

QUESTIONS ABOUT

Fools

1. Are you a fool? _____
2. Would you be insulted if someone called you a fool? _____ If so, why? _____

3. What factors did you consider in answering question #1? What makes a person a fool? _____

THE FOOL TEST

Will You Take It?

No one wants to be a fool. However, some people certainly are. The Bible describes what fools do. Read each passage and see if this label sometimes fits you.

Passage	What Fools Do	Is this you?
Psalms 14:1	_____	Yes / No
Proverbs 10:23	_____	Yes / No
Proverbs 13:19	_____	Yes / No
Proverbs 10:18	_____	Yes / No
Proverbs 12:15	_____	Yes / No
Proverbs 15:5	_____	Yes / No
Proverbs 18:2	_____	Yes / No
Proverbs 18:6	_____	Yes / No
Proverbs 21:20	_____	Yes / No
Proverbs 26:11	_____	Yes / No
Proverbs 29:11	_____	Yes / No
Ecclesiastes 5:1-4	_____	Yes / No
Ecclesiastes 7:1-4	_____	Yes / No
Matthew 7:24-27	_____	Yes / No

TEACHER'S GUIDE

Instructions:

1. Take questions 1-3 and discuss them one by one. Emphasize that no one wants to be considered foolish. Also, draw out some of the things that your students believe make a person foolish.
2. Introduce the "fool test" by pointing out that, while no one wants to be a fool, the Bible clearly says that some people are. Ask your group if they are willing to take the "fool test."
3. Conduct the test as a group. Do this in three parts: (1) have one student read the passage out loud, (2) discuss what fools do according to this passage, and (3) have each student indicate whether they are guilty of behaving this way. Below is a quick summary of a fool's behavior in each passage.

Note: The first two or three are things your students probably do not do (i.e. the fool says there is no God). However, the further you go the more likely you are to encounter foolish behaviors into which we all have fallen.

Observations:

Psalm 14:1	The fool says there is no God.
Proverbs 10:23	The foolish man takes pleasure in doing wrong.
Proverbs 13:19	The fool hates turning away from evil.
Proverbs 10:18	The fool gossips about others.
Proverbs 12:15	The fool always thinks he's right and does not listen to counsel.
Proverbs 15:5	The fool does not learn from his father's discipline.
Proverbs 18:2	The fool only wants other people to listen to them; they do not listen.
Proverbs 18:6	The fool says things that stir angry responses from others.
Proverbs 21:20	The fool wastes what he has.
Proverbs 26:11	The fool makes the same mistakes over and over.
Proverbs 29:11	The fool does not control his anger.
Ecclesiastes 5:1-4	The fool is not careful about his relationship with God.
Ecclesiastes 7:1-4	The fool does not think about serious stuff.
Matthew 7:24-27	The fool hears God's word, but does not do what it says.