

Don't Be A Fool

Yesterday was April 1st, otherwise known as "April Fool's Day". April Fool's Day might just be my least favorite day of the year. In fact, I take that back. It IS my least favorite day of the year. There's just something about people trying to play tricks on me that just irks me the wrong way. I don't like having to be on my guard all day, constantly questioning everything that is said, and every story I read. It's annoying. Thankfully, I was able to just stay home all day, isolate myself from the outside world, and didn't have to deal with anyone's trickery. Yet it's not just this one day of the year that the world wants to play us for fools is it? Unfortunately, it's a year-round occurrence that we must constantly be on our guards against.

1) The world wants to tell us that we are fools for believing in God. That we are fools for following the Bible. They will tell us that it is ancient and out-dated. That we are backwards and we are bigots. Don't listen. These are the lies and scare tactics of the devil. Don't back down. We know better. We are educated in the things that matter. We are educated in the wisdom that is above this world. Remember the things you have been taught and entrusted with. Psalm 14:1-3 says, "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good. The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one." The LORD reassures us here that we are not the fools, but rather, the ones who have proudly proclaimed "There is no God!" and thus have turned aside after evil. Indeed, they have gone even further than that. We now live in an age of absolute backwards morality of which Isaiah prophesied when he said, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!" (Isa. 5:20). Anyone who opposes the murder of unborn babies is a moral reprobate of the worst kind. Anyone who speaks out against homosexuality can only be described as vile and hate-filled. A man who takes actions to guard against infidelity in his marriage must be a misogynist pig. So what can we do in the face of such evil? Pray for them. Speak up. Don't be silent. Don't back down. Don't let them think that everyone believes the same way they do. Don't let them think they have the moral high ground. And most of all, don't join with them. Don't give any credence to *their* backwards, humanistic, satanic philosophy. Don't be the fool they want you to be. Because that's exactly what they want...

2) They want you to be a fool with them. In fact, they will be surprised when you don't join them, and they will malign you (1 Pet. 4:4). But this is just a tactic to cover up the fact that they know deep down they are wrong, and they want our acceptance of their sinful behaviors and philosophies. Do not jump in with the sinful ways of the world, because once we do that - even once we give tacit, silent approval to their ways - the battle is lost. We can no longer have any influence over them. So don't be a fool. Remember that although they claim to be wise, they are the fools, and have exchanged the glory of immortal God, and the truth about him for a lie, and have worshiped the creature rather than the Creator (Rom. 1:22-25).