

Studies in Proverbs

SKILLED

For Life

WHICH FOOL ARE YOU?

Proverbs 1:22

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**“HOW LONG, O SIMPLE ONES,
WILL YOU LOVE BEING SIMPLE?
HOW LONG WILL SCOFFERS
DELIGHT IN THEIR SCOFFING
AND FOOLS HATE KNOWLEDGE?”**

FOOL #1 THE SIMPLE ONE

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- LACKS COMMON SENSE

Proverbs 7:7

**AND I HAVE SEEN
AMONG THE SIMPLE,
I HAVE PERCEIVED
AMONG THE YOUTHS,
A YOUNG MAN LACKING SENSE,**

FOOL #1 THE SIMPLE ONE

- LACKS COMMON SENSE
- LACKS CRITICAL THINKING

Proverbs 14:15

**THE SIMPLE BELIEVES
EVERYTHING, BUT THE
PRUDENT GIVES THOUGHT
TO HIS STEPS.**

FOOL #1 THE SIMPLE ONE

- LACKS COMMON SENSE
- LACKS CRITICAL THINKING
- LACKS CAUTION

Proverbs 22:3

**THE PRUDENT SEES DANGER
AND HIDES HIMSELF,
BUT THE SIMPLE GO ON AND
SUFFER FOR IT.**

FOOL #2 THE “FOOL”

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- **CLOSED OFF TO COUNSEL**

Proverbs 12:15

**THE WAY OF A FOOL
IS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES,
BUT A WISE MAN
LISTENS TO ADVICE.**

Proverbs 14:7

**LEAVE THE PRESENCE
OF A FOOL, FOR THERE
YOU DO NOT MEET
WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE.**

FOOL #2 THE “FOOL”

- CLOSED OFF TO COUNSEL
- COMBATIVE WITH OTHERS

Proverbs 10:18

**THE ONE WHO CONCEALS
HATRED HAS LYING LIPS,
AND WHOEVER UTTERS
SLANDER IS A FOOL.**

Proverbs 20:3

**IT IS AN HONOR FOR A MAN
TO KEEP ALOOF FROM STRIFE,
BUT EVERY FOOL WILL BE
QUARRRELING.**

FOOL #2 THE “FOOL”

- CLOSED OFF TO COUNSEL
- COMBATIVE WITH OTHERS
- CALLOUS TOWARDS SIN

Proverbs 10:23

**DOING WRONG IS LIKE A JOKE
TO A FOOL, BUT WISDOM IS
PLEASURE TO A MAN OF
UNDERSTANDING.**

Proverbs 13:16

**EVERY PRUDENT MAN ACTS
WITH KNOWLEDGE,
BUT A FOOL FLAUNTS HIS FOLLY.**

FOOL #3 THE SCORNER

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- HARMES THOSE WHO TRY TO HELP

Proverbs 9:7-8

**WHOEVER CORRECTS A SCOFFER
GETS HIMSELF ABUSE, AND HE WHO
REPROVES A WICKED MAN INCURS
INJURY. DO NOT REPROVE A
SCOFFER, OR HE WILL HATE YOU;
REPROVE A WISE MAN, AND HE WILL
LOVE YOU.**

Proverbs 5:12

**A SCOFFER DOES NOT
LIKE TO BE REPROVED;
HE WILL NOT GO TO THE WISE.**

FOOL #3 THE SCORNER

- HARMS THOSE WHO TRY TO HELP
- CELEBRATES CORRUPTION

Proverbs 24:9

**THE DEVISING OF FOLLY IS SIN,
AND THE SCOFFER IS AN
ABOMINATION TO MANKIND.**

Proverbs 17:5

**WHOEVER MOCKS THE POOR
INSULTS HIS MAKER;
HE WHO IS GLAD AT CALAMITY
WILL NOT GO UNPUNISHED.**

FOOL #3 THE SCORNER

- HARMS THOSE WHO TRY TO HELP
- CELEBRATES CORRUPTION
- ARROGANT TOWARDS AUTHORITY

Proverbs 21:24

“SCOFFER” IS THE NAME OF THE ARROGANT, HAUGHTY MAN WHO ACTS WITH ARROGANT PRIDE.

THE FIX FOR FOOLISHNESS

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- **LISTEN**

Proverbs 1:20-21

WISDOM CRIES ALOUD IN THE STREET, IN THE MARKETS SHE RAISES HER VOICE; AT THE HEAD OF THE NOISY STREETS SHE CRIES OUT; AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CITY GATES SHE SPEAKS:

James 1:19-20

KNOW THIS, MY BELOVED BROTHERS: LET EVERY PERSON BE QUICK TO HEAR, SLOW TO SPEAK, SLOW TO ANGER; FOR THE ANGER OF MAN DOES NOT PRODUCE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.

THE FIX FOR FOOLISHNESS

- LISTEN
- LEARN

Proverbs 8:5

**O SIMPLE ONES, LEARN PRUDENCE;
O FOOLS, LEARN SENSE.**

Proverbs 19:25

**STRIKE A SCOFFER, AND
THE SIMPLE WILL LEARN
PRUDENCE; REPROVE A MAN OF
UNDERSTANDING, AND HE WILL
GAIN KNOWLEDGE.**

THE FIX FOR FOOLISHNESS

- LISTEN
- LEARN
- REPENT

Proverbs 1:22

**IF YOU TURN AT MY REPROOF,
BEHOLD, I WILL POUR OUT
MY SPIRIT TO YOU; I WILL MAKE MY
WORDS KNOWN TO YOU.**

THE FUTURE FOR UNREPENTANT FOOLS

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- YOU LOSE OUT ON THE INVITATION

Proverbs 8:5

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O FOOLS, LEARN SENSE.**

Proverbs 9:4

**“WHOEVER IS SIMPLE,
LET HIM TURN IN HERE!”**

THE FUTURE FOR UNREPENTANT FOOLS

- YOU LOSE OUT ON THE INVITATION
- YOU LOSE OUT ON WISDOM

Proverbs 14:6

**A SCOFFER SEEKS WISDOM
IN VAIN, BUT KNOWLEDGE IS EASY
FOR A MAN OF UNDERSTANDING.**

THE FUTURE FOR UNREPENTANT FOOLS

- YOU LOSE OUT ON THE INVITATION
- YOU LOSE OUT ON WISDOM
- YOU LOSE OUT ON SALVATION

BIG IDEA

**YOU CAN EITHER KEEP
YOUR PRIDE AND STAY
A FOOL, OR REPENT
IN HUMILITY AND
GAIN WISDOM.**

NEXT STEPS

**WHERE DO YOU SEE
FOOLISHNESS IN YOUR LIFE?**