

WCBC WORSHIP SERVICE - NOVEMBER 18, 2018

TOPIC: LEARNING FROM THE "FOOLS" OF THE BIBLE

Sermon 7: *The Christ-Honoring Fool!*

TEXT: II Timothy 4:6-18; I Corinthians 4:10

INTRO: Sermon 1 - *The Atheistic Fool!*

Sermon 2 - *The Money-Loving Fool!*

Sermon 3 - *The Anger-Uncontrolling Fool!*

Sermon 4 - *The Wordy Fool!*

Sermon 5 - *The Fool Who Does Not Understand God's Will!*

Sermon 6 - *The Self-Righteous Fool!*

"fools" = (I Cor. 4:10) is "moros," meaning, "stupid/foolish"

- "Foolish" Pastor!

Here, in essence, the great Apostle Paul was telling young Timothy those things that cost him being a "fool" for Christ.

I. HIS FREEDOM: vv.9-13

- Mamertine Prison!
 1. The importance of studies - v.13 cf. Acts 5:34; 22:3
Note: "scrolls" = Greek, "biblion," meaning, "books"
 2. The great importance of studying the Scriptures-v.13
Note: The "parchments" are writing materials made of animals' skin. These parchments are his copies of the OT Scriptures!
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer!

II. HIS OPPONENTS' ATTENTION: vv.14-15

Note: Alexander is just one of Paul's many opponents in his lifetime! (cf. Acts 14:19). We should always be on "guard against Alexanders" because:

1. They inflict bodily injury - v.14a
2. They contradict God's message - v.15

- God's Punishment For Alexanders!

III. HIS LIFE: vv.6-8

- "drink offering"
1. He remained faithful and true to the end - v.7
 - "race"
 2. His faithfulness to God had earned him his well-deserved reward - v.8

Note: The "crown of righteousness," one of the five crowns mentioned in the Bible, awaits Paul "on that day" of his homecoming to Heaven!

CONCLUSION: Being a "fool" for the Lord Jesus carries with it His abiding care and comfort! - vv. 14, 17, 18

Martyrdom Of Polycarp!

Polycarp, venerable Bishop of Smyrna, was a personal friend and pupil of John the Apostle. When he was age 86, he was urged by the Roman proconsul to reproach Christ, and be set free. "Eighty and six years have I served Him and He never did me any injury. How then can I blaspheme my King and my Saviour?" The proconsul said, "I have respect for your age. Simply say, 'Away with the atheists, and be set free.'" Polycarp solemnly said, "Away with the atheists - pointing to the pagan crowd." He joyfully went to the stake, thanking God for counting him worthy to be numbered among the martyrs! - Paul L. Tan

Verse For Today

"We are fools for Christ...!" - I Corinthians 4:10

Food For Thought

"We worship in church. Thousands of our persecuted brothers and sisters worship in prison!" - The Voice of The Martyrs
