

## Pity the Fool

### **Intro:**

1 cor 1:10-31

The cross is an ironic symbol of power depicting weakness to shame those who think they are wise and strong...us

### **Problem:**

Prov 26:1-5

You cannot win with a fool - but that is exactly what Paul needed to do...

2 cor 10:12-13

This was Paul's spiritual battle - he must now answer the foolish Corinthians super apostles according to their folly in order to show how silly they are...

### **Main Idea:**

Only a fool boasts in their position

Only a fool boasts in their pedigree

Only a fool boasts in their prestige

### **Implication:**

Phil 2:1-13

"Think on these things"

Humility is not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less -

But then are we boasting in our humility? No we are boasting in the Lord - it is His power in us that matters

### **Application:**

Rev 5

It is foolish to boast in your power but not in His  
It is foolish to boast in your pedigree but not in His  
It is foolish to boast in your prestige but not in His

For He is worthy

### **Articles for further study:**

<https://www.gotquestions.org/fool-Bible.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-humility.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/how-to-humble-yourself.html>

[https://www.cslewisinstitute.org/Pride and Humility SinglePage](https://www.cslewisinstitute.org/Pride_and_Humility_SinglePage)

<http://www.barabbas.com/sermons/?>

[sapurl=Lys00TViL2xiL21pLyt3c3JwZzl6P2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZQ==](http://www.barabbas.com/sermons/?sapurl=Lys00TViL2xiL21pLyt3c3JwZzl6P2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZQ==)

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Text:

### Only a fool boasts in their position

2Cor. 11:16 ¶ I repeat, let no one think me foolish. But even if you do, accept me as a **fool**, so that I too may **boast** a little.

2Cor. 11:17 What I am saying with this **boastful confidence**, I say not as the Lord would but as a **fool**.

2Cor. 11:18 Since many **boast** according to the flesh, I too will **boast**.

2Cor. 11:19 For you gladly bear with **fools**, being wise yourselves!

2Cor. 11:20 For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face.

2Cor. 11:21a To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

*mk 9:14-37; 10:32-45 (Paul uses sarcasm and irony to show the foolishness of position- the one whom actually had it used it to serve)*

*1 sam 8:4-9 (behold the foolishness of the position - they wanted a king to be like everyone else)*

*1 sam 10:17-24 (behold the sarcasm of God - so God gave them someone taller - )*

*1 sam 16:1-7 (you bear it if someone makes slaves of you devours you takes advantage of you puts on airs strikes you in the face...because he is taller, he has more likes or a bigger audience etc. we put up with worldly leaders because we are fools - Paul doesn't blame the leaders but the Corinthians for tolerating them - why do we need preachers who plagiarize are we looking for news casters? Talking heads?)*

### Only a fool boasts in their pedigree

2Cor. 11:21b ¶ But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—**I am speaking as a fool**—I also dare to boast of that.

2Cor 11:22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I.

*gal 3 (Paul wants them to see the foolishness of pedigree...so he turns to irony)*

*Phil 3:2-11 (he has more claim to the flesh - but its worthless)*

*Jn 8:31-59; (behold the irony of God - not only not a true son of Abraham but a son of the devil - only a fool boasts in their racial pedigree)*

### Only a fool boasts in their prestige

2Cor. 11:23 Are they servants of Christ? I am a **better** one—**I am talking like a madman**—with **far greater** labors, **far more** imprisonments, with **countless** beatings, and **often** near death.

2Cor. 11:24 Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one.

2Cor. 11:25 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea;

2Cor. 11:26 on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers;

2Cor. 11:27 in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

2Cor. 11:28 And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.

2Cor. 11:29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

*1 cor 4:1-16 (Paul wants them to see the absurdity of their prestige - he has more reason than they did yet he accounted himself a slave without prestige...)*

*job 35:1-7 (what can we add or take away from God? Do we really think He is impressed? That we can add to His work?)*

*Job 38:1-42:6 (behold the sarcasm of God - only a fool boasts before God)*