### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

I Corinthians 4:1-20

# SERMON TITLE: DARE TO BE DIFFERENT!

# SERMON TITLE: "BECOMING 'FOOLS' FOR CHRIST"

#### **SERMON OUTLINE:**

**12/31/14** "Peculiar People" ....I Peter 2:9

**01/04** "Foolish Things..."
...I Corinthians 1:18

#### **SERMON OUTLINE:**

**01/11** "Fools for CHRIST" ...I Corinthians 3:18-20

**01/18** "Foolish Things..."

... I Corinthians 4:1-20

#### **SERMON OUTLINE:**

**01/25** "Guest Preacher(s)" ....Text to be Given

**02/01** "Not of the World" ...John 17:1-26

#### BE DIFFERENT

"They are *not of the* world, just as I am not of the world...As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world."

John 17:16, 18

"Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a **special** treasure to Me above all **people**;..." **Exodus 19:5** 

"For you are a holy people to THE LORD...chosen you to be a people for HIMSELF, a special treasure above all the peoples..."

Deuteronmy. 7:6, 14:2

BE
DIFFERENT
...YOU ARE
"SPECIAL"

"But you are
a chosen generation,
a royal priesthood,
a holy nation,
HIS own special
people,"
I Peter 2:9a

"who gave HIMSELF for us, that HE might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for HIMSELF *HIS* own *special people*,..." Titus 2:14

"FOOL"
"FOOLS"
"FOOLISH"

"For the wisdom of this world is **foolishness** with GOD."

I Corinthians 3:19

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing..." I Corinthians 1:18a

"But GOD has chosen the *foolish things*... to put to shame the wise, and...the weak things... to shame the things which are mighty;"

I Corinthians 1:27

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

I Corinthians 3:18

## HEBREW: "nabal" (denial of GOD)

# GREEK: "moron" (insult with intent to damage)

"But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause[a] shall be in danger of the judgment." Matthew 5:22a "And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire." Matthew 5:22b

# "FOOLS FOR CHRIST"

"Let a man so consider us, as **servants of Christ** and **stewards of the mysteries of GOD**." I Corinthians 4:1 "Now these things...that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written...none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other."

I Corinthians 4:6

"For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? ...if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast...?"

I Corinthians 4:7

"You are already full!
You are already rich! You
have reigned as kings
without us—...I could
wish you did reign, that
we...might reign with you!"

I Corinthians 4:8

"For...GOD has displayed us,...apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men."

I Corinthians 4:9

"We are fools for CHRIST's sake, but you are wise in CHRIST! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished..."

I Corinthians 4:10

"To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless."

I Corinthians 4:11

"And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure;"

I Corinthians 4:12

"being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now."

I Corinthians 4:13

"I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. Therefore I urge you, imitate me."

I Corinthians 4:14, 16

"For this reason I...sent Timothy...my beloved and faithful son..., who will remind you of my ways in CHRIST, as I teach everywhere..." I Corinthians 4:17

"Now some are puffed up, as though I were not coming to you.

19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord wills,"
I Corinthns. 4:18-19a

"...and I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the *power*." I Corinthns. 4:19b "For the kingdom of GOD *is* not in word but in *power*."

I Corinthns. 4:20

"For the message of the cross is *foolishness* to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the *power of GOD*."

I Corinthians 1:18