

# Fool Proofing Your Life

Proverbs - Part 4 Prov.1:1-7,22 & 30-32

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Proverbs 1:1-7,22&30-32 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: <sup>2</sup> for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; <sup>3</sup> for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; <sup>4</sup> for giving prudence to those who are simple, <sup>4</sup> knowledge and discretion to the young— <sup>5</sup> let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance— <sup>6</sup> for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. <sup>7</sup> **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.** <sup>22</sup> “How long will you who are simple love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge? <sup>30</sup> Since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke, <sup>31</sup> they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes. <sup>32</sup> For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, & the complacency of fools will destroy them.

## Who is a fool?

1. Someone who ignores the order (laws) God has put in place **BUT** should know better.
2. Someone who ignores how sin has corrupted the world.

## Resources:

Devotional: “*God’s Wisdom for Navigating Life*”, By Tim & Kathy Keller

Wisdom Series PODCAST from The Bible Project.

<https://bibleproject.com/podcast/series/wisdom-series/>

Wisdom Series VIDEO from The Bible Project

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gab04dPs\\_uA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gab04dPs_uA)

## What kind of a “fool” are you?

### THE FOOL WHO CAN'T CONTROL THEIR MOUTH...

Prov. 10:8 *The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering fool comes to ruin.* Prov. 10:10, 14 & 18

### THE ARROGANT FOOL...

Prov. 26:12 *Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.* Prov. 12:15, 15:5, 18:2 & 28:26

### THE ANGRY FOOL...

Prov. 14:16-17 *The wise fear the Lord & shun evil, but a fool is hotheaded & yet feels secure.* <sup>17</sup> A quick-tempered person does foolish things. Prov. 20:3 & 29:11

### THE MALICIOUS FOOL...

Prov. 10:23 A fool finds pleasure in evil conduct, but a man of understanding delights in wisdom. Prov. 4:14-17

### THE FOOL FOR CHRIST...

1Cor. 3:18 *Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become “fools” so that you may become wise.*

## What does Jesus say?

Matthew 7:24-27 *“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”*

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