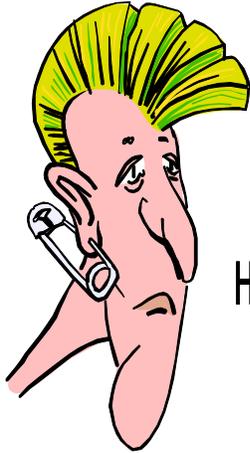


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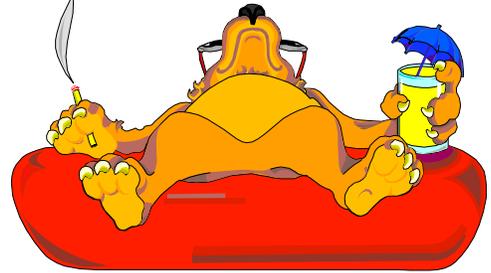
Hey Man, drugs are cool!



I Hate everybody!



Now listen Students, there is no God!



I'll get a job someday!



One more for the road!



This world stinks!



Hey, Crime pays!

A FOOL?

Jesus, I love you!



Titus 3:3

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

WHO IS A FOOL?

A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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INTRODUCTION:

We as Christians are often called a “Fool”, and what we believe in as “Foolish”. This Study Guide will help to reveal what the Bible teaches about “Foolishness” and who is actually a “Fool”.

This may open our eyes as Christians and help us to be able to share with others, some of the things of what God says about being a “Fool”.

“Fools” are sometime considered ‘funny’ and what they do is ‘humorous’; but the Lord looks upon these people with great distaste and takes what they do as very serious. None of this should be taken lightly.

The Bible says in Psalms:

Ps 38:5

5 My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness.

Notice, that the harm that “Fools” commit, not only hurts others, but themselves as well. This causes the “Fool” to wound himself until he ‘stinks’ with ‘corruption’. (Prov 20:30)

WHAT IS A FOOL?

THE DICTIONARY SAYS:

A Fool:

A person who lacks judgement; a simpleton; a silly or stupid person; a professional buffoon or jester.

To Fool:

To act like a fool; to trick or deceive; to make a fool of someone

Foolery:

Foolish action or behavior; an act of folly.

Foolish:

Weak in understanding; given to folly; silly; absurd.

Resulting from or showing a lack of sense.

Lacking forethought or caution.

Weakness of intellect and lack of judgment.

Lack of common sense or good judgment.

Weakness of mind.

STRONG’S CONCORDANCE SAYS:

The Old Testament - Hebrew says:**5036 nabal** (naw-bawl');from 5034; **stupid; wicked** (especially impious):KJV-- **fool (-ish, -ish man, -ish woman), vile person.****3684 keciyl** (kes-eel');from 3688; properly, fat, i.e. (figuratively) **stupid or silly**:KJV-- **fool (-ish).****191 'eviyl** (ev-eel');from an unused root (meaning to be **perverse**); (figuratively) **silly**:KJV-- **fool (-ish) (man).****200 'ivveleth** (iv-veh'-leth);from the same as 191; **silliness**:KJV-- **folly, foolishly (-ness).****5039 nebalah** (neb-aw-law');feminine of 5036; **foolishness**, i.e. (**morally**) **wickedness**; concretely, a crime; by extension, punishment:KJV-- **folly, vile, villany.****1984 halal** (haw-lal');a primitive root; to be clear (orig. of sound, but usually of color); to shine; hence, to make a show, **to boast**; and thus to be (**clamorously**) **foolish; to rave**; causatively, to celebrate; also to stultify:KJV-- (make) **boast (self)**, celebrate, commend, (deal, make), **fool (-ish, -ly)**, glory, give [light], be (make, feignself) mad (against), give in marriage, [sing, be worthy of] praise, rage, renowned, shine.**6612 pethiy** (peth-ee');or pethiy (peh'-thee); or petha'iy (peth-aw-ee'); from 6601; **silly** (i.e. **seducible**):KJV-- **foolish, simple (-icity, one).****The New Testament - Greek says:****878 aphron** (af'-rone);from 1 (as a negative particle) and 5424; properly, **mindless**, i.e. **stupid**, (by implication) **ignorant**, (specially) **egotistic**, (practically) **rash**, or (morally) **unbelieving**:KJV-- **fool (-ish), unwise.****453 anoetos** (an-o'-ay-tos);from 1 (as a negative particle) and a derivative of 3539; **unintelligent**; by implication, **sensual**:KJV-- **fool (-ish), unwise.****3474 moros** (mo-ros');probably from the base of 3466; **dull or stupid** (as if shut up), i.e. **heedless**, (morally) **blockhead**, (apparently) **absurd**:KJV-- **fool (-ish, X -ishness).****801 asunetos** (as-oon'-ay-tos);

from 1 (as a negative particle) and 4908; **unintelligent**; by implication, **wicked**:
KJV-- **foolish, without understanding**.

3471 moraino (mo-rah'-ee-no);

from 3474; to become insipid; figuratively, to make (passively, **act**) **as a simpleton**:

KJV-- **become fool, make foolish**, lose savour.

3912 paraphroneo (par-af-ron-eh'-o);

from 3844 and 5426; **to misthink**, i.e. **be insane (silly)**:

KJV-- **as a fool**.

3472 moria (mo-ree'-ah);

from 3474; **silliness**, i.e. **absurdity**:

KJV-- **foolishness**.

877 aphrosune (af-ros-oo'-nay);

from 878; **senselessness**, i.e. (euphem.) **egotism**; (morally) **recklessness**:

KJV-- **folly, foolishly (-ness)**.

GENERAL SCRIPTURES ABOUT FOOLS, FOOLISH, AND FOOLISHNESS:

Those that are **perpetually** “Foolish” will not be Saved because what they do is Evil.

Ps 5:5

5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

Those that say there is no God, are “Fools”.

Ps 14:1

1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

Ps 53:1

1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.

Those that Blaspheme the Name of the Lord are “Foolish”.

Ps 74:18-22

18 Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and that **the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.**

19 O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.

20 Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: **remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.**

“Fools” bring upon themselves their afflictions.

Ps 107:17

17 **Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.**

“Fools” despise Instruction in Wisdom and Understanding.

Prov 1:7

7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but **fools despise wisdom and instruction.**

Prov 17:24

24 **Wisdom** is before him that hath **understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in (on) the ends of the earth.**

Prov 18:2

2 **A fool hath no delight in understanding,** but that his heart may discover itself.

“Fools” hate Knowledge.

Prov 1:22

22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, **and fools hate knowledge?**

Prov 15:7

7 **The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish doeth not so.**

The “Foolish” Man/Woman also lacks Knowledge, therefore, they make a mock of Sin, thereby deceiving their own selves.

Prov 14:7-9

7 **Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.**

8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but **the folly of fools is deceit.**

9 **Fools make a mock at sin:** but among the righteous there is favour.

“Fools” shall receive Shame.

Prov 3:35

35 The wise shall inherit glory: but **shame shall be the promotion of fools.**

We are to forsake the “Foolish”.

Prov 9:6-8

6 **Forsake the foolish, and live;** and go in the way of understanding.

7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot.
 8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

The prostitute is a “Foolish” Woman and knows nothing, and her guests are ‘Simple’.

Prov 9:13-18

13 **A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing.**
 14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,
 15 To call passengers who go right on their ways:
 16 **Whoso is simple**, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding, **she saith to him,**
 17 **Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.**
 18 **But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.**

The “Foolish” Son.

Prov 10:1

1 The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but **a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.**

Prov 15:20

20 A wise son maketh a glad father: but **a foolish man despiseth his mother.**

Prov 17:25

25 **A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.**

Prov 19:13

13 **A foolish son is the calamity of his father:** and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.

The Answer is Prevention.:

Prov 22:15

15 **Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.**

Those that talk excessively and pointlessly are “Fools” that are headed for a Fall.

Prov 10:8

8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: but **a prating fool shall fall.**

Prov 10:10

10 He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but **a prating fool shall fall.**

Prov 10:13-14

13 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.

14 Wise men lay up knowledge: but **the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.**

He/She is a “Fool” that speaks with lies and slander.

Prov 10:18

18 **He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.**

The “Fool” considers their ‘mischief’ a Sport.

Prov 10:23

23 **It is as sport to a fool to do mischief:** but a man of understanding hath wisdom.

The “Foolish” Woman ‘tears’ down her own House instead of building it.

Prov 14:1

1 Every wise **woman** buildeth her house: but **the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.**

A “Fool” gets angry and rages quickly, thereby having a ‘False’ confidence.

Prov 14:16-17

16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but **the fool rageth, and is confident.**

17 **He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly:** and a man of wicked devices is hated.

Eccl 7:9

9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: **for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.**

Out of the Mouth of “Fools” comes “Foolishness”.

Prov 15:2

2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but **the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.**

His/Her Mouth is their destruction.

Prov 18:6-7

6 **A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.**

7 **A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.**

All “Fools” are Meddlers.

Prov 20:3

3 It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but **every fool will be meddling.**

A “Foolish” Man/Woman devours a treasure.

Prov 21:20

20 There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but **a foolish man spendeth it up.**

Don't answer a "Fool" about Her/His Folly", or you may become just like her/him. However, sometimes you need to answer a Fool or they may become proud.

Prov 26:3-5

3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and **a rod for the fool's back.**
 4 **Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.**
 5 (Sometimes) **Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.**

Although these two Scriptures seem to contradict themselves, the answer is that the Christian needs to use Spiritual Wisdom on when to answer a Fool and when not to answer a Fool.

Luke 7:35

35 **But wisdom is justified of all her children.**

Don't ever send a message with a "Fool", Particularly a Bible message, such as a Parable. Not only will he foul it up, but it will give him honor.

Prov 26:6-9

6 **He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, and drinketh damage.**
 7 The legs of the lame are not equal: **so is a parable in the mouth of fools.**
 8 As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, **so is he that giveth honour to a fool.**
 9 As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, **so is a parable in the mouth of fools.**

God will reward a "Fool" as a Transgressor, if once delivered, he returns to his 'Folly'. (See Psalm 62:12)

Prov 26:10-11

10 **The great God that formed all things both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors.**
 11 As a dog returneth to his vomit, **so a fool returneth to his folly.**

Don't contend (argue) with a "Foolish" Man/Woman, whether they get mad or laugh, because there will be no end to it.

Prov 29:9

9 **If a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, there is no rest.**

Anyone who speaks his whole mind is a “Fool”.

Prov 29:11

11 **A fool uttereth all his mind:** but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.

The “Fool” envies his neighbor’s work, but sits and folds his hands doing nothing, thereby, consuming himself by being slothful (lazy).

Eccl 4:4-6

4 Again, I considered all travail, **and every right work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbour.** This is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

5 **The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh.**

6 **Better is an handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit.**

A “Fool’s” words start out as “Foolishness”, but turn into mischievous madness.

Eccl 10:11-13

11 Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment; and a babbler is no better.

12 The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but **the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.**

13 **The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is mischievous madness.**

A “Fool” never stops talking, so you cannot make heads or tails of what he is saying.

Eccl 10:14

14 **A fool also is full of words:** a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him?

The labor of the “Foolish”, wearies everyone, because he is so ignorant of ordinary matters, he doesn’t even know how to get to town.

Eccl 10:15

15 **The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city.**

“Foolishness” is evil and comes from within the ‘Heart’ of men. It defiles the Man/Woman.

Mark 7:21-23

21 For **from within, out of the heart of men, proceed** evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, **foolishness:**

23 **All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.**

The Lord Jesus called the Pharisees “Fools”.

Luke 11:39-40

39 **And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter;** but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness.

40 **Ye fools,** did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also?

Even when we know who God is, if we do not glorify and Thank Him, our Hearts become “Foolish” and we become “Fools”.

Rom 1:21-22

21 **Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful;** but became vain in their imaginations, **and their foolish heart was darkened.**

22 Professing themselves to be wise, **they became fools,**

To those that don’t know God, the preaching of the Cross is “Foolishness”.

1 Cor 1:18

18 **For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;** but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

The Natural man (that doesn’t know God), doesn’t understand the things of the ‘Spirit of God’. It is “Foolishness” to him, because they don’t have the ‘Spirit of God’ within them.

1 Cor 2:14

14 **But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him:** neither can he know them, **because they are spiritually discerned.**

Paul called the Galatians “Foolish”, because they wouldn’t obey the Truth!

Gal 3:1

1 **O foolish Galatians,** who hath bewitched you, **that ye should not obey the truth,** before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

As Christians (Saints), don’t let us ever engage in “Foolish” Talking, nor Jesting.

Eph 5:3-4

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, **let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;**

4 Neither filthiness, **nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.**

As Christians, let us walk cautiously, discreetly and watchfully; and not as “Fools”.

Eph 5:15

15 **See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools,** but as wise,

The **Love** of Money can cause us to fall into many “Foolish” Lusts.

1 Tim 6:9-10

9 But **they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts,** which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 **For the love of money is the root of all evil:** which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Prov 1:32

32 **For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.**

We are to avoid “Foolish” Questions, because they cause strife’s.

2 Tim 2:23

23 **But foolish and unlearned questions avoid,** knowing that they do gender strifes.

Titus 3:9

9 But **avoid foolish questions,** and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; **for they are unprofitable and vain.**

It is the ‘Will of God’ that we as Christians silence the ignorance of “Foolish” Men/Women, by ‘Well Doing’.

1 Pet 2:15

15 **For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:**

WARNINGS:

Some “Fools” may die before they will change:

Luke 12:16-20

16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of **a certain rich man** brought forth plentifully:

17 And **he thought** within himself, saying, **What shall I do**, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 **And he said, This will I do:** I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19 **And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years;** take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20 **But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee:** then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

Some that are 'Called' Christians that are "Foolish", may not make it in the Translation of the Church:

Matt 25:1-13

1 **Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins**, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and **five were foolish.**

3 **They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:**

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 **While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.**

6 **And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.**

7 **Then all those virgins arose**, and trimmed their lamps.

8 **And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.**

9 **But the wise answered, saying, Not so;** lest there be not enough for us and you: **but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.**

10 **And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came;** and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: **and the door was shut.**

11 **Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.**

12 **But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.**

13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

CONCLUSION:

We must be careful not to 'Call' people a "Fool" unless we are led by the Holy Spirit.

Matt 5:22

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca (worthless),

shall be in danger of the council: but **whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.** (Gehenna)

Because we too were “Foolish” in times past, but were Saved from this “Foolishness” by the Grace of God.

Titus 3:3-7

3 **For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish,** disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

4 **But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,**

5 **Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;**

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

7 **That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**

Therefore, as Christians, let us stay founded on the Rock - **JESUS!**

Matt 7:24-27

24 Therefore **whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:**

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: **for it was founded upon a rock.**

26 And **every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:**

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; **and it fell: and great was the fall of it.**

AMEN!

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