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# CHARTING THE COURSE

## *AVOIDING FOOLISH BEHAVIOR*

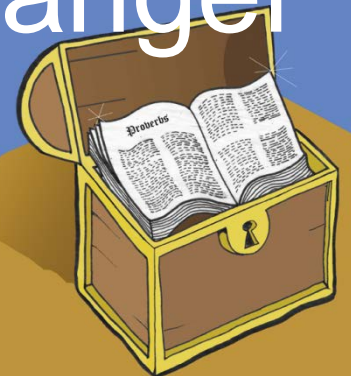
The 5 types of fools identified in Proverbs:

1. The Simple Fool
2. The Stubborn Fool
3. The Silly Fool
4. The Scorning Fool
5. The Committed Fool (commitment is good but not in this case)



But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

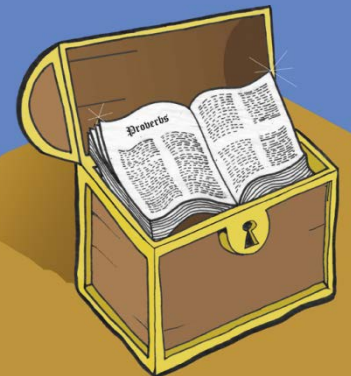
**Matthew 5:22**



# IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

Raca – Empty-headed, brainless idiot, worthless fellow, stupid blockhead or good-for-nothing.

Fool (moros) – one who is morally worthless, a scoundrel, an apostate, or one who plays the fool; a moral low-life



# BE VERY CAREFUL....

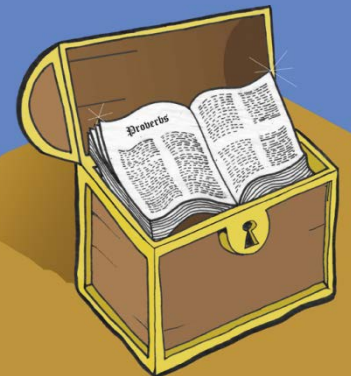
We should never say “Fool” to our brother or sister in Christ because:

1. That judgment is reserved for God
2. It shows disrespect for the person you are using it on and to God
3. It is accusatory and we know that Satan is the accuser
4. You will be in danger of the of the fire of hell



# THE GOAL TONIGHT...

1. Examine the 5 fools identified in the Book of Proverbs
2. Examine yourself to see if you have any of the traits of the 5 fools
3. Examine how you are training your children to ensure they will not become one or more of the 5 fools



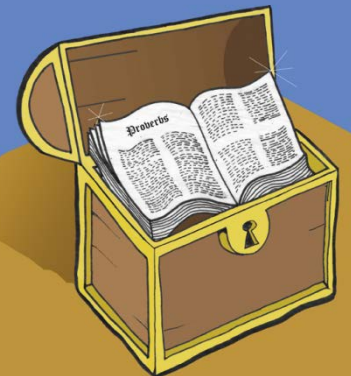
*Keep a close  
watch of your  
life...*

**1 Timothy 4:16a**



# THE SIMPLE FOOL

- Hebrew word *PETI*
- Believe anything and examine nothing
- Are gullible and easily misled
- Uncommitted to anything meaningful in life
- Ignore God's moral law and fail to see His warnings
- Will be destroyed





*“How long will you gullible people love being gullible? How long will you mockers find joy in your mocking? How long will you fools hate knowledge? Turn to me when I warn you. I will generously pour out my spirit for you. I will make my words known to you. I called and you refused to listen...Gullible people will kill themselves because of their turning away.”*

**Proverbs 1:22-32**



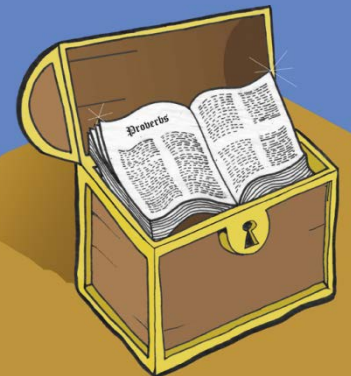
*“...Then you will understand  
the fear of the Lord and find  
the knowledge of God.”*

**Proverbs 2:5**



# THE STUBBORN FOOL

- Hebrew word *EVIYL*
- Despises wisdom and instruction
- Obstinate/stiff-necked attitude
- Does not think through his ideas but wants to be heard
- Makes huge mistakes
- Fall headlong into sin

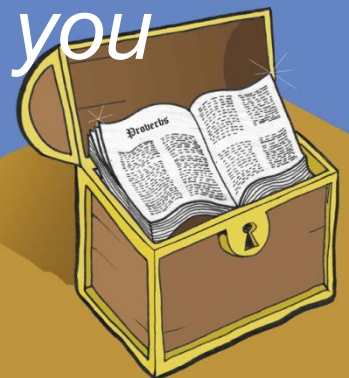


*“He who is often reproved, yet stiffens his neck, will suddenly be broken beyond healing.” –ESV*

*“Whoever remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed-without remedy.” –NIV*

*“If you keep being stubborn after many warnings, you will suddenly discover you have gone too far.” –CEV*

**Proverbs 29:1**



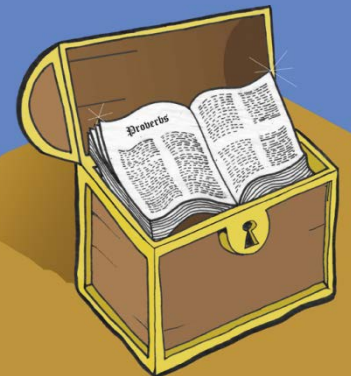
*“The fear of the Lord leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.”*

**Proverbs 19:23**



# THE SILLY FOOL

- Hebrew word *KECIYL*
- Seeks a good time, no matter how it comes.
- Characteristic of a young or immature person
- A person who has never grown up



*“Doing wrong is like a joke to a fool, but wisdom is pleasure to a man of understanding.” Proverbs 10:23*

*“...lovers of pleasures rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness but denying its power. Avoid such people.”  
2 Timothy 3:4-5*



*“Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”*

**2 Timothy 2:22**





*“Gray hair is a crown of glory;  
it is gained in a righteous  
life.”*

**Proverbs 16:31**



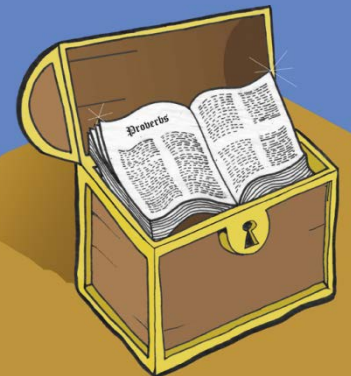
# THE SCORNING FOOL

- Hebrew word *LUWTS*
  - *Appears 50 times in Proverbs*
- Rejects the truth of God
- Scorns the truth and makes fun of it
- Makes fun of those who are trying to live by the Word of God
- Refuses to be corrected by anyone



# THE SCORNING FOOL

- Rejects the Truth
- Enjoys violating God's commandments
- Sympathizes with those who try to legitimize things that go against God's moral law, i.e. homosexuality, abortion, sex outside of marriage, consuming alcohol, etc.



*“ ‘Scoffer’ is the name of the arrogant, haughty man who acts with arrogant pride.”*

*Proverbs 21:24*

*“A scoffer does not like to be reproved; he will not go to the wise.”*

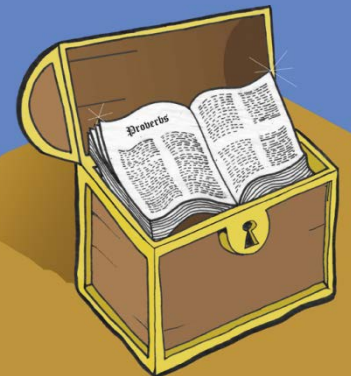
*Proverbs 15:12*

*“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.” Isaiah 5:20*



*“Toward the scorers He is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.” Proverbs 3:34*

*“God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” James 4:6,; 1 Peter 5:5*



# THE COMMITTED FOOL

- Hebrew word *NABAL*
  - *1 Samuel 25*
- He does not learn from his mistakes
- He is “insane”, doing the same thing looking for a different outcome
  - “If you do what you always did, you will get what you always got”
- No amount of pain or pressure will cause this type of fool to change
- He blames the Lord for his folly



*“When a man’s folly brings his way to ruin,  
his heart rages against the Lord.”*

*Proverbs 19:3*

*“Like a dog that returns to his vomit is a fool  
who repeats his folly.” Proverbs 26:11*



*“And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell and great was the fall of it.”*

**Matthew 7:26-27**





*“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on a the rock.”*

**Matthew 7:24**



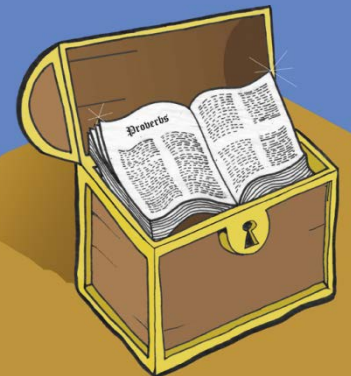
# CONCLUSION

Seek, Ask, Knock, Accept – Advice,  
Instruction and Direction

From God's Word  
In Prayer

From your brothers and sisters

**YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT!**



*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.”*

**Proverbs 1:7**



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