

Biblical Principles:
Are You a Fool?
Take this simple test and find out!

Qualifications: What Does it Take to be a Fool?

Relationship with God

Ps. 14.1 Fools say in their hearts, "there is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

Ps. 92.5-6 How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep! The dullard cannot know, the stupid cannot understand this.

Pr. 14.9 Fools mock at the guilt offering, but the upright enjoy God's favor.

Pr. 10.8 The wise of heart will heed commandments, but a babbling fool will come to ruin.

Pr. 1.7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction

Anger

Pr. 12.16 Fools show their anger at once, but the prudent ignore an insult.

Pr. 14.29 - Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but one who has a hasty temper exalts folly.

Pr. 14.17 One who is quick-tempered acts foolishly, and the schemer is hated.

Pr. 20.3 It is honorable to refrain from strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel.

Pr. 29.11 A fool gives full vent to anger, but the wise quietly holds it back.

Speech

Pr. 10.18 Lying lips conceal hatred, and whoever utters slander is a fool.

Pr. 18.2 A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing personal opinion.

Pr. 15.7 - The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the minds of fools.

Pr. 12.23 One who is clever conceals knowledge, but the mind of a fool broadcasts folly.

Pr. 30.32 If you have been foolish, exalting yourself, or if you have been devising evil, put your hand on your mouth.

Direction in Life

Pr. 12.15 Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to advice.

Pr. 13.16 The clever do all things intelligently, but the fool displays folly.

Ecc 2.14 Then I saw that wisdom excels folly as light excels darkness. The wise have eyes in their head, but fools walk in darkness

Ecc 10.2 The heart of the wise inclines to the right, but the heart of a fool to the left

Ecc 10.15 The toil of fools wears them out, for they do not even know the way to town.

Pr. 14.15 The simple believe everything, but the clever consider their steps.

Pr. 10.23 Doing wrong is like sport to a fool, but wise conduct is pleasure to a person of understanding.

Proper Understanding of Evil

Pr. 13.19 A desire realized is sweet to the soul, but to turn away from evil is an abomination to fools.

Pr. 14.16 The wise are cautious and turn away from evil, but the fool throws off restraint and is careless.

Pr. 14.24 The crown of the wise is their wisdom, but folly is the garland of fools.

Pr. 14.33 Wisdom is at home in the mind of one who has understanding, but it is not known in the heart of fools.

Pr 15.21 Folly is a joy to one who has no sense, but a person of understanding walks straight ahead

Pr. 24.9 The devising of folly is sin, and the scoffer is an abomination to all

Relationship with Others

Pr. 14.1 The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish tears it down with her own hands

Pr. 15:20 A wise child makes a glad father, but the foolish despise their mothers.

Pr. 6.32 But he who commits adultery has no sense; he who does it destroys himself.

Pr. 15.5 - A fool despises a parent's instruction, but the one who heeds admonition is prudent.

What were Jesus' Examples of Fools

Matthew 7:24-27 - Fools ignore Jesus' words.

Matthew 25:1-13 - Fools do not prepare for Jesus' return to earth.

Mark 7:22 - Foolishness is an evil that defiles a person.

Luke 11:37-42 - Fools only worry about outside appearances, not what is inside them.

Luke 12:13-21 - Fools lay up treasures on earth and ignore God and heavenly future.

Luke 24:13-32 - Foolish are slow to believe in Him - Emmaus Road

What is God's Opinion of the Foolish?

Ps 5.5 - The boastful will not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers

Pr. 27.3 A stone is heavy, and sand is weighty, but a fools' provocation is heavier than both.

Jeremiah 4:22 - For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.

What Does God Have to Say to Foolish People

Pr. 8.5 O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it.

Pr. 9.6 Lay aside immaturity (simpleness), and live, and walk in the way of insight.

Pr. 1.22 "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?"

Pr. 1.32 For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.

Jeremiah 5:21 - Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes, but do not see, who have ears, but do not hear. Do you not fear me? says the Lord; Do you not tremble before me.

Romans 1:19-22 - For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made. So they are without excuse, for though they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their senseless minds were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools...

Galatians 3:1-3 - You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh?

Ephesians 5:15-17 - Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

What are the Consequences of Being a Fool?

Ps 38.5 My wounds grow foul and fester because of my foolishness; I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all day long I go around mourning. For my loins are filled with burning; and there is no soundness in my flesh, I am utterly spent and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart.

Ps. 69.5 O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

Ps 73.21-22 When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, I was stupid and ignorant; I was like a brute beast toward you.

Pr. 3.35 The wise will inherit honor, but stubborn fools, disgrace

Pr, 13.20 Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools suffers harm.

Pr. 9.13 The foolish woman is loud; she is ignorant and knows nothing.....

Pr. 10.1 A wise child makes a glad father, but a foolish child is a mother's grief.

Pr. 10.10 Whoever winks the eye causes trouble, but the one who rebukes boldly makes peace.

Pr. 10.14 The wise lay up knowledge, but the babbling of a fool brings ruin near.

Pr. 11.29 Those who trouble their households will inherit wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise.

Pr. 14.3 The talk of fools is a rod for their backs, but the lips of the wise preserve them.

Pr. 14.8 It is the wisdom of the clever to understand where they go, but the folly of fools misleads

Pr. 18.6-7 A fool's lips bring strife, and a fool's mouth invites a flogging. The mouths of fools are their ruin, and their lips a snare to themselves.

Pr. 19.3 One's own folly leads to ruin, yet the heart rages against the Lord

Pr. 10.21 The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of sense.

Pr. 21.20 Precious treasure remains in the house of the wise, but the fool devours it.

Pr. 24.9 - The devising of folly is sin, and the scoffer is an abomination to all

Pr. 26.3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a rod for the back of fools.

How Should We React to Fools?

Pr, 13.20 Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools suffers harm.

Pr. 26.4 Do not answer fools according to their folly, or you will be a fool yourself.

Pr. 14.7 Leave the presence of a fool, for there you do not find words of knowledge.

Pr. 23.9 - Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, who will only despise the wisdom of your words.

Mt. 5.22 But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire.

2 Timothy 2:23 - Have nothing to do with stupid and senseless controversies; you know that they breed quarrels.

Titus 3:1-7 Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy...

I Peter 2:15 - For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish.