

I Cor. 1:10-21

I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no **divisions** among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are **quarrels** among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul? I am thankful that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptized into my name. (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with words of **human wisdom**, **1** lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the message of the cross is **foolishness 2** to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

"I will destroy the **wisdom 3** of the **wise**; **4** the **intelligence 5** of the **intelligent 6** I will frustrate."

Where is the **wise 7** man? Where is the **scholar? 8** Where is the **philosopher 9** of this age? Has not God made **foolish 10** the **wisdom 11** of the world? For since in the **wisdom 12** of God the world through its **wisdom 13** did not know him, God was pleased through the **foolishness 14** of what was preached to save those who believe.



Strife comes from internal _____

Many people _____ Strife

1. Prov. 6:14 who plots **evil** with **deceit** in his heart— he always stirs up **dissension**
2. Prov. 10:12 **Hatred** stirs up **dissension**
3. Prov. 15:18 A **hot-tempered** man stirs up **dissension**,
4. Prov. 16:28 A **perverse** man stirs up **dissension**
5. Prov. 28:25 A **greedy** man stirs up **dissension**
6. Prov. 29:8 **Mockers** stir up a **city**
7. Prov. 29:22 An **angry** man stirs up **dissension**
8. Ja. 4:1-3 What **causes fights** and **quarrels** among you? Don't they come from your **desires** that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.
9. I Tim. 6:3-5 If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, ⁴he is **conceited** and **understands nothing**. He has an **unhealthy interest** in **controversies** and **quarrels** about words that result in **envy**, **strife**, **malicious talk**, evil suspicions ⁵and **constant friction** between men of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth
10. Titus 3:10 **Warn** a **divisive** person once, and then **warn** him a second time. **After** that, have **nothing** to do with him.



- ⇒ Who is on trial? *Intelligence*
- ⇒ **Conceptual** Theology vs. _____ Theology
- ⇒ *Show me your _____ lives for Jesus*
BEFORE you show me your arguments!