**WHO IS A FOOL?**

According to the dictionary, a fool is someone who is silly and stupid.

If you fool someone you deceive or trick them. If you make a fool of something or yourself you behave in a way that makes you silly.

It is in this context that the Bible provides evidence of who is a fool.

* **The belief of the fool. Ps. 141 “***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.***”**
* **His walk. Eccl 214 “***The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness: and I myself perceived also that one event happeneth to them all***”**
* **His standing before God. Eccl. 54 “***When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed***”**

**Ps. 55 “***The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.****”***

* **His eyes are in the ends of the earth. Prov. 1724 “***Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth*.**”**
* **His ears despise wisdom Prov. 239 “***Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.***”**
* **His mouth smother than oil Prov. 53 “***For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:****”***
* **His mouth near destruction Prov.** **1014 “***Wise men lay up knowledge:
but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.***”**
* **His mouth in it a rod. Prov. 143 “***In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.***”**
* **His mouth poureth out foolishness. Prov. 152** “*The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.*”
* **His mouth feeds on foolishness Prov. 1514“***The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.***”**
* **His mouth is his destruction. Prov. 187 “***A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.****”***
* **His mouth calleth for strike. Prov. Prov. 186**
* **His lips enter into contention Prov. 186**
* **His lips swallow himself Eccl. 1012 “***The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.***”**
* **His lips are the snare of his soul. Prov. 187**
* **His tongues flattereth prov. 624 “***To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.* **”**
* **His tongue shall be cut off Prov. 1031 “***The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out*.**”**
* **His voice known by the multitude of words Ecc. 53 “***For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.***”**
* **His neck is stiff Ps. 7545 “***Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck.***”**
* **His bosom, anger resteh there Ecc. 79 “***Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.***”**
* **His heart saith there is no God, Ps. 141 “***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.***”.**
* **His heart fretteth against the Lord, Prov. 19 3 “***The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.****”.***
* **His heart is in the house of mirth, Ecc. 74 “***The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.***”**
* **IIis heart is slow to believe, Luke 2425 “***Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:****”.***
* **His hands (passive) folded together, Ecc. 45 “***The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh***”.**
* **His hands (active) pluck down the house, Prov. 141,**
* **His back, a rod and stripes prepared for it, Prov. 1929 “***Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools*.**”.**
* **His feet go down to death, Prov. 55 “***Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell***”.**
* **His steps take hold on hell, Prov. 55**
* **His food is his own flesh, Ecc, 45 “***The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh***”.**
* **His foolishness is his food, Prov. 1514. “***The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.****”***
* **Fruit of his own way, Prov. 131 “***Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices*.**”.**
* **His own devices, Prov. 131.**
* **His food is his ashes, Isa, 4420 “***He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?****”.***

**HIS CHARACTER AND HIS WAY**

* **He says in his heart, NO GOD, Psa. 141.**
* **His way is right in his own eyes, Prov. 1215.**
* **He trusts his own heart, Prov. 2826.**
* **He is soon angry, Prov. 1417.**
* **He answereth a matter before hearing it, Prov. 1813.**
* **He uttereth slander; Prov. 1018.**
* **He uttereth all his mind, Prov. 19I7**
* **He enters into contention, Prov. 186**
* **He layeth up treasure for himself. He is not rich towards God, Luke 1221**
* **He builds his house on the sand, Matt. 726.**
* **He takes a lamp without oil, Matt. 253.**
* **He doubts resurrection, I Cor. 1536.**
* **He is slow of heart to believe, Luke 2425,**
* **He would be made perfect by the flesh, Gal. 33.**
* **He despiseth wisdom. Prov. 239**
* **He despiseth instruction, Prov. 17.**
* **He despiseth his father's instruction, Prov. 155**
* **He despiseth his mother, Prov. 1520.**
* **He despiseth his own soul, Prov. 1532.**
* **Meddling, Prov. 203.**
* **He layeth open his folly, Prov. 1316.**
* **He saith to everyone he is a fool, Ecc 103.**
* **He hates knowledge, Prov.121.**
* **His abomination is to depart from evil, Prov. 1319.**
* **He reproacheth God daily, Psa.7422.**
* **He is clamorous, Prov. 913.**
* **He is simple Pro. 913.**
* **He knoweth nothing. Prov. 913.**
* **He poureth out foolishness, Prov 152.**
* **His father hath no joy, Prov. 1721.**
* **To him he is a grief, Prov. 1725.**
* **To him he is a calamity, Prov. 1913.**
* **To his mother he is a bitterness, Prov. 1725.**
* **To his mother he is heaviness, Prov. 101.**
* **To his companions he is destruction, Prov. 1320.**

**HIS PLEASURES**

* To mock at sin, **Prov. 149.**
* Folly his joy, **Prov. 1521.**
* His laughter as the crackling of thorns under a pot. **Eccl. 76**
* Mischief is his sport, **Prov. 1023.**

**HIS PROMOTION**

* Shame**, Prov. 335.**
* Prosperity shall destroy him, **Prov.132. Prov. 2722, Prov. 1710**

**HIS END**

* He dies for want of wisdom**, Prov. 1021.**
* Thou fool this night thy soul shall be required of thee**, Luke 1220.**
* The great God shall reward him, **Prov. 2610**