

Welcome!



1 CORINTHIANS

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Question?

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Question?

What is the answer to that question?

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Question?

How bad does this world
need of the mind of Christ?

Question?

What would this world be
like if we all had the mind of
Christ?

Question?

How do we get the world to
know the mind of Christ?

1 Corinthians 3: 1 (ESV)

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Question?

What statement is Paul making about this Church?

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Question?

What does it mean to be
people of the flesh?

People of the flesh

sarkikos, sar-kee-kos´;
from Sarx meaning flesh or
pertaining to flesh and Inos
meaning to be
made from.

Stuck, stranded, caught in the
flesh mode of your existence.

Fleshly

People of the flesh

Paul is saying the members of this Church continue to live like the rest of the world rather than having the mind of Christ and changing to become more like Christ.

Question?

Why are the people in this
Church not maturing in
Christ?

1 Corinthians 3: 2 (ESV)

I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready,

Question?

What are examples of
spiritual milk and solid
food?

Milk

Milk is the doctrinal basics.

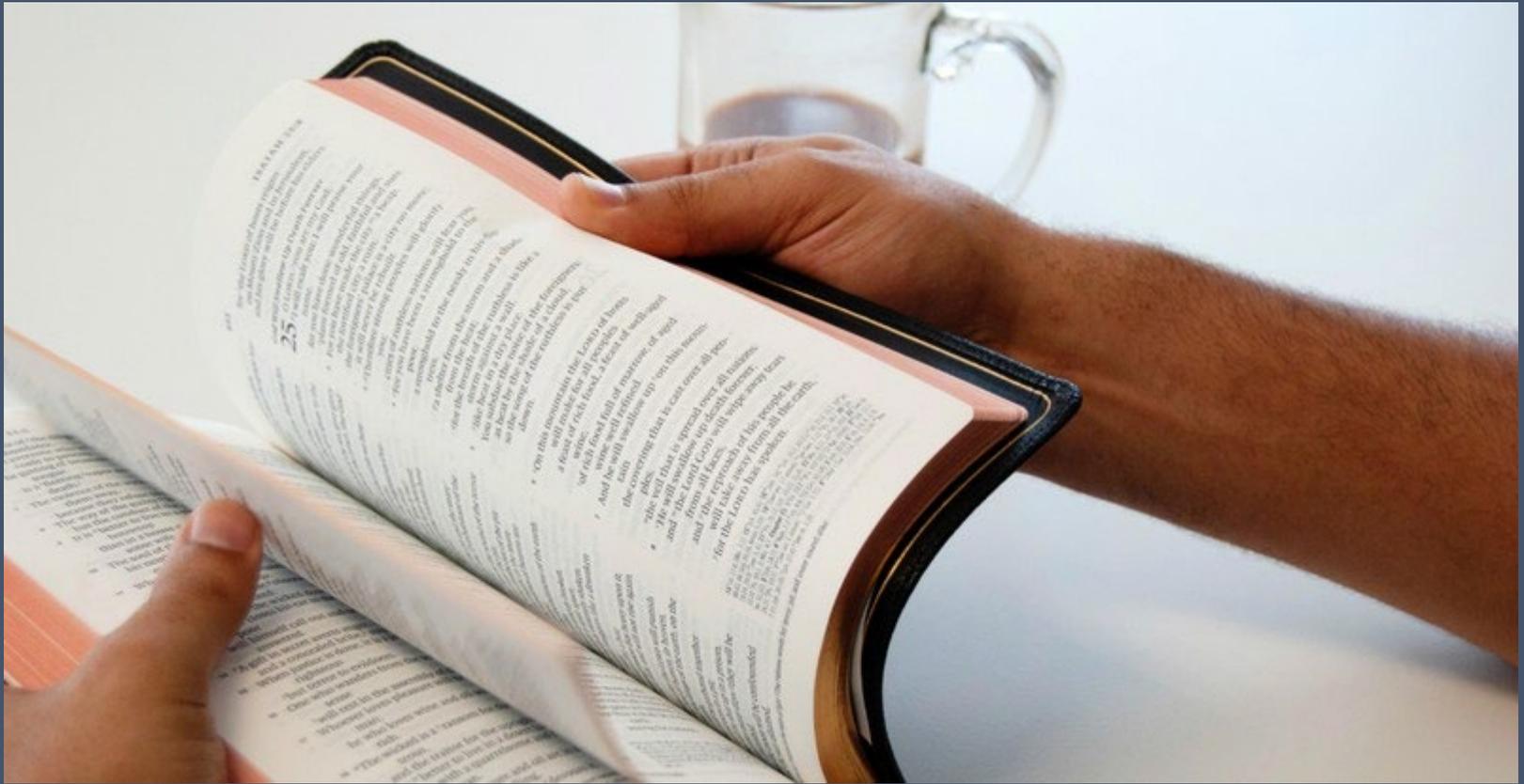
Examples: Christ's
fulfillment of the
Prophecies; His crucifixion,
His Death, Resurrection
and His return; repentance;
baptism

Solid Food

The “Meat” is incorporating the doctrines of the Bible and the teachings of Christ into your life.

Sanctification, becoming more like Christ.

Examples: discipleship, obedience, faithfulness, holiness



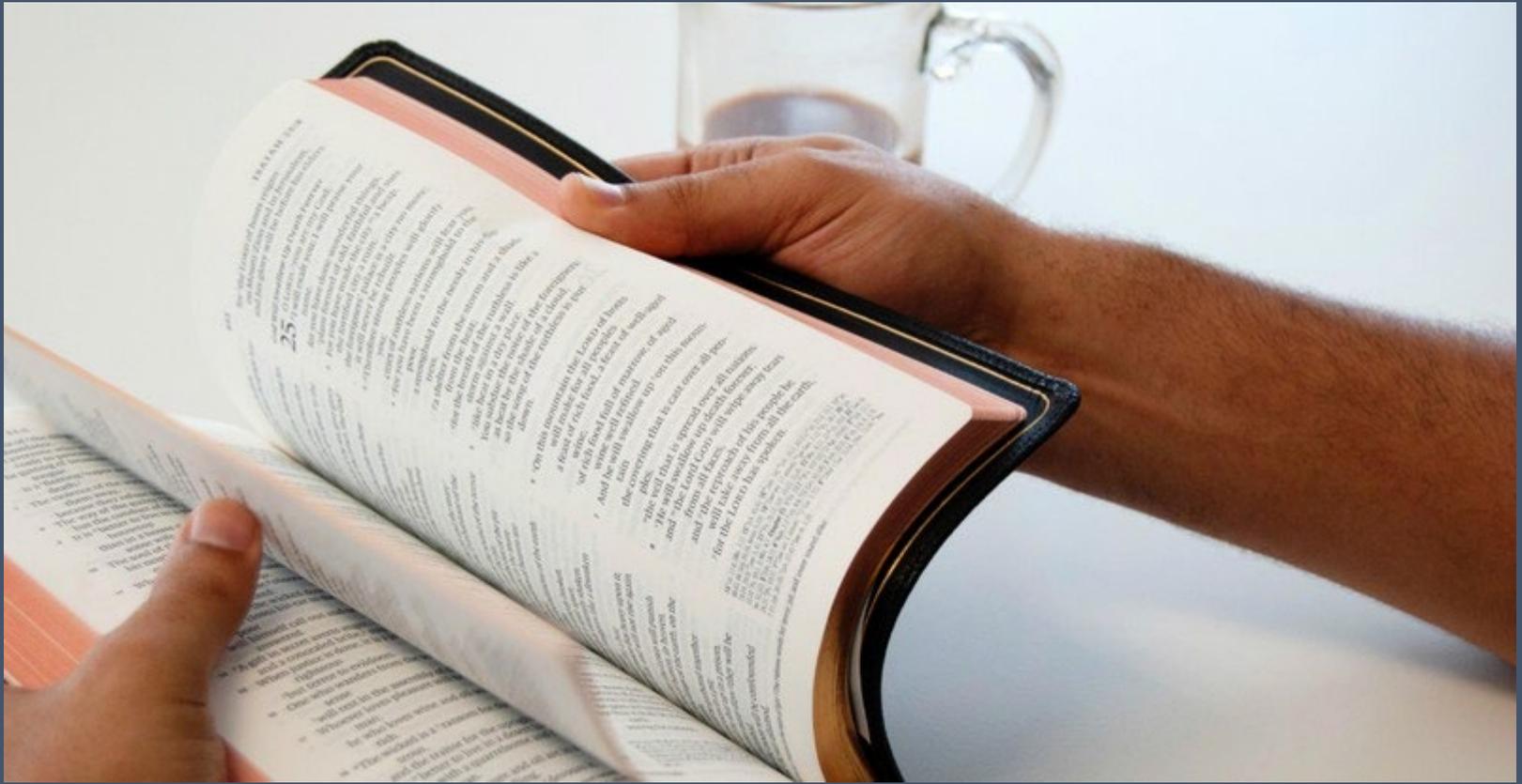
Please turn to:
1 John 3: 30

1 John 3: 30 (NLT)

He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.

Question?

What happens when a
Christian does not grow up?



Please turn to:
Hebrews 5: 12-14

Hebrews 5: 12-14 (NLT)

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food,

Hebrews 5: 12-14 (NLT)

for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.

Hebrews 5: 12-14 (NLT)

But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

Question?

Do we see people in
churches today remaining
on milk and never
maturing?

1 Corinthians 3: 2 (ESV)

I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready,

1 Corinthians 3: 3 (ESV)

*for you are still of the flesh.
For while there is **jealousy**
and **strife** among you, are
you not of the flesh and
behaving only in a human
way?*

Jealousy

zelos, dzay'-los;

having a passion to put down someone else or to see them overcome. To be at war against another person in one's heart and mind. –
to seethe at

Strife

e σ rifis eris, er'-is;

to quarrel, to be contention,
always needing to debate, to
cast sand or to
cause disruptions. To cause
a variance among those
otherwise united.

1 Corinthians 3: 3 (NLT)

*for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? **Aren't you living like people of the world?***

Question?

Do you remember what is causing the division, quarrelling and jealousy in this Church?

1 Corinthians 3: 4 (ESV)

For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

1 Corinthians 3: 5-6 (ESV)

*What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. **I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.***

Question?

It appears there is jealousy and division over who is the greatest in the Church.

Who is the greatest in the Church?

Immature Christians have a deep inner need to be at the center of everything or the center of attention. They can't function without attention. They are selfish, always in competition and are only pleased with their own success, not the success of others.

1 Corinthians 3: 7 (ESV)

*So neither he who plants nor
he who waters is anything,
but only God who gives the
growth.*

1 Corinthians 3: 8-9 (ESV)

He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3: 10 (ESV)

*According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. **Let each one take care how he builds upon it.***

Question?

How important is the
foundation and how you
build upon it?

Question?

Who is our foundation?

1 Corinthians 3: 11 (ESV)

*For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is
Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 3: 12 (ESV)

Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—

Question?

What does our life look like
when we build upon the
Foundation with all this
stuff?

1 Corinthians 3: 13 (ESV)

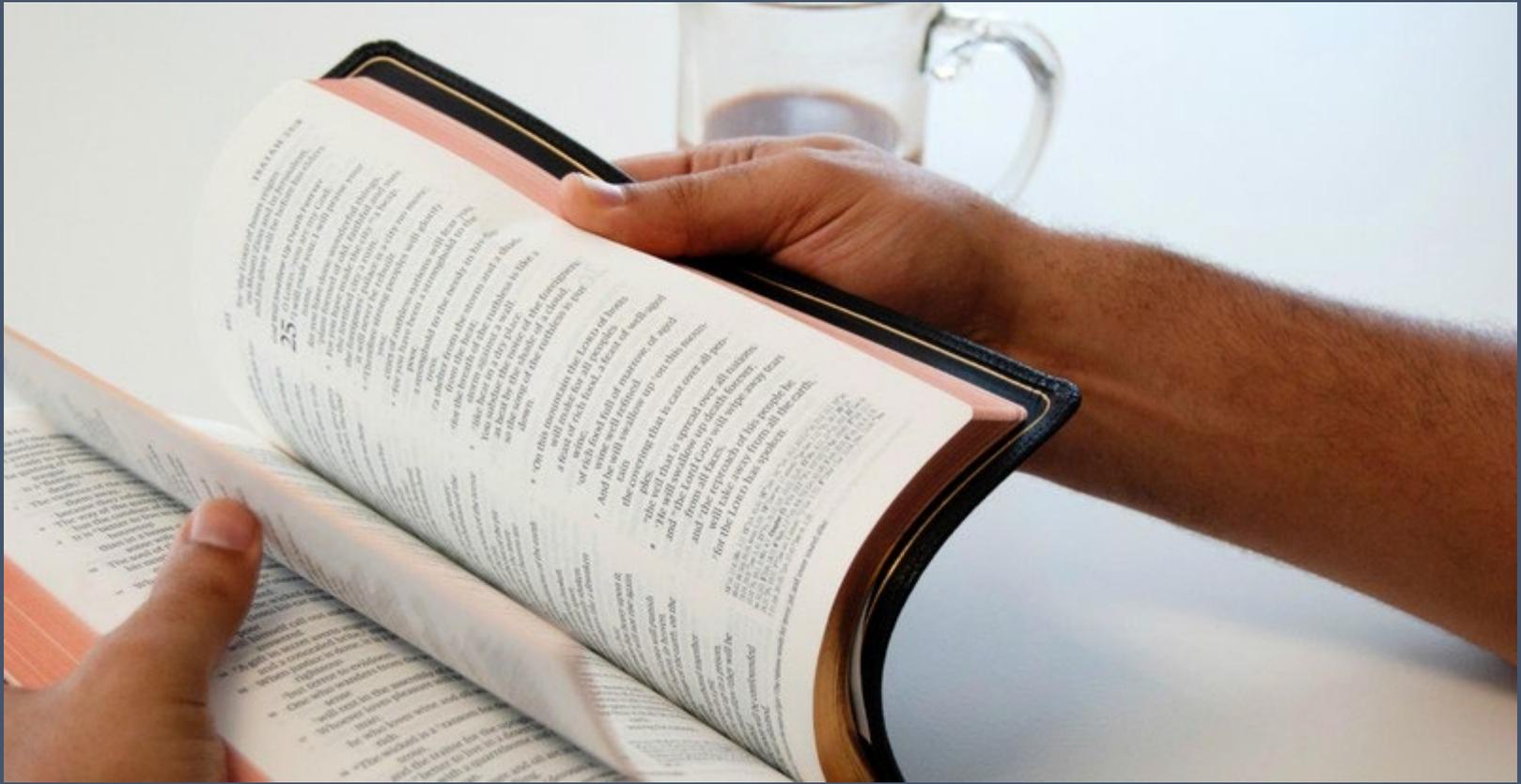
each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.

Question?

What happens when the storm hits a house with a bad foundation?

1 Corinthians 3: 14 (ESV)

*If the work that anyone has
built on the foundation
survives, he will receive a
reward.*



Please turn to:
Matthew 7: 24-27

Matthew 7: 24-27 (ESV)

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

Matthew 7: 24-27 (ESV)

And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

Matthew 7: 24-27 (ESV)

And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

Matthew 7: 24-27 (ESV)

And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

1 Corinthians 3: 14 (ESV)

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1 Corinthians 3: 15 (ESV)

If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

1 Corinthians 3: 16 (ESV)

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

Question?

What does this mean to
you?

Question?

What would happen if every Christian truly understood that they are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in them?

Ephesians 2: 18-22 (ESV)

*built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Christ Jesus himself** **being the cornerstone**, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.*

Ephesians 2: 18-22 (ESV)

*In him you also are being
built **together** into a
dwelling place for God by
the Spirit.*

1 Corinthians 3: 16 (ESV)

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3: 17 (ESV)

If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Question?

How do you destroy God's
temple?

Ephesians 2: 18-22 (ESV)

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Charles Ryrie

So grave is this warning and clear is it's coming judgment upon any man or woman who creates or contributes to the harm, division or collapse of a local church, that whether they be a Christian or not, severe discipline by God awaits.

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If it be the meddling of a Christian that causes the damage, they show that they themselves are in a state of decay. If it is in the life of an unbeliever, eternal damnation is in order

1 Corinthians 3: 18 (ESV)

Let no one deceive himself. *If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.*

Question?

What are they deceiving
themselves about?

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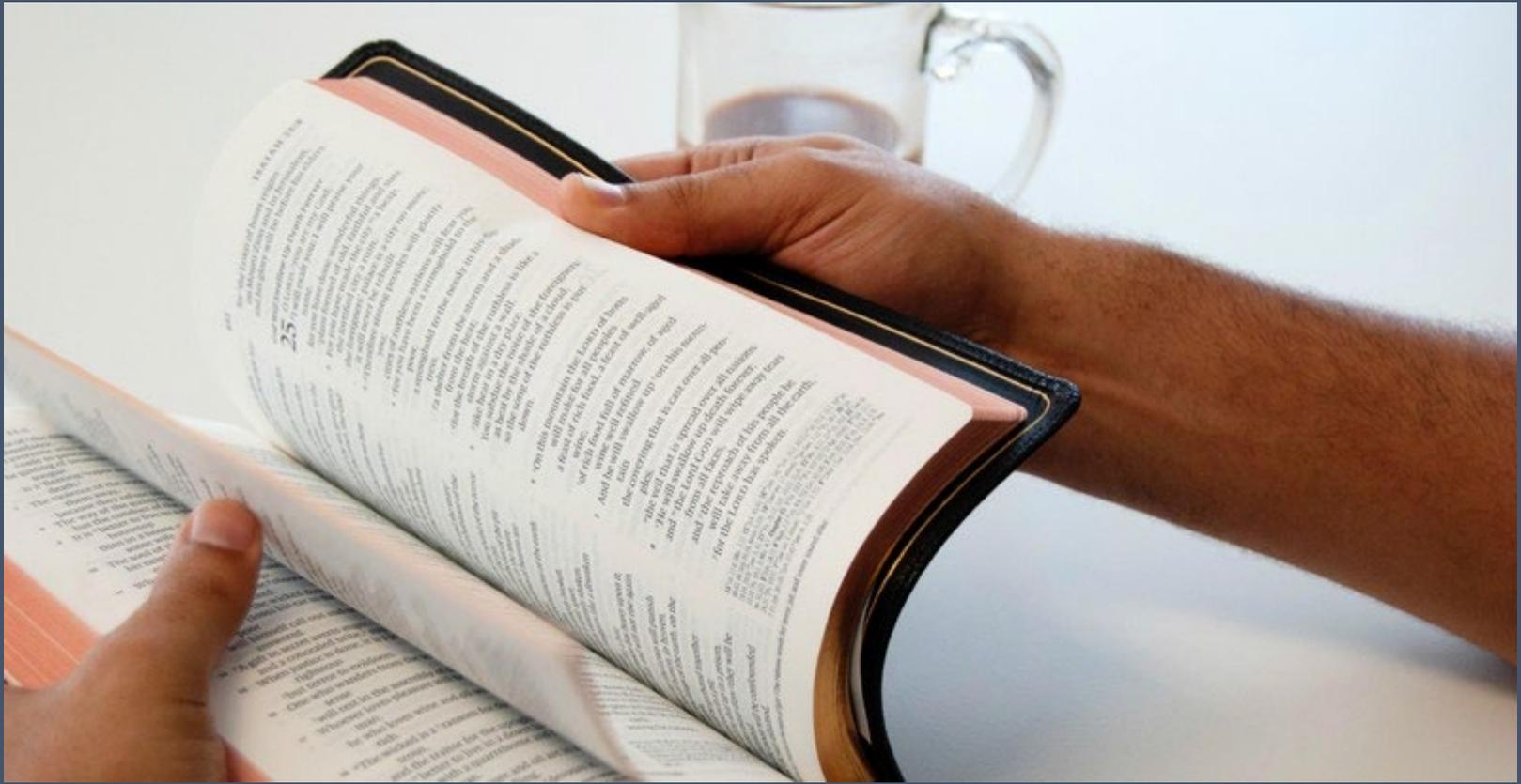
What are the wise of this
age teaching our children?

Many are being deceived by
the wisdom of this age.

Because of absentee parents and a generally worthless educational system in America our children are being indoctrinated rather than educated. As a result our youth today do not know how to think.

The wisdom of this age is
biased.

It has to be biased because
it cannot face the reality
that Absolute Truth is only
found in God and not in
human philosophy.



Please turn to:
1 Timothy 6: 20-21

1 Timothy 6: 20 (ESV)

O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you.

Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,”

1 Timothy 6: 20 (KJV)

*O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of **science** falsely so called:*

Question?

What happens when we
follow the science of the
world and not the Wisdom
of God?

1 Timothy 6: 21 (NLT)

**Some people have
wandered from the faith
by following such
foolishness. May God's
grace be with you all.**

1 Corinthians 3: 18 (ESV)

*Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, **let him become a fool that he may become wise.***

Question?

How does becoming a fool
make one wise?

1 Corinthians 3: 19-20 (ESV)

*For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” and again, **The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.**”*

1 Corinthians 3: 21-23 (ESV)

So let no one boast in men.

*For all things are yours,
whether Paul or Apollos or
Cephas or the world or life
or death or the present or
the future— all are yours,
and you are Christ's, and
Christ is God's.*

Question?

What point is Paul again
making here to this
Church?