

Repenting from Foolishness

Biblically, a fool is one who is senseless, one who disgraces, one who lacks honor, one who falls, one who makes vile.

The end result of foolishness

Affliction

Psalms 107:17 Fools, because of their transgression, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted.

Ecclesiastes 4:5 The fool folds his hands and consumes his own flesh.

Ecclesiastes 10:12 The words of a wise man's mouth *are* gracious, But the lips of a fool shall swallow him up.

Proverbs 29:9 If a wise man contends with a foolish man, Whether *the* fool rages or laughs, *there is* no peace.

Loss of inheritance and wealth

Psalms 49:10 For he sees wise men die; Likewise the fool and the senseless person perish, And leave their wealth to others.

Proverbs 11:29 He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind, And the fool *will be* servant to the wise of heart.

Proverbs 21:17 He who loves pleasure *will be* a poor man; He who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

Shame

Proverbs 3:35 The wise shall inherit glory, But shame shall be the legacy of fools.

Failure

Proverbs 10:8 The wise in heart will receive commands, But a prating fool will fall.

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Madness

Ecclesiastes 10:13 The words of his mouth begin with foolishness, And the end of his talk *is* raving madness.

Violence

Proverbs 26:6 He who sends a message by the hand of a fool cuts off *his own* feet *and* drinks violence.

Sorrow

Proverbs 17:21 He who begets a scoffer *does so* to his sorrow, And the father of a fool has no joy.

Perish

Psalms 49:10 For he sees wise men die; Likewise the fool and the senseless person perish, And leave their wealth to others.

Proverbs 1:32 For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them;

Proverbs 10:21 The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of wisdom.

Proverbs 13:20 He who walks with wise *men* will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

Proverbs 26:10 The great *God* who formed everything gives the fool *his* hire and the transgressor *his* wages.

Romans 3:23 The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord

What fools think, say, and do

Attitude and heart condition

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

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Proverbs 1:22 How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, And [fools](#) hate knowledge.

Proverbs 12:15 The way of a [fool](#) *is* right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel *is* wise.

Proverbs 13:19 A desire accomplished is sweet to the soul, But *it is* an abomination to [fools](#) to depart from evil.

Proverbs 14:8 The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way, But the folly of [fools](#) *is* deceit.

Proverbs 16:22 Understanding *is* a wellspring of life to him who has it. But the correction of [fools](#) *is* folly.

Proverbs 17:10 Rebuke is more effective for a wise *man* than a hundred blows on a [fool](#).

Proverbs 17:24 Wisdom *is* in the sight of him who has understanding, But the eyes of a [fool](#) *are* on the ends of the earth.

Proverbs 19:3 The [foolishness](#) of a man twists his way, And his heart frets against the LORD.

Proverbs 24:7 Wisdom *is* too lofty for a [fool](#); He does not open his mouth in the gate.

Proverbs 23:9 Do not speak in the hearing of a [fool](#), For he will despise the wisdom of your words.

Proverbs 26:12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? *There is* more hope for a [fool](#) than for him.

Proverbs 28:26 He who trusts in his own heart is a [fool](#), But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

Ecclesiastes 5:1 Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of [fools](#), for they do not know that they do evil.

Mark 7:21-22 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

Talk

Proverbs 10:18 Whoever hides hatred *has* lying lips, And whoever spreads slander *is* a [fool](#).

Proverbs 12:23 A prudent man conceals knowledge, But the heart of fools proclaims [foolishness](#).

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Proverbs 13:16 Every prudent *man* acts with knowledge, But a fool lays open *his* folly.

Proverbs 14:3 In the mouth of a fool *is* a rod of pride, But the lips of the wise will preserve them.

Proverbs 15:14 The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, But the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.

Proverbs 17:7 Excellent speech is not becoming to a fool, Much less lying lips to a prince.

Proverbs 17:28 Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; *When* he shuts his lips, *he is considered* perceptive.

Proverbs 18:2 A fool has no delight in understanding, But in expressing his own heart.

Proverbs 18:6 A fool's lips enter into contention, And his mouth calls for blows.

Proverbs 18:7 A fool's mouth *is* his destruction, And his lips *are* the snare of his soul.

Proverbs 19:1 Better *is* the poor who walks in his integrity than *one who is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

Proverbs 20:3 It *is* honorable for a man to stop striving, Since any fool can start a quarrel.

Proverbs 26:7 Like the legs of the lame that hang limp *Is* a proverb in the mouth of fools.

Proverbs 26:9 Like a thorn *that* goes into the hand of a drunkard *Is* a proverb in the mouth of fools.

Proverbs 29:11 A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise *man* holds them back.

Proverbs 29:20 Do you see a man hasty in his words? *There is* more hope for a fool than for him.

Ecclesiastes 5:3 For a dream comes through much activity, And a fool's voice *is known* by *his* many words.

Ecclesiastes 10:14 A fool also multiplies words. No man knows what is to be; Who can tell him what will be after him?

Isaiah 32:6 For the foolish person will speak foolishness, And his heart will work iniquity: To practice ungodliness, To utter error against the LORD, To keep the hungry unsatisfied, And he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

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Actions

Proverbs 12:16 A fool's wrath is known at once, But a prudent *man* covers shame.

Proverbs 14:9 Fools mock at sin, but among the upright *there is* favor.

Proverbs 14:16 A wise *man* fears and departs from evil, But a fool rages and is self-confident.

Proverbs 14:24 The crown of the wise is their riches, *But* the foolishness of fools *is* folly.

Proverbs 14:33 Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding, But *what is* in the heart of fools is made known.

Proverbs 15:2 The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

Proverbs 15:5 A fool despises his father's instruction, But he who receives correction is prudent.

Proverbs 15:7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, But the heart of the fool *does* not *do* so.

Proverbs 17:12 Let a man meet a bear robbed of her cubs, Rather than a fool in his folly.

Proverbs 24:9 The devising of foolishness *is* sin, And the scoffer *is* an abomination to men.

Proverbs 26:11 As a dog returns to his own vomit, *So* a fool repeats his folly.

Proverbs 27:3 A stone *is* heavy and sand *is* weighty, But a fool's wrath *is* heavier than both of them.

Proverbs 27:22 Though you grind a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with crushed grain, *Yet* his foolishness will not depart from him.

Ecclesiastes 2:14 The wise man's eyes *are* in his head, But the fool walks in darkness.

Ecclesiastes 7:5 It *is* better to hear the rebuke of the wise than for a man to hear the song of fools.

Ecclesiastes 7:9 Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, For anger rests in the bosom of fools.

Ecclesiastes 10:3 Even when a fool walks along the way, He lacks wisdom, And he shows everyone *that he is* a fool.

Ecclesiastes 10:15 The labor of fools wearies them, For they do not even know how to go to the city!

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Jeremiah 17:11 *As* a partridge that broods but does not hatch, *So is* he who gets riches, but not by right; It will leave him in the midst of his days, And at his end he will be a [fool](#).

Proverbs 20:1 Wine *is* a mocker, Strong drink *is* a brawler, And whoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

How to leave the foolish path

The rod

Proverbs 19:29 Judgments are prepared for scoffers, And beatings for the backs of [fools](#).

Proverbs 26:3 A whip for the horse, A bridle for the donkey, And a rod for the [fool](#)'s back.

Proverbs 22:15 [Foolishness](#) *is* bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him.

Seek understanding and wisdom in Christ

Proverbs 8:5 O you simple ones, understand prudence, And you [fools](#), be of an understanding heart.

Proverbs 9:6 Forsake [foolishness](#) and live, And go in the way of understanding.

Ephesians 5:15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as [fools](#) but as wise.

Luxury, riches, and honor to be withheld from a fool

Proverbs 19:10 Luxury is not fitting for a [fool](#), Much less for a servant to rule over princes.

Proverbs 26:1 As snow in summer and rain in harvest, So honor is not fitting for a [fool](#).

Proverbs 26:8 Like one who binds a stone in a sling *is* he who gives honor to a [fool](#).

Helping a fool

Proverbs 26:4 Do not answer a [fool](#) according to his folly, Lest you also be like him.

Proverbs 26:5 Answer a [fool](#) according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own eyes.

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