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I Corinthians 1:26-31 "Glory In The Lord"

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. Paul was dealing with a group of people who were puffed up with pride. Both the Old and New Testaments have a word for us today regarding actions like those of the church in Corinth. "For all that is in the world-the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and the pride of life-is not from the Father but is from the world." **1 John 2:16** (ESV) "Let another praise you, and not your own mouth-a stranger, and not your own lips." **Proverbs 27:2** (HCSB)
2. There was a lot of boasting going on in the church in Corinth. Paul had a plan in play as he was writing to the saints to redirect their hearts from the old ways they had know to a new way of life, Paige Patterson wrote, "Once the Corinthians had enough of the mind of Christ that they understood their humble estate and the grace of God, of which each was a recipient, the contentions and strife which existed in the church would be laid quickly to rest in the repose of humility."
3. God has chosen the foolish things of the world. Someone said of John The Baptist that he had no formal education, no training in a trade or profession, no money, no military rank, no political position, no social pedigree, no prestige, no impressive appearance or oratory. Yet Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist." **Matthew 11:11** (NASB) "At that time Jesus answered and said, 'I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.'" **Matthew 11:25** (NKJV)

APPLICATION:

I pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in my life to be strong, to reveal pride and other sins in my life. Reveal to me who I really am and how can I be who the Lord wants me to be. Al Pollard