

Wisdom to Consider

Recently, I read in a little magazine called *Open Windows* about *The Idiot*, a book written by a Russian by the name of Fyodor Dostoyevsky. Its title refers to the main character who was inspired by the author's image of Christ. At first, Christians who hear about the book tend to be offended by its title. But as they read it, they come to understand that Dostoyevsky was making the point that, to the world, God's wisdom seems foolish.

"Trusting others will only get you in trouble," the world says. "Humble people won't climb the ladder to success. Gentle people will be shoved into the background, and purity will draw the ridicule of others."

But "Jesus painted a vivid contrast with God's wisdom and the world's in Matthew 5," said the writer of the magazine article, Linda Lawson. "Among other things, He said true happiness is found in hungering for righteousness, showing mercy, seeking peace and being willing to be persecuted for one's faith."

Such wisdom is found in response to the needs of those profoundly affected by Hurricane Katrina. Or caring for the needs of the infirm and frail elderly entrusted to us. Or for showing compassion to those who must suddenly deal with the grief of the loss of a loved one.

In our personal lives and in the mission of Life Care, American Lifestyles and Life Care at Home, we come to understand that God's wisdom is much to be desired and far more fulfilling than the world's brand.

--Beecher Hunter