

The Fools and the Wicked of Proverbs

Types	Hebrew	Characteristics	Reproof
<p>Simple</p> <p>Sheep</p>	<p>6612 pethiy {peth-ee'} or pethiy {peh'-thee}</p> <p>Proverbs 7:7 I saw among the simple, I noticed among the young men, a youth who lacked judgment.</p> <p>Proverbs 14:15 A simple man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thought to his steps.</p> <p>Proverbs 22:3 A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it.</p> <p>Example: Seth burning feet.</p> <p>Psalm 119:130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.</p> <p>Proverbs 1:1-4 (KJV) – (1) The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; (2) To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; (3) To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; (4) To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.</p>	<p>Meaning: n f 1) simplicity, naivete; adj 2) simple, foolish, open-minded</p> <p>Examples: Youthful, lacking knowledge and understanding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open and unguarded in a mental and moral sense. • Easily persuaded by flattery, delusion, deception and enticement. <p>They lack foresight.</p>	<p>1. Instruction Must be taught with firmness and compassion.</p> <p>Psalm 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.</p>
		<p>Summary: Every person is a fool to some degree. We all are simple fools as children and through instruction and observation of discipline of others we learn.</p>	<p>2. They learn by instruction and seeing discipline exercised.</p> <p>Proverbs 19:25 (KJV) Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, <i>and</i> he will understand knowledge.</p> <p>Proverbs 21:11 (KJV) When a mocker is punished, the simple gain wisdom; when a wise man is instructed, he gets knowledge.^a</p>

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<p>Unreasonable</p> <p>Heifers</p>	<p>0191 'eviył {ev-eel'}</p> <p>Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.</p> <p>Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.</p> <p>Proverbs 15:5 A fool spurns his father's discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence.</p> <p>Proverbs 7:22 All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter, like a deer stepping into a noose</p> <p>Example: Teenager: "I know dad..." Begin to engage the mouth, quick to air own opinions.</p> <p>Proverbs 15:14 The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly.</p> <p>Proverbs 20:3 It is to a man's honor to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel.</p> <p>Proverbs 29:9 If a wise man goes to court with a fool, the fool rages and scoffs, and there is no peace.</p>	<p>Meaning: 1) be foolish</p> <p>Knows what he should do, but chooses not to.</p> <p>He says: "I know what I should do, but I don't want to. I am going to do it anyway."</p> <hr/> <p>Summary: Generally easy to spot, brain often times is in neutral.</p> <p>Lacks self-discipline, control, and is habitually unsettled in his life. Illogical and excessive anger.</p> <p>Demonstrate a beginning level of strong-willed sinful choices.</p>	<p>1. Discipline, must define and enforce limits.</p> <p>Proverbs 10:13 Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks judgment.</p> <p>Proverbs 14:3 A fool's talk brings a rod to his back, but the lips of the wise protect them.</p> <p>Proverbs 22:15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.</p>

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<p>Stubborn</p> <p>Mules</p>	<p>3684 keciyl {kes-eel'} largest category, most scripture.</p> <p>Proverbs 26:11 As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his folly.</p> <p>Proverbs 10:23 A fool finds pleasure in evil conduct, but a man of understanding delights in wisdom</p> <p>Proverbs 13:19 A longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but fools detest turning from evil.</p> <p>Proverbs 18:2 A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions.</p> <p><u>Increasing use of the mouth with sinful speech:</u></p> <p>Proverbs 18:6 A fool's lips bring him strife, and his mouth invites a beating.</p> <p>Proverbs 18:7 A fool's mouth is his undoing, and his lips are a snare to his soul.</p> <p>Proverbs 12:23 A prudent man keeps his knowledge to himself, but the heart of fools blurts out folly.</p>	<p>Meaning: 1) fool, arrogant one, and increasing level of sinful behavior.</p> <p>Pride and arrogance.</p> <p>They say: “I know I shouldn’t do it but I am going to do it anyway and there’s nothing you can do about it. No one can make me change because I don’t want to change.”</p> <p>Obstinately set his rebellious heart and is not moved by godly reason or counsel.</p> <p>They cannot cope with legitimate authority for long, especially true when asked to do a task that inconveniences them.</p> <p>They hide their hatred with hypocritical lies and they utter slander under their breath.</p> <p>Behaviors when confronted: Blame-shifting, rationalization, excuses, hard to pin down. Dealing with them gives you a sense of hopelessness.</p> <p>They despise godly instruction.</p> <p>Pride has taken root and is flourishing.</p>	<p>1. Major reproof is necessary. Generally, they will not accept a rebuke.</p> <p>Proverbs 26:3 A whip for the horse, a halter for the donkey, and a rod for the backs of fools!</p> <p>Proverbs 17:10 A rebuke impresses a man of discernment more than a hundred lashes a fool.</p> <p>2. He must be given firm and clear guidance. After explaining precise points of error, it is wise to leave their presence.</p> <p>Proverbs 14:7 Stay away from a foolish man, for you will not find knowledge of his lips.</p>

	<p><u>Decieved</u> Proverbs 14:8 The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception. (They are often deceived)</p> <p><u>Passive-aggressive stubbornness.</u> Proverbs 10:18 He who conceals his hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool.</p> <p><u>Act out with great anger, hot-tempered, bordering on rage.</u></p> <p>Proverbs 29:11 A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.</p> <p>Proverbs 14:16 A wise man fears the LORD and shuns evil, but a fool is hotheaded and reckless.</p> <p>The next two categories cross the line and enter into “Wickedness.”</p>	<p>Summary: This is a much more serious category of foolishness.</p> <p>He unashamedly pursues pleasures and his sinful boldness is frightening.</p> <p>Selfish appetites remain unchanged. He cares little about God’s opinion or advice.</p> <p>Self-inflicted wounds ultimately consume them.</p>	<p>Proverbs 23:9 Do not speak to a fool, for he will scorn the wisdom of your words.</p> <p><u>Don’t get sucked in:</u> Proverbs 26:4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you will be like him yourself.</p> <p><u>The problem isn’t the problem:</u> Proverbs 26:5 Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes.</p> <p><u>Use great care in how you proceed:</u> Proverbs 17:12 Better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than a fool in his folly.</p>
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<p>Mocker</p> <p>KJV Scorner</p> <p>Hyenas</p>	<p>3887 luwts {loots}</p> <p>Proverbs 14:9 Fools mock at making amends for sin, but goodwill is found among the upright.</p> <p>Proverbs 20:1 Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise.</p> <p><u>A definite increase in pridefulness:</u> Proverbs 21:24 The proud and arrogant man—"Mocker" is his name; he behaves with overweening pride.</p> <p><u>A level of evil and wickedness:</u> Proverbs 19:28 A corrupt witness mocks at justice, and the mouth of the wicked gulps down evil.</p> <p><u>Commits sin and then mocks about it:</u> Proverbs 28:24 He who robs his father or mother and says, "It's not wrong"— he is partner to him who destroys. (Satan=destroyer)</p> <p><u>Sows destruction with his mouth:</u> Proverbs 11:9 With his mouth the godless destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge the righteous escape.</p>	<p>Meaning: 1) to scorn, make mouths at, talk arrogantly 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to boast 1a2) to scorn They throw barbed insults, flippant remarks, or silent contempt.</p> <p>A mocker is different than a person who merely raises an objection. The mocker is known by "continuing, persistent, and irresolvable behavior."</p> <p><u>They say:</u> "I want to do it, there is nothing you can do to stop me, and you are a fool for speaking against me."</p> <p>How to handle: When confronted they will spend much energy to shame and discredit the person who confronts.</p> <p>Lawyers, Guns, and money</p> <p>Tough Love is required Do not tolerate them in the assembly.</p> <p>They cause division. ^{NIV} Proverbs 22:10 Drive out the mockers, and out goes strife; quarrels and insults are ended.</p>	<p>1. They don't handle rebuke well.</p> <p>Proverbs 13:1 A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mockers does not listen to rebuke.</p> <p>2. They hate those who dare to rebuke them. Pride prevents them from going to the wise for counsel.</p> <p>Proverbs 15:12 A mockers resents correction; he will not consult the wise.</p> <p>3. They will turn on you.</p> <p>Proverbs 9:7-8 (7) "Whoever corrects a mockers invites insult; whoever rebukes a wicked man incurs abuse. (8) Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you; rebuke a</p>

	<p>Psalm 119:51 The arrogant mock me without restraint, but I do not turn from your law.</p>	<p>Summary: They don't enjoy unity unless it is unity with them. Often they are aligned with others to destroy godly influences. Many casual observers are deceived by their intellect, arguments, and deceit.</p>	<p>wise man and he will love you.</p>
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<p>Committed</p> <p>Lemmings to the sea</p>	<p>5036 nabal {naw-bawl'}</p> <p>Psalm 14:1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.</p> <p>Psalm 53:1 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.</p> <p><u>The are actually working against God:</u> Psalm 74:18 Remember how the enemy has mocked you, O LORD, how foolish people have reviled your name.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Often are indifferent to the pain and suffering they cause. • Lack empathy. <p>Isaiah 32:6 For the fool speaks folly, his mind is busy with evil: He practices ungodliness and spreads error concerning the LORD; the hungry he leaves empty and from the thirsty he withholds water.</p> <p>Examples: Genesis 34:7 (KJV) And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard <i>it</i>: and the men were grieved, and they were very wrath, because he had wrought folly [nebalah] in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.</p>	<p>Meaning: 1) foolish, senseless.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The most extreme. • Gone past mere words to actions. • They are considered wicked, impious, vile. • No amount of warning, correction, or intellectual reasoning can stop them. • Mouths filled with words sponsored by evil. • They are committed to evil. • They can make bold statements against God. • Vain, self-centered attitudes and philosophies. • Their conduct reveals a calculated planned cunning. <hr/> <p>Summary: They have entered into a state of evil and wickedness marked by rebellion.</p> <p>They do not see their actions as sin.</p>	<p>1. Stay away—Let God deal with them.</p> <p>Nabal struck dead.</p> <p>Tribe of Benjamin wiped out.</p> <p>Amnon with tamar-killed by Absalom.</p> <p>Achan and his whole family wiped out.</p> <p>Paul against Christians</p> <p>Avoid them. Turn them over to God and let Him deal with them.</p> <p>Proverbs 9:7-8 (7) "Whoever corrects a mocker invites insult; whoever rebukes a wicked man incurs abuse. (8) Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you.</p>

Judges 20:5-6 (KJV) (5) And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night, *and* thought to have slain me: and my concubine have they forced, that she is dead. **(6)** And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel: for they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel.

2 Samuel 13:10b-12 (KJV) (10b) And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought *them* into the chamber to Amnon her brother. **(11)** And when she had brought *them* unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister. **(12)** And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly.

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