

THE FOOL: ACCORDING TO PROVERBS

DEFINITION of the Fool

A fool denies God (Ps.141; 53:1) in every way, lives as if there was no God, completely ignores the sovereign design of God's moral order for his creation, thinks he knows best, believes he has the resources within himself to provide for the welfare of his soul, refuses to pursue God or depend upon Him for "life", attempts to find "life" from temporal &/or selfish means - ruling God out as the source of life! Without divine wisdom to perceive life accurately (Biblically) man reaches foolish beliefs & conclusions that create all kinds of wrong strategies & styles of relating. The fool continues to deny any relationship between character, conduct, & consequences. He desperately lives out his foolish beliefs to make his life "work" (without God & His word) despising God's wisdom (Prov.1:7).

TYPES of Fools (the different Hebrew words which reveal a reinforced pattern)

1. The Simple Fool (pethi) one who is easily seduced. He needs to be instructed!
2. The Reactionary Fool (evil) one who simply wants his own way. He needs to be disciplined!
3. The Silly Fool (kesil) one who's only interested in a good time. He needs major reproof, we should explain his error (attempt to correct him) & then go from his presence!
4. The Scorning Fool (luwts, luts) one who has not only rejected biblical wisdom but delights in scoffing/mocking God's standards. He hates anyone who corrects him & discredits them (Prov.9:7-8; 15:12)! Stay away from him!
5. The Committed Fool (nabal) one who is completely deceived by their own passions (foolish heart) & committed to teaching others (you)! Reject his teachings (counsel of the ungodly)! Have no association with him!

Take time to observe the characteristics of a fool from Proverbs! When you examine your own heart & see some familiar tendencies, confess & repent & replace them with God's wisdom!

1:7	12:15,16
1:22	12:23
1:32	13:1
3:35	13:16
7:22	13:19
8:5,6	13:20
9:6	14:3
9:7,8	14:7-9
9:13	14:16
10:1	14:17
10:8	14:24
10:10	14:33
10:14	15:2
10:18	15:5
10:21	15:7
10:23	15:12
11:29	15:14

15:20
16:22
17:7
17:10
17:12
17:16
17:21
17:24
17:25
17:28
18:2
18:6,7
19:1
19:3
19:10
19:13
19:29

20:3
21:20
22:3
22:10
22:15
23:9
24:7
24:9
26:1-12(every verse)
27:3
27:22
28:26
29:9
29:11
29:20
30:22
30:32

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14:16	9:13
14:17	10:1
14:24	10:8
14:33	10:10
15:2	10:14
15:5	10:18
15:7	10:21
15:12	10:23
15:14	11:29