

Fool and Foolishness, Discussion and Management

“Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.” (Ephesians 5:17)

The word fool or foolishness is repeated in the Scripture. Therefore as you go through the Scriptures you will understand things better about this subject and you will understand yourself and your personality in a better way. Attitude problems and bad characters are linked with foolishness, the sin of the fool. God wants to bless you as you understand and apply this message in your life.

The Scripture that are listed below and discussed, some of them are particularly for you, while the other might not be linked to your wrong attitude or bad character. So as you go down and read focus on when you recognize that the Scripture is dealing with your problem, while other Scriptures will help to handle fools and foolishness.

1- *“You didn’t even let me kiss my grandchildren and my daughters goodbye. You have done a foolish thing.” (Genesis 31:28)* When God said to Jacob to go back to the land of his father, Jacob sent to his two wives and children where his flocks were and he took them and left without saying goodbye to his father in law. It is well understood that if he be saying goodbye to his father in law he may hinder him, but what Jacob did was considered as foolishness. Out of pressure and fear you might do certain things that would be considered foolishness. I am not telling you to endanger yourself or put yourself in troubles, but I invite you to think more and pray more and ask God wisdom and more details of what you need to do in these situations. The way to do things is very important of how to do it. Do your best to avoid foolishness.

2- *“And he said to Moses, “Please, my lord, I ask you not to hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed.” (Numbers 12:11)* This is what Aaron said to Moses asking him forgiveness when he (Aaron) and Miriam spoke badly against Moses. Aaron confessed that it was a foolish thing. Speaking against your church leaders who are doing their best to help you and lead you in righteousness is considered as sin and foolishness. Repent of that sin and be grateful to God that He sent people to help you to go in the direction that God wants you to move.

3- *“Balaam answered the donkey, “You have made a fool of me! If only I had a sword in my hand, I would kill you right now.” (Numbers 22:29)* Balaam accused his donkey that he made him a fool, but the truth of it is that Balaam was really a fool in the way he conducted himself toward God and toward His people. Sometime you may tell to others around you that they are making fool of you, but you are not seeing yourself living and behaving as fool.

4- *“Is this the way you repay the Lord, you foolish and unwise people? Is he not your Father, your Creator, who made you and formed you? (Deuteronomy 32:6)* This is part of Moses song when he composed and recites in prediction of Israel rebelliousness after his death. Prior to that Moses said to the Israelites, ***“27 For I know how rebellious and stiff-necked you are. If you have been rebellious against the LORD while I am still alive and with you, how much more will you rebel after I die! 28 Assemble before me all the elders of your tribes and all your officials, so that I can speak these words in their hearing and call the heavens and the earth to testify against them. 29 For I know that after my death you are sure to become utterly corrupt and to turn from the way I have commanded you. In days to come, disaster will fall on you because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD and arouse his anger by***

what your hands have made.” 30 And Moses recited the words of this song from beginning to end in the hearing of the whole assembly of Israel:” (Deuteronomy 31:27-30) When the Lord had done much to them, then moving away from Him and His commandments is considered as foolishness. The Lord had given the Israelites His Word and He gave them Moses to lead them and to teach them God’s ways and commands. Therefore rebelling against God after Moses death is considered foolishness. In the same way, when you had been given care and God’s word in a clear way then you are accountable to resist foolishness and commit yourself and walk faithfully according to what you had received.

5- *“You have done a foolish thing,” Samuel said. “You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. (1Samuel 13:13)* Saul did not follow and apply fully the instructions that Samuel gave to him, but instead he did his own and followed his own way. Saul lost much because of that particular foolishness. Obey and follow the instruction that had been given to you so in this way you will avoid doing foolish things, and you will avoid the harms and the losses of falling into foolishness.

6- *“Please pay no attention, my lord, to that wicked man Nabal. He is just like his name—his name means Fool, and folly goes with him. And as for me, your servant, I did not see the men my lord sent.” (1Samuel 25:25)* David and his men they did much by protecting Nabal sheep and shepherd. But when David asked Nabal to refresh him, he refused to give anything to David and in addition to that he insulted David and his men. Abigail described to David that Nabal her husband with what he did is a fool. When you are unwilling to give and support the ministry of God that had done much to you then this folly and you need to repent of it. Those who are unwilling to give anything to the ministry of God what they are doing are foolishness.

7- *Then Saul said, “I have sinned. Come back, David my son. Because you considered my life precious today, I will not try to harm you again. Surely I have acted like a fool and have been terribly wrong.” (1Samuel 26:21)* Saul was angry against David and he was following him to destroy him. David did not do bad or intended to harm Saul, so Saul finally realized that what he was acting and doing is folly, especially when David spared his life. When someone is not harming you or threatening you, then you bad attitude against him to harm him is foolishness and you need to turn out from it.

8- *“What about me? Where could I get rid of my disgrace? And what about you? You would be like one of the wicked fools in Israel. Please speak to the king; he will not keep me from being married to you.” (2Samuel 13:13)* That what Tamar told to Amnon who was attempting to rape her. Rape and adultery is foolishness and those who do that are fool.

9- *David was conscience stricken after he had counted the fighting men, and he said to the Lord, “I have sinned greatly in what I have done. Now, Lord, I beg you, take away the guilt of your servant. I have done a very foolish thing.” (2Samuel 24:10)* David counted the men because he doubted God and he considered the men of God his. What he did was foolishness and ultimately he repented of that. Do you consider what God had given you and placed under your care is yours and you had got it by your own strength? This is foolishness and you need to repent of that so you will be relieved and restored as had happened with David.

10- ***“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. You have done a foolish thing, and from now on you will be at war.” (2Chronicles 16:9)*** King Asa in his last years when he faced the army of Israel who were invading Judah, he resolved to rely on what was in his treasuries to hire the king of Syria to give him relief. That was foolishness and he was rebuked for it. Don’t do such things by using material things and not God to save you from troubles. Lack of trust in God is foolishness.

11- ***“He replied, “You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?” In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.” (Job 2:10)*** The wife of Job despised her husband for keeping his integrity toward God in facing the trials that God allowed in His life. He faced and said to her, ***“You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?”*** It is a foolishness to face troubles with anger or grumbling against God. Wisdom is to endure and bear under trials because they are God’s ordinance and judgment on us.

12- ***“Resentment kills a fool, and envy slays the simple.” (Job 5:2)*** Resentment and anger toward God or toward other people who did not harm you is foolishness and that will affect your health and your wellbeing. Repent of that anger and resentment so you will be healed.

13- ***“I myself have seen a fool taking root, but suddenly his house was cursed.” (Job 5:3)*** The danger of foolishness or being a fool; when you recognize that in your life and you do not repent because you are doing well in life especially in material aspect, that is dangerous because God’s curse may fall on you at any time. Fool can have wealth, ***“For all can see that the wise die, that the foolish and the senseless also perish, leaving their wealth to others.” (Psalm 49:10)*** ***“And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless.” (Ecclesiastes 2:19)*** Fool and senseless people still can have riches and wealth. Fool still can have luxury and can be put in many high positions, ***“It is not fitting for a fool to live in luxury— how much worse for a slave to rule over princes!” (Proverbs 19:10)*** ***“Fools are put in many high positions, while the rich occupy the low ones.” (Ecclesiastes 10:6)*** So if you are rich or are put in high position that does not exclude you from being fool if you are doing foolish things.

14- ***“He leads rulers away stripped and makes fools of judges.” (Job 12:17)*** God may allow fool to be in a high position and for a while as we read here. Therefore, when you recognize foolishness in your life, better to repent and do not be deceived with your high position.

15- ***“The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.” (Psalm 14:1)*** Those who have no regard for God or they think He does not exist or they have no regard to His word or commands, they are fools. ***“The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, and their ways are vile; there is no one who does good.” (Psalm 53:1)*** They do foolish things because they have no regard to God’s sovereignty over all what He created. They even forget that they are created by God and need to abide with Him and His Word. ***“Remember how the enemy has mocked you, Lord, how foolish people have reviled your name.” (Psalm 74:18)*** ***“Rise up, O God, and defend your cause; remember how fools mock you all day long.” (Psalm 74:22)*** ***“21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their***

thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools.”(Romans 1:21-22) Fool their mind is futile and their hearts are darkened, that is why they left God and started to worship the created things and perverted the ways of God. But we are accountable to reach them out. We were like that, ***“At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.” (Titus 3:3)*** But now as we come to know the truth, we accountable to preach the message to the fool; Paul said, ***“I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish.” (Romans 1:14)*** Paul was accountable as well as we are accountable to reach out the fool with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Not only to preach but to teach the fool when are called to do that, ***Romans 2:20*** describes the instructor of the foolish, ***“an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of little children, because you have in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth.”***

16- ***“Save me from all my transgressions; do not make me the scorn of fools.” (Psalm 39:8)*** The fool they mock and scoff on the things of God. If you do wrong then God will allow fool to laugh on you.

17- ***“Senseless people do not know, fools do not understand,” (Psalm 92:6)*** Fool are slow to understand or do not appreciate or value the things of God. Fools they value material things, and give less importance to spiritual things. This is my question to you if you are doing foolish things: ***“Take notice, you senseless ones among the people; you fools, when will you become wise?” (Psalm 94:8)***

18- ***“Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.” (Psalm 107:17)*** Rebelliousness and rejection of God’s ordinances makes you fool. Do not despise or reject instructions. ***“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (Proverbs 1:7)*** The question is the following: ***“How long will you who are simple love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge?” (Proverbs 1:22)*** You don’t know, ***“For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them;” (Proverbs 1:32)*** Keeping foolish behaviors and delay in correcting and rectifying yourself will bring destruction into your life.

19- ***“The wise inherit honor, but fools get only shame.” (Proverbs 3:35)*** Shame will come to you whenever you do foolish things. Sooner or later you will repaid for your foolishness.

20- ***“You who are simple, gain prudence; you who are foolish, set your hearts on it.” (Proverbs 8:5)*** You need to be aware that to be naïve, simple or unaware on important concerns is foolishness. God wants you to be discerning and aware of what is going on around you.

21- ***“A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.” (Proverbs 10:1)*** Being fool will bring disgrace, shame and grief to your parents and to your immediate family.

22- ***“The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering fool comes to ruin.” (Proverbs 10:8)*** Those who talk too much and their mouths continuously babbling with words are fool. They don’t like to listen or accept a command or instruction, but they continue to speak and

will not give space for themselves to listen. The danger of that attitude for the fool is that they will come to the point of ruin, **“Whoever winks maliciously causes grief, and a chattering fool comes to ruin.” (Proverbs 10:10)** And again the mouth of the fool invites destruction, **“The wise store up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool invites ruin.” (Proverbs 10:14)** Fool who here characterized by uncontrollable speech and too much talk, their mouth with such attitude invites destruction. Are you like that? Can you see the destructive effect of your talk? Will you please repent by closing your mouth; it is for your benefit to do that.

23- “Whoever conceals hatred with lying lips and spreads slander is a fool.” (Proverbs 10:18) The fool here described as a person who has hatred but he conceal it using lies and pretending that he is fine, but he will be discovered by the slander that he is making against the people that he hates. Are you like that? Can you see yourself in this parable that we just discussed? Repent and refrain of such evil.

24- “The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of sense.” (Proverbs 10:21) Fool here described as a person who has no sense or direction in life. When they speak they invites darkness and death in their lives. The righteous to the opposite, when they speak their words are light and nourishments to the souls of others.

25- “A fool finds pleasure in wicked schemes, but a person of understanding delights in wisdom.” (Proverbs 10:23) Fool they are happy to do wicked things and follow the plans of the evil one. They do not delight to humble down before understanding or wisdom.

26- “Whoever brings ruin on their family will inherit only wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise.” (Proverbs 11:29) Fool here described as people that will bring trouble on their own families, and they are called to be servant of those who are wise.

27- “The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.” (Proverbs 12:15) Fools consider themselves always at right. They do not check their work or their life with the Word of God. They cannot listen to or be corrected with advice because their stand is not based on God’s Word. The wise listen to advice because they hearken to the word of God.

28- “Fools show their annoyance at once, but the prudent overlook an insult.” (Proverbs 12:16) Fools they are easily reacting and show their annoyance. They react without much thinking or have understanding of what will be happening next. The prudent are wise, even they are insulted, they don’t concentrate on the insults but on what God wanting from them to do and to be.

29- “The prudent keep their knowledge to themselves, but a fool’s heart blurts out folly.” (Proverbs 12:23) The wise they know how to keep information or secret to themselves because they have discernment and they can control their mouth. But the fool they lack wisdom and they lack control other their tongues, and their heart are full of emotions and flesh impulses, therefore you find them uttering and revealing folly. You find they speak things and open up issues to wrong people and in wrong times.

30- All who are prudent act with knowledge, but fools expose their folly.” (Proverbs 13:16) Prudent acts and performed things and put them in order. But the fool act and perform things that you will finally discern their folly.

31- A longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but fools detest turning from evil.” (Proverbs 13:19) Fools not only resist correction but they hate turning away from evil. Their longing and their desires will not come true because they are not willing to give up evil.

32- “Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.” (Proverbs 13:20) As you walk with the wise people you will get more wisdom and understanding from them and you will receive blessings from God. While if you walk with fool then you will be infected with their foolishness and you will start to act and live like them and that will bring harm and troubles into your life.

33- “The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down.” (Proverbs 14:1) Women are linked with the word Wisdom. Women also are linked with beauty. But their beauty according to the proverb that you are reading is linked with wisdom. If they are wise then they are beautiful and they are able to build their houses, and if they are fool then they are ugly and their house shall be torn down.

34- “A fool’s mouth lashes out with pride, but the lips of the wise protect them.” (Proverbs 14:3) The fool they think that when they speak much and answer back that they are protected. That is not correct, their pride is the reason of their foolishness and their answering back are for them like a soldier who is carrying his sword and fight. They are not aware that what they are doing is the very thing that will take away the protection of God from them. The wise control their hearts, minds and use their lips with discretion and they are protected by the Lord.

35- “Stay away from a fool, for you will not find knowledge on their lips.” (Proverbs 14:7) You will not find knowledge from the lips of the fool, therefore be away and stay away from them.

36- “The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception.” (Proverbs 14:8) The wise has wisdom that will bring light to their path and will make their ways more clear. But the fool they think they have wisdom, but their wisdom is foolishness and that contribute much to deception and confusion in their lives.

37- “Fools mock at making amends for sin, but goodwill is found among the upright.” (Proverbs 14:9) Fools are not willing to stop sin or make correction for their wrong ways. They despise amendment and end up with bad consequences.

38- “The wise fear the Lord and shun evil, but a fool is hotheaded and yet feels secure.” (Proverbs 14:16) The fools are obstinate and refuse correction and they deceive themselves and think that they are secured. While the wise they fear God and are willing to put away evil immediately as they are confronted with the truth.

39- “A quick-tempered person does foolish things, and the one who devises evil schemes is hated.” (Proverbs 14:17) Fools are quick tempered and devises evil schemes. If you are doing that then you are fool and you will be hated.

40- “The wealth of the wise is their crown, but the folly of fools yields folly.” (Proverbs 14:24) The foolishness of the fool will yield losses and ultimately poverty to them, but the wise think and apply God’s ways in their lives and are rewarded.

41- “Wisdom reposes in the heart of the discerning and even among fools she lets herself be known.” (Proverbs 14:33) Even among fools God would allow His wisdom to reach them and to be revealed to them. Even you are living and acting as fool, God is reaching you and allowing His wisdom to be revealed to you so you will repent.

42- “The tongue of the wise adorns knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.” (Proverbs 15:2) The fools not only they speak folly, but they gushes folly; that mean large amount of foolishness is coming out of their mouths.

43- “A fool spurns a parent’s discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence.” (Proverbs 15:5) Fool refuses his parents or his spiritual parents to correct him, but wise and prudent people heeds correction. Are you wise and open to correction, or you are fool and spurns correction. The correction that God sent to you is for your own benefit. Therefore when you kick it away then you are throwing away God’s blessings from your life. For this reason, **“A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish man despises his mother.” (Proverbs 15:20)** **“A foolish son brings grief to his father and bitterness to the mother who bore him.” (Proverbs 17:25)** Fools who despise correction are ruined, and the calamity that will come upon them will bring grief to their parents or spiritual parents, **“To have a fool for a child brings grief; there is no joy for the parent of a godless fool.” (Proverbs 17:21)** While wise who obey instructions, bring joy to the hearts of those who instruct them.

44- “The lips of the wise spread knowledge, but the hearts of fools are not upright.” (Proverbs 15:7) The problem of the fools is not in their lips only but in their hearts which are not right before God. Is your heart is right before God or you are fool and need to repent of the foolish thoughts in your heart?

45- “The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly.” (Proverbs 15:14) The wise is discerning and he seeks knowledge and wisdom to feed his heart and soul with. But the fool instead of repenting, he is seeking folly to feed his heart and soul with.

46- “Prudence is a fountain of life to the prudent, but folly brings punishment to fools.” (Proverbs 16:22) Foolishness always end up with punishment. You must understand that your foolishness will have bad consequences upon your life that you need to bear. Foolishness is sin and God will make you accountable to the consequences of this sin.

67- “Eloquent lips are unsuited to a godless fool— how much worse lying lips to a ruler!” (Proverbs 17:7) Fools are characterizing with much foolish and non godly talk. Worse it will be if that fool person is eloquent, because more people will be deceived and destroyed by the words of evil spoken thoughts.

68- “A rebuke impresses a discerning person more than a hundred lashes a fool.” (Proverbs 17:10) A mere rebuke will be enough for the person who is discerning. Therefore quit foolishness and take a heed of the rebuke that you are receiving for correction. Beating will come upon you as punishment for your refusal to be corrected, **“A whip for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a rod for the backs of fools!” (Proverbs 26:3)**

69- “Better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than a fool bent on folly.” (Proverbs 17:12) If a person who is fool and is in his/her full blown picture it is better for you not to meet him/her. It will be like a bomb explosion, you and others will be injured.

70- “Why should fools have money in hand to buy wisdom, when they are not able to understand it?” (Proverbs 17:16) Wisdom you cannot buy with money. So if you are fool what is expected to be seen in your life, that your money will go away. If you are fool the treatment for you is not to have money to solve your problem, but to repent and quit foolishness and start to obey God’s word. That will give you wisdom and wisdom will give you wealth. **“A discerning person keeps wisdom in view, but a fool’s eyes wander to the ends of the earth.” (Proverbs 17:24)** Many they plan to go and travel to far places at the end of the earth thinking that this will give them wealth and better future. But that is wrong and a deception of the fool. The wise discern that he needs to have wisdom and keep wisdom in view to solve his problem and to attain good things, and to achieve God’s purpose in your life.

71- “Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues.” (Proverbs 17:28) Fools can be silent and hold their tongue, so be careful and observe other features of them.

72- “Fools find no pleasure in understanding but delight in airing their own opinions.” (Proverbs 18:2) Fools they might speak and give good opinions but as long as it is not based on the word of God then they are foolishness. Be also careful when you hear people speaking or preaching because they might speak eloquently but only their own opinions and not the word of God.

72- “The lips of fools bring them strife, and their mouths invite a beating.” (Proverbs 18:6) Fools in the way they speak will put them in troubles and their mouths will invite beating to them. It may go further with them, **“The mouths of fools are their undoing, and their lips are a snare to their very lives.” (Proverbs 18:7)**

73- “Better the poor whose walk is blameless than a fool whose lips are perverse.” (Proverbs 19:1) This also another way to discover the fool; they pretend to be something and exaggerate and speak much and show themselves as rich and wealthy. So those who are blameless and not exaggerate to show themselves are far better for you to communicate with.

74- “It is not fitting for a fool to live in luxury— how much worse for a slave to rule over princes!” (Proverbs 19:10) It is not fitting for the fool to have luxury. He might have it now, but soon or late God will judge and it will be taken away.

75- A foolish child is a father’s ruin, and a quarrelsome wife is like the constant dripping of a leaky roof.” (Proverbs 19:13) Foolish child will bring ruin to the parents. So I admonish parents to deal with the foolishness of their children using the rod of correction, **“Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.” (Proverbs 22:15)**

76- “Penalties are prepared for mockers, and beatings for the backs of fools.” (Proverbs 19:29) Penalties and punishment are prepared for the fools. It will come as consequences of your foolishness.

77- ***“It is to one’s honor to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel.” (Proverbs 20:3)*** Fools are not only quick to speak and gush out folly, but they are quick to quarrel.

78- ***“The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.” (Proverbs 21:20)*** Wise they think about the future and know how to budget and store up their food and their provisions. But the fool without discretion they finish all their provision and money without discretion.

79- ***“Do not speak to fools, for they will scorn your prudent words.” (Proverbs 23:9)*** That is a good advice; when you already had spoken to the fool and did not respond, then you do not need to waste your time and the precious words that you are giving to them.

80- ***“Wisdom is too high for fools; in the assembly at the gate they must not open their mouths.” (Proverbs 24:7)*** Fools as they are recognize in a church or in a ministry then they should not be allowed to speak.

81- ***“Like snow in summer or rain in harvest, honor is not fitting for a fool.” (Proverbs 26:1)*** Once you had diagnosed and recognized the fool, then you are accountable not to give any honor so he will not use the honor to cover and to continue in foolishness. Not only have that but, ***“Like tying a stone in a sling is the giving of honor to a fool.” (Proverbs 26:8)*** The stone that you are tying to a sling will pull the sling down, so if you will give a honor to a fool he will pull you down.

82- ***“Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you yourself will be just like him.” (Proverbs 26:4)*** Avoid meeting the fool, and if you ever meet, then do not answer or speak they way the fool speak so you will not be like him.

83- ***“Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes.” (Proverbs 26:5)*** So if you answer the fool the same way he speaks then he will think that he is wise.

84- ***“Sending a message by the hands of a fool is like cutting off one’s feet or drinking poison.” (Proverbs 26:6)*** Fools should not receive a ministry otherwise it will end up by cutting feet (workers will be affected) and minds of people will be spoiled and poisoned.

85- ***“Like the useless legs of one who is lame is a proverb in the mouth of a fool.” (Proverbs 26:7)*** The word of God in the mouth of the fool is non effective, like the useless leg to the lame person. That person drags and carries the paralyzed leg and is a burden to him. In the same way if you ask a fool to deliver the word of God, first it is ineffective, and second will add a burden to you. In addition to the above is the following: ***“Like a thornbush in a drunkard’s hand is a proverb in the mouth of a fool.” (Proverbs 26:9)*** The one who is drunkard when you put a thornbush in his hand, because he is not fully conscious, he may harm others; in the same way the message in the mouth of fool, may bring damage to others.

86- ***“Like an archer who wounds at random is one who hires a fool or any passer-by.” (Proverbs 26:10)*** You cannot depend on fool in God’s service because they will harm and hurt that service or ministry. They will behave in a foolish way as the archer who shoots without discretion.

87- ***“As a dog returns to its vomit, so fools repeat their folly.” (Proverbs 26:11)*** They repeatedly do the same mistakes and bring you the same trouble.

88- ***“Do you see a person wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for them.” (Proverbs 26:12)*** What we learn from this proverb that there is still hope for the fool to recover, if they are willing to repent. The same we learn from the following proverb: ***“Do you see someone who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for them.” (Proverbs 29:20)*** There is a hope for a fool.

89- ***“Stone is heavy and sand a burden, but a fool’s provocation is heavier than both.” (Proverbs 27:3)*** ***“A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool’s wrath is heavier than them both.” (Proverbs 27:3 KJV)*** Do not under estimate the anger and the wrath that fool may bring if he is ignited, therefore be careful and avoid the fool. Even if you go to court, still it will not be easy for you to handle, ***“If a wise person goes to court with a fool, the fool rages and scoffs, and there is no peace.” (Proverbs 29:9)***

90- ***“Though you grind a fool in a mortar, grinding them like grain with a pestle, you will not remove their folly from them.” (Proverbs 27:22)*** If the fool is not willing to repent then whatever you do you cannot get rid of his foolishness.

91- ***“Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe.” (Proverbs 28:26)*** It is a foolishness to trust in yourself; it is also dangerous to live and walk your life away from God’s word and His wisdom. Safety in your life will come when you trust God with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

92- ***“Fools give full vent to their rage, but the wise bring calm in the end.” (Proverbs 29:11)*** The fool gives full vent to their rage (extreme anger with dire consequences), but the wise is still will be able to bring calm in the end. I am not telling you to go along foolish people, the word of God forbid us of that as you can read here: ***“Don’t have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.” (2Timothy 2:23)*** ***“But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.” (Titus 3:9)*** But what I am saying that if you had been put in a situation that you are not able to avoid fool then God sure will help you and will enable you to bring calm and peace at the end.

93- ***“A servant who becomes king, a godless fool who gets plenty to eat,” (Proverbs 30:22)*** So the fool are well known by eating much.

94- ***“If you play the fool and exalt yourself, or if you plan evil, clap your hand over your mouth!” (Proverbs 30:32)*** If you had behave as a fool and did much evil and now you are repenting, then this is my advice for you, ***clap your hand over your mouth***; keep calm and listen and obey the instructions that is being given to you.

95- ***“The wise have eyes in their heads, while the fool walks in the darkness; but I came to realize that the same fate overtakes them both. Then I said to myself, “The fate of the fool will overtake me also. What then do I gain by being wise?” I said to myself, “This too is meaningless.” For the wise, like the fool, will not be long remembered; the days have***

already come when both have been forgotten. Like the fool, the wise too must die!” (Ecclesiastes 2:14-16) It is true that both the wise and the fool will die and will not be remembered. But what we learned from the word of God is the following: ***The wise have eyes in their heads, while the fool walks in the darkness;*** the wise will live their lives with open eyes that will make them see God’s blessings, enjoy their lives and enable them to avoid troubles. While the fool is blind, they cannot see and enjoy the blessings of God and they cannot see their ways and ultimately they cannot avoid troubles or traps.

96- “Fools fold their hands and ruin themselves.” (Ecclesiastes 4:5) Fools are lazy people, complacent and are not willing to face situations and rectify themselves, so they are exposed to be destroyed.

97- “Better a poor but wise youth than an old but foolish king who no longer knows how to heed a warning.” (Ecclesiastes 4:13) Foolishness can eat up the privileges of age, position and wealth. That is why those who are fool, whatever position, wealth or age and experience they have their foolishness will bring all that to ruin unless they will repent. A poor young man with wisdom can do well and better than an old rich man but fool.

98- “Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong.” (Ecclesiastes 5:1) Many they speak without discretion and announce their opinions that not based on the word of God, and they might give advices and direct people, and may even speak nice words, but as long as it is not based on the word of God then it is called, ***the sacrifice of fools***. Repent of this habit of speaking too much and without discretion or direction from God’s word or the Holy Spirit.

99- A dream comes when there are many cares, and many words mark the speech of a fool.” (Ecclesiastes 5:3) Many words mark the speech of a fool. Too much speaking is foolishness. ***“12 Words from the mouth of the wise are gracious, but fools are consumed by their own lips. 13 At the beginning their words are folly; at the end they are wicked madness— 14 and fools multiply words. No one knows what is coming— who can tell someone else what will happen after them?” (Ecclesiastes 10:12-14)*** Fools are known and are marked with much talk and so many words.

100- “When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfill it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow.” (Ecclesiastes 5:4) Speaking too much will lead you to make unnecessary vows that you cannot fulfill. This will make you a fool before God.

101- “What advantage have the wise over fools? What do the poor gain by knowing how to conduct themselves before others?” (Ecclesiastes 6:8) The wise knows how to conduct their lives and they are good example to others, but the fools are failure in their decision and are bad examples to other to see and to follow.

102- “The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure.” (Ecclesiastes 7:4) Fool they are always after pleasures, banqueting, parties, and they think that these things will bring joy into their lives. The fools love to go to places where people are agreeing with them and their foolish way, but they refuse to go to people who will correct them and rebuke their evil doings and wrong decisions. The wise his heart in the house of mourner, where with God’s word, God’s correction and God’s rebuke.

103- “It is better to heed the rebuke of a wise person than to listen to the song of fools.” (Ecclesiastes 7:5) Fools they love to sing and laugh with people who flatter them, and they refuse to listen to the word of God or the rebuke of God’s word. Many they love to sing and even lead worship in the church but they do not even care to read their bibles. What they will sing then? ***The song of fools***. We need to be wise and discerning in our congregations, to encourage more the teaching of God’s Word than the praise and worship singing; otherwise we will be ending up in listening to the song of fools.

104- “Like the crackling of thorns under the pot, so is the laughter of fools. This too is meaningless.” (Ecclesiastes 7:6) Too much joking and pampering and no rebuking or correction with God’s word is not a good sign; laughing and giggling it means there are fools and we need to deal with them and address properly. ***“Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.” (Ephesians 5:4)*** Foolish talk should not acceptable in the body of Christ.

105- “Extortion turns a wise person into a fool, and a bribe corrupts the heart.” (Ecclesiastes 7:7) Extortion and bribe is another reason for becoming a fool. Check yourself and see if you are gaining money in a wrong way. If that is so in your life, then you repent so you will be freed from foolishness.

106- “Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools.” (Ecclesiastes 7:9) Anger and easily provoked are markers for fools. Check yourself and repent if you are having such bad character.

107- “Do not be overwicked, and do not be a fool— why die before your time?” (Ecclesiastes 7:17) You need to repent from wickedness and foolishness, so you will not die early.

108- “The quiet words of the wise are more to be heeded than the shouts of a ruler of fools.” (Ecclesiastes 9:17) Shouting and yelling are linked with the ruler of fools and their words will not be heeded. But quiet wise words will be heeded and obeyed. Start to learn the value of repenting of your foolishness.

109- “The heart of the wise inclines to the right, but the heart of the fool to the left.” (Ecclesiastes 10:2) The heart and the ways of the fool are opposite to that of the wise and righteous man. The wise incline towards obedience, but the fool toward disobedience.

110- “Even as fools walk along the road, they lack sense and show everyone how stupid they are.” (Ecclesiastes 10:3) The fools are easily recognized in the way they live for they show lack of sense and awareness, and with multiple wrong decision.

111- “The toil of fools wearies them; they do not know the way to town.” (Ecclesiastes 10:15) Fool they work and toil so much, they will wear down but no fruit they can find from their much toil.

112- “11 The officials of Zoan are nothing but fools; the wise counselors of Pharaoh give senseless advice. How can you say to Pharaoh, “I am one of the wise men, a disciple of the ancient kings”? 12 Where are your wise men now? Let them show you and make known what the LORD Almighty has planned against Egypt. 13 The officials of Zoan have become

fools, the leaders of Memphis are deceived; the cornerstones of her peoples have led Egypt astray.” (Isaiah 19:11-13) Fool people might take high position in the government of the countries and that might contribute to the corruption and the downfall of moral standards of such nations and finally will contribute to the downfall of the countries.

113- “5 No longer will the fool be called noble nor the scoundrel be highly respected. 6 For fools speak folly, their hearts are bent on evil: They practice ungodliness and spread error concerning the Lord; the hungry they leave empty and from the thirsty they withhold water.” (Isaiah 32:5-6) Fools should not be given a ministry or position to lead in the church. They speak wrong things, based on their opinions and not the word of God. They are corrupted, having wrong motives, and they spread error about the ways of the Lord. With such characters they have, they will not be able to handle and care for God’s people. Such kind of church leaders they will not address the problems of the church members and the individuals. They are busy with activities and programs to fill the space, kill the time, waste the money and cover their own inefficiency. But those hungry and the thirsty their problems they will not help them to solve.

114- “And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it.” (Isaiah 35:8) Those whose heart, mind and walk is not with God are fools and should not be given way to take position or office in the work of God.

115- “My people are fools; they do not know me. They are senseless children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil; they know not how to do good.” (Jeremiah 4:22) When the people of God start to worship their idols and move away from God, they are becoming fool and will start to do evil. *“They are all senseless and foolish; they are taught by worthless wooden idols.” (Jeremiah 10:8)* In fact fools are skilled in doing evil and do not know how to do well. The Lord describes his people as foolish when they do not know the ways and the requirements of God, *“Hear this, you foolish and senseless people, who have eyes but do not see, who have ears but do not hear:” (Jeremiah 5:21)* *“I thought, “These are only the poor; they are foolish, for they do not know the way of the Lord, the requirements of their God.” (Jeremiah 5:4)*

116- “Like a partridge that hatches eggs it did not lay are those who gain riches by unjust means. When their lives are half gone, their riches will desert them, and in the end they will prove to be fools.” (Jeremiah 17:11) Fool people they will live their lives collecting riches with unjust gain, but later on they will discover that all what they collected are gone away from them. They are like that bird that hatches eggs did not lay.

117- “A sword against her false prophets! They will become fools. A sword against her warriors! They will be filled with terror.” (Jeremiah 50:36) The false prophets who compromise and go along people wishes and dreams are leading God’s people into wrong direction and are described here as fool and ultimately they will be removed and destroyed by the Lord. *“This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing!” (Ezekiel 13:3)* *“The days of punishment are coming, the days of reckoning are at hand. Let Israel know this. Because your sins are so many and your hostility so great, the prophet is considered a fool, the inspired person a maniac.” (Hosea 9:7)* The Lord will punish those who lead God’s people with their own ways

and not with God’s word and laws. *“Then the Lord said to me, “Take again the equipment of a foolish shepherd.” (Zechariah 11:15)* God will remove them and their false teaching and foolish ways.

118- “But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire..” (Matthew 5:22) The Lord made it clear that we cannot be angry or say bad word, or the word ‘fool,’ without a real reason, *“36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.” (Matthew 12:36-37)*

119- “24 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. 25 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. 26 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. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” Matthew 7:24-27) Those who hear the word of God and do not put into practice are fool. The fool they don’t know how to build their lives on God’s word, as if like a person who build his house on the sand which will not be able to stand life events and trials.

120- “You blind fools! Which is greater: the gold, or the temple that makes the gold sacred?” (Matthew 23:17) Fools are blind people who are not able to value spiritual things.

121- “Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them.” (Matthew 25:2-3) The believers in Christ who don’t keep God’s word and commands are fools, and have not The Holy Spirit. *“The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’” (Matthew 25:8)* They don’t keep their priorities with the requirements of the Lord. Fools are those who start to follow Christ with the Spirit but later on they will start to do their own, like the Galatians who were misled by false teachers, *“Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?” (Galatians 3:3)*

122- “37 When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. 38 But the Pharisee was surprised when he noticed that Jesus did not first wash before the meal. 39 Then the Lord said to him, “Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. 40 You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also?” (Luke 11:37-40) The Pharisees were considered fools because they were interested to keep their bodies clean but their souls are full of sin of greed and selfishness. Fools are not concerns about repentance and are blind to see their own sins.

123- “20 But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ 21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.” (Luke 12:20-21) The rich man who came to Jesus to divide the inheritance with his brother he was considered as fool because he was not keen to be rich toward God. Fool they don’t know for what they are

living on earth. Do not forget to work out your salvation with trembling and fear and to be rich toward God, ***“You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?”*** (James 2:20) People who have faith but without action and deeds that show they are drawing near to God they are fool. ***“Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.”*** (1Timothy 6:9) Fool they love to be rich in the world and not toward God, and that will lead them to fall into temptations (problems) and traps (Situations that cannot be reversed). ***“Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.”*** (Ephesians 5:17) Fools do not grasp and accept the will of God in their lives. Therefore behave as wise, know your priorities and know God’s will and do it.

124- “He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!” (Luke 24:25) Fool you are when you are slow to believe the word of God. Many now a day they do not read or believe in the Old Testament; that is foolishness because Jesus said it, ***“how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!”*** ***“How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.”*** (1Corinthians 15:36) Fool cannot grasp the spiritual meaning of God’s Word.

125- “21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools.”(Romans 1:21-22) Fool their mind is futile and their hearts are darkened, that is why they left God and started to worship the created things and perverted the ways of God. But we are accountable to reach them out. We were like that before, ***“At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.”*** (Titus 3:3) But now as we come to know the truth, we accountable to preach the message to the fool; Paul said, ***“I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish.”*** (Romans 1:14) Paul was accountable as well as we are accountable to reach out the fool with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Not only to preach but to teach the fool when we are called to do that; **Romans 2:20** describes the instructor of the foolish, ***“an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of little children, because you have in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth.”***

126- “18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.” 20 Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. 22 Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. 26 Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.” (1Corinthians 1:18-27) God’s

message might be foolishness for the fool of this world and God may use foolish things to shame the wise of this world.

127- “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. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight. As it is written: “He catches the wise in their craftiness.” (1Corinthians 3:18-19) We might need to be fool according to the standard of this world to reach those who are lost or those who has missed the way of God, ***“The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.”*** (1Corinthians 2:14) Those who do not have the Spirit of God they considered the things of God as foolishness. Therefore in the field of God’s service, ***“We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, we are dishonored!”*** (1Corinthians 4:10) This also how Paul dealt with the Corinthians who were considering him as fool. ***“I hope you will put up with me in a little foolishness. Yes, please put up with me!”*** (2Corinthians 11:1) ***“16 I repeat: Let no one take me for a fool. But if you do, then tolerate me just as you would a fool, so that I may do a little boasting. 17 In this self-confident boasting I am not talking as the Lord would, but as a fool. 18 Since many are boasting in the way the world does, I too will boast. 19 You gladly put up with fools since you are so wise! 20 In fact, you even put up with anyone who enslaves you or exploits you or takes advantage of you or puts on airs or slaps you in the face. 21 To my shame I admit that we were too weak for that! Whatever anyone else dares to boast about—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast about.”*** (2Corinthians 11:16-21) ***“Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say,”*** (2Corinthians 12:6) ***“I have made a fool of myself, but you drove me to it. I ought to have been commended by you, for I am not in the least inferior to the “super-apostles,” even though I am nothing.”*** (2 Corinthians 12:11)

My dear and beloved: “For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people” (Peter 2:15) Foolish people will speak irrational and words that show that they are ignorant of the truth. Therefore to face such a challenge you need to do good and to be guided with God’s word and The Holy Spirit to handle situations and deal with fools and difficult issues that the fools initiated. You are called to preach the gospel message to such people and to disciple them. Commit yourself to this task as you agree to pray. **My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself to the task that you had put in front of me. Lord I forgive those fool who did foolish things that hurt me. Lord uphold me with your grace and arm me with wisdom, patience and perseverance to do that. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.**

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