

## **Paradoxes to Live by**

Embracing foolishness to become wise

*Why does I Cor. 3:18 not only sound so contradictory but also so shocking? Prov. 13:20, 10:14, Ecc.10:2, Matt. 7:24ff., Eph. 5:15-17.*

*The immediate context for 3:18 is disunity because of carnal attitudes arising from pride and reliance on one's own wisdom; the result is a problem w/apostolic hero worship.*

*Read 1:17-2:16 for background about Paul's statements on wisdom and foolishness in 3:18. Why so much resistance to Paul's delivery style and message, Acts 17:31-32.*

*Scripture warns against trusting in our own wisdom: Prov. 3:7, 26:12, Isa. 17:10, 29:14, Jer. 28:9,10, Rom. 1:22.*

*What does I Cor. 1:26-29 and Matt. 11:25 say about God's plan of salvation and what to expect in heaven?*

