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I Corinthians 3:18, **“Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.”**

My daddy had a saying about those who thought too highly of themselves. He would say *“If I could buy them for what I think they are worth, and sell them for what they think they are worth, I would be a millionaire.”* Anytime I see someone who fits this description, I immediately think about dad’s statement. Sadly, there are a number of people who act this way, some of them profess to be Christians. They are normally the “I” folks who cannot speak a sentence without referring to themselves and their accomplishments: education, experience, trials, burdens, and such. Paul says we are deceiving ourselves if we think we are **“wise in this world.”** But, what does it mean for him to **“become a fool, that he may be wise”**? In Psalm 69:5, King David spoke unto the Lord and said, **“O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.”** David was willing to admit to being (thus becoming) a fool due to his actions. These were sinful actions which God, who knows and sees all things, observed of David. By admitting our faults, our shortcomings, and our own sinfulness, we may **“become a fool”**, but the end result is we grow in wisdom. The word **“become”** can mean *“begin to be”*. Paul is saying, *‘Let me begin to be a fool (realize my true condition) in order for me to be wise in the spiritual things of God.’* If it takes me becoming a fool (realizing my frailties) for me to become a wiser, God fearing, servant of Christ, then so be it. *Think about it!*