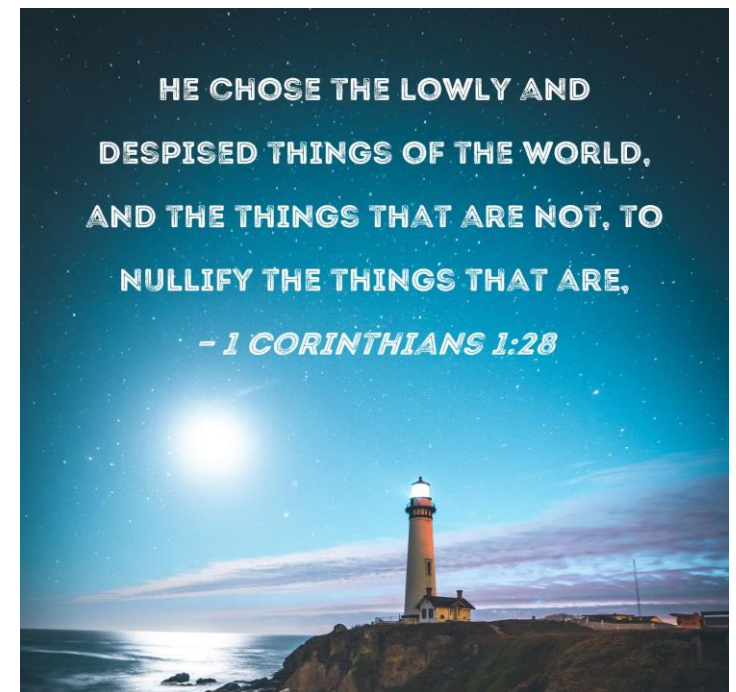


Weak



But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;
1 Corinthians 1:27

Despised



HOW DOES THE WORLD'S OPINIONS AFFECT YOUR PLANS?

- We want the world to find us respectable.
- We will lean towards the world's methods.
- We will be battling our heart's desire to be liked.
- We will want it to be cool and positive.



Trust God.

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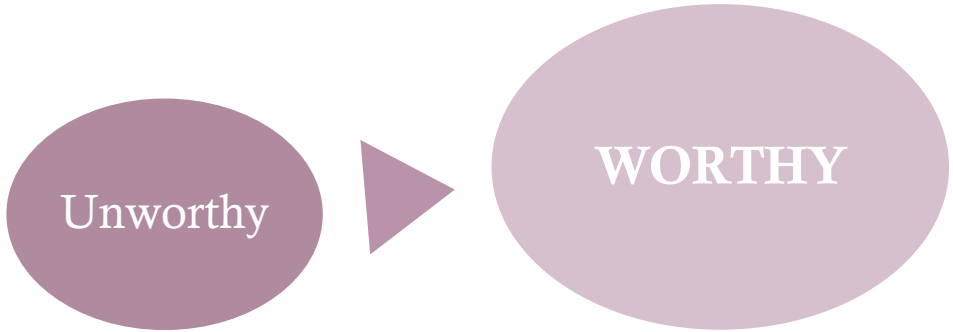
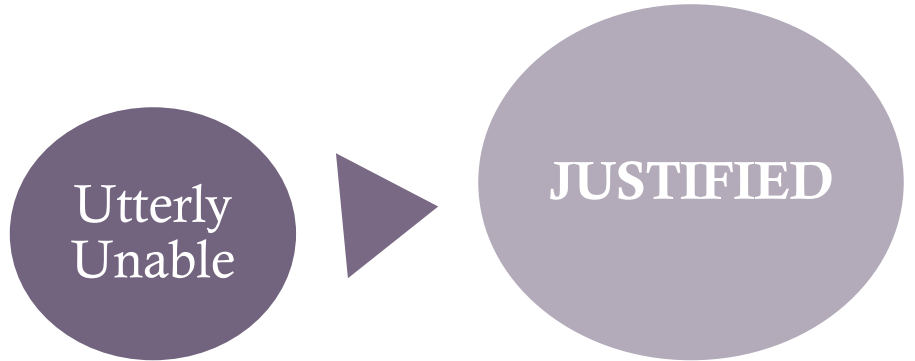
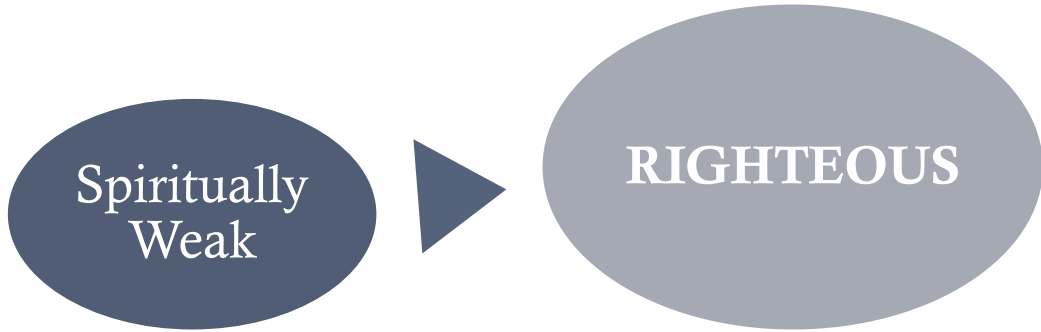
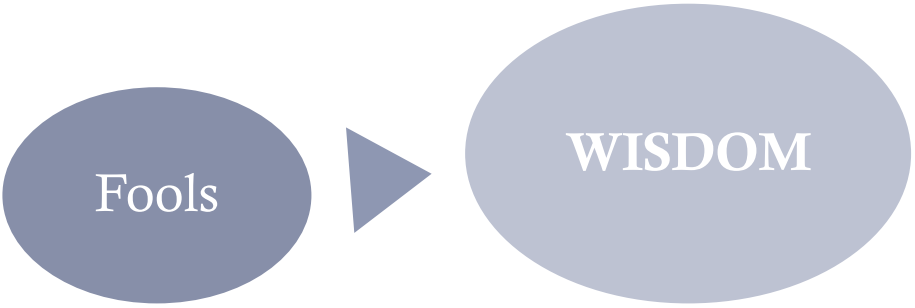
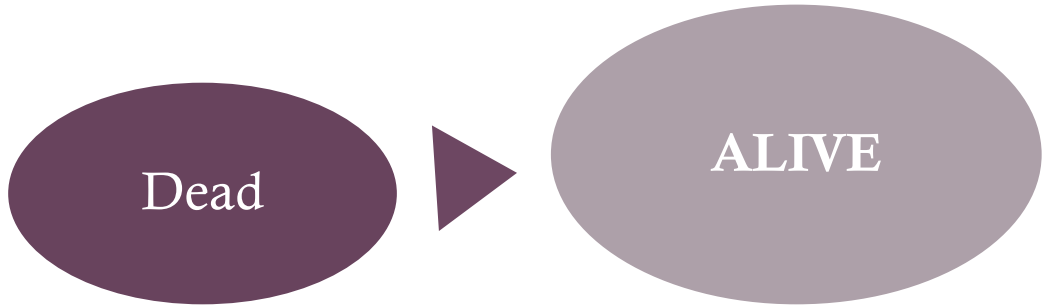
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**THE WORTHINESS
OF THE
UNWORTHY**



As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. -James 4:16

Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips. -Proverbs 27:2

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring. -Proverbs 27:1

For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it? -1 Corinthians 4:7

They pour out their arrogant words; all the evildoers boast. -Psalm 94:4

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. -Ephesians 2:8-9

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. -2 Corinthians 11:30

So that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." -1 Corinthians 1:31

Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give. -Proverbs 25:14

Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord." -Jeremiah 9:23-24

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. -Galatians 6:14

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. James 4:13-16

Shall the axe boast over him who hews with it, or the saw magnify itself against him who wields it? As if a rod should wield him who lifts it, or as if a staff should lift him who is not wood! -Isaiah 10:15

Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord. -2 Corinthians 10:17

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. -Philippians 2:3

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. -Psalm 34:2

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. -Romans 12:3

WHAT DO YOU BOAST IN?

QUICK REVIEW:

1. The Wisdom of Foolishness – vs. 18-21
2. The Glory of Humiliation – vs. 23-25
3. The Strength of Weakness – vs. 26-29
4. The Worthiness of the Unworthy – vs. 30-31

Psalm 16

1 Keep me, O God, for I take refuge in You.

2 *O my soul*, you have said to Yahweh, “You are my Lord;

I have no good without You.”

3As for the saints who are in the earth,

They are the majestic ones in whom is all my delight.

4The pains of those who have bartered for another *god*

will be multiplied;

I shall not pour out their drink offerings of blood,

Nor will I take their names upon my lips.

5¶Yahweh is the portion of my inheritance and my cup;

You support my lot.

6The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;
Indeed, my inheritance is beautiful to me.

7¶I will bless Yahweh who has counseled me;
Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night.

8I have set Yahweh continually before me;
Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

9Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will dwell securely.

10For You will not forsake my soul to Sheol;
You will not give Your Holy One over to see corruption.

11You will make known to me the path of life;

In Your presence is fullness of joy;

In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

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- Look around - at the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before you (v1)
Look down - at whatever weight and sin **encumbers** your race (v1)
Look ahead - as you race down the track and see Christ's example having gone before you (v1)
Look to the finish - Christ the perfecter and author of our faith (v2)
His earthly as God and man as our example
His cross-work dying in our place
His victory now seated at the Father's right hand

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