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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ
 Greater Hartford Chapter
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- Welcome! Opening prayer and praise reports
- FCCI update: Philly group kick-off; Fellows program; 9/21-25 conference in FL
- Today's topic: **Are you a fool?**



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. --1 Corinthians 3:18

April Fool's Day is coming up soon, so I thought "the fool" would be a good topic for today's meeting. Would you agree that, in many ways, the *Christian* way is diametrically opposed to the *world's* way of running a business? The word "fool" and its derivatives appear 189 times in the KJV of the Bible. Here are some New Testament examples. Let's chat about how they relate to us as business owners.

A fool...

Has anger issues (Matthew 5:22) - do you see owners with bitterness and bad tempers?

Ignores Scripture (Matthew 7:26) - do you see owners searching everywhere else for answers?

Doesn't plan ahead (Matthew 25:2-8) - do you see careless owners jumping from crisis to crisis?

Ignores eternity (Luke 12:20) - do you see short-sighted owners who think this life is all there is?

Allows his/her imagination to run wild (Romans 1:21) - do you see owners who cannot focus?

Worships "education" (Romans 1:22, Titus 3:9) - do you see owners who pursue education to a fault?

Hoards resources and covets wealth (1 Corinthians 15:36, 1 Tim 6:8-10) - do you see stingy owners?

Perverts the simple Gospel (Galatians 3:1) - do you see owners who just cannot grasp the new birth?

Examine yourself. Are you guilty of any of these? Or are you a fool for Christ's sake?

Evaluate yourself from 1 (bad) to 10 (good) in terms of being a fool for Christ's sake.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by being a fool for Christ, and hence truly wise?										
What specific actions can you take to become more foolish for Christ and wiser in Him?										

- Next meetings on April 2 and 16
- Upcoming events/news
- Closing prayer