

Scripture Breakdown of Every Type of Fool By Verse

The Simple Fool

(Strong's #6612) פְּתִי {peth-ee'} or פְּתִי' {peh'-thee} or פְּתִי'אָ {peth-aw-ee'}

Psalm 19:7—The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the **simple**.

Psalm 116:6—The LORD protects the **simplehearted**; when I was in great need, he saved me.

Psalm 119:130—The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the **simple**.

Proverbs 1:4—for giving prudence to the **simple**, knowledge and discretion to the young—

Proverbs 1:22—"How long will you **simple** ones love your **simple** ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge?"

Proverbs 1:32—For the waywardness of the **simple** will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them;

Proverbs 7:7—I saw among the **simple**, I noticed among the young men, a youth who lacked judgment.

Proverbs 8:5—You who are **simple**, gain prudence; you who are foolish, gain understanding.

Proverbs 9:4—"Let all who are **simple** come in here!" she says to those who lack judgment.

Proverbs 9:6—Leave your **simple** ways and you will live; walk in the way of understanding.

Proverbs 9:16—"Let all who are **simple** come in here!" she says to those who lack judgment.

Proverbs 14:15—A **simple** man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thought to his steps.

Proverbs 14:18—The **simple** inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

Proverbs 19:25—Flog a mocker, and the **simple** will learn prudence; rebuke a discerning man, and he will gain knowledge.

Proverbs 21:11—When a mocker is punished, the **simple** gain wisdom; when a wise man is instructed, he gets knowledge.

Proverbs 22:3—A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the **simple** keep going and suffer for it.

Proverbs 27:12—The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the **simple** keep going and suffer for it.

Ezekiel 45:20—You are to do the same on the seventh day of the month for anyone who sins unintentionally or through **ignorance**; so you are to make atonement for the temple.

The Unreasonable Fool

(Strong's #191) עֵיִל {ev-eel'}

Job 5:2—Resentment kills a **fool**, and envy slays the simple.

Job 5:3—I myself have seen a **fool** taking root, but suddenly his house was cursed.

Psalm 107:17—Some became **fools** through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.

Proverbs 1:7—The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but **fools** despise wisdom and discipline.

Proverbs 7:22—All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter, like a **deer** [the Hebrew text is difficult; KJV reads "fool"] stepping into a noose

Proverbs 10:8—The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering **fool** comes to ruin.

Proverbs 10:10—He who winks maliciously causes grief, and a chattering **fool** comes to ruin.

Proverbs 10:14—Wise men store up knowledge, but the mouth of a **fool** invites ruin.

Proverbs 10:21—The lips of the righteous nourish many, but **fools** die for lack of judgment.

Proverbs 11:29—He who brings trouble on his family will inherit only wind, and the **fool** will be servant to the wise.

Proverbs 12:15—The way of a **fool** seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.

Proverbs 12:16—A **fool** shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult.

Proverbs 14:3—A **fool's** talk brings a rod to his back, but the lips of the wise protect them.

Proverbs 14:9—**Fools** mock at making amends for sin, but goodwill is found among the upright.

Proverbs 15:5—A **fool** spurns his father's discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence.

Proverbs 16:22—Understanding is a fountain of life to those who have it, but folly brings punishment to **fools**.

Proverbs 17:28—Even a **fool** is thought wise if he keeps silent, and discerning if he holds his tongue.

Proverbs 20:3—It is to a man's honor to avoid strife, but every **fool** is quick to quarrel.

Proverbs 24:7—Wisdom is too high for a **fool**; in the assembly at the gate he has nothing to say.

Proverbs 27:3—Stone is heavy and sand a burden, but provocation by a **fool** is heavier than both.

Proverbs 27:22—Though you grind a **fool** in a mortar, grinding him like grain with a pestle, you will not remove his folly from him.

Proverbs 29:9—If a wise man goes to court with a **fool**, the fool¹ rages and scoffs, and there is no peace.

Isaiah 19:11—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"?

Isaiah 35:8—And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked **fools** will not go about on it.

Jeremiah 4:22—"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."

Hosea 9:7—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 man a maniac.

The Stubborn Fool

(Strong's #3684) כְּסִיף keciyl

Psalms 49:10—For all can see that wise men die; the **foolish** and the senseless alike perish and leave their wealth to others.

¹ This use of "fool" is not in Hebrew Text; it was added for clarity in reading.

Psalm 92:6—The senseless man does not know, **fools** do not understand,
Psalm 94:8—Take heed, you senseless ones among the people; you **fools**, when will you become wise?
Proverbs 1:22—"How long will you simple ones love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and **fools** hate knowledge?
Proverbs 1:32—For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of **fools** will destroy them;
Proverbs 3:35—The wise inherit honor, but **fools** he holds up to shame.
Proverbs 8:5—You who are simple, gain prudence; you who are **foolish**, gain understanding.
Proverbs 10:1—The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son brings joy to his father, but a **foolish** son grief to his mother.
Proverbs 10:18—He who conceals his hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a **fool**.
Proverbs 10:23—A **fool** finds pleasure in evil conduct, but a man of understanding delights in wisdom.
Proverbs 12:23—A prudent man keeps his knowledge to himself, but the heart of **fools** blurts out folly.
Proverbs 13:16—Every prudent man acts out of knowledge, but a **fool** exposes his folly.
Proverbs 13:19—A longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but **fools** detest turning from evil.
Proverbs 13:20—He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of **fools** suffers harm.
Proverbs 14:7—Stay away from a **foolish** man, for you will not find knowledge on his lips.
Proverbs 14:8—The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of **fools** is deception.
Proverbs 14:16—A wise man fears the LORD and shuns evil, but a **fool** is hotheaded and reckless.
Proverbs 14:24—The wealth of the wise is their crown, but the folly of **fools** yields folly.
Proverbs 14:33—Wisdom reposes in the heart of the discerning and even among **fools** she lets herself be known.
Proverbs 15:2—The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of the **fool** gushes folly.
Proverbs 15:7—The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the hearts of **fools**.
Proverbs 15:14—The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a **fool** feeds on folly.
Proverbs 15:20—A wise son brings joy to his father, but a **foolish** man despises his mother.
Proverbs 17:10—A rebuke impresses a man of discernment more than a hundred lashes a **fool**.
Proverbs 17:12—Better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than a **fool** in his folly.
Proverbs 17:16—Of what use is money in the hand of a **fool**, since he has no desire to get wisdom?
Proverbs 17:21—To have a **fool** for a son brings grief; there is no joy for the father of a fool.
Proverbs 17:24—A discerning man keeps wisdom in view, but a **fool's** eyes wander to the ends of the earth.
Proverbs 17:25—A **foolish** son brings grief to his father and bitterness to the one who bore him.
Proverbs 18:2—A **fool** finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions.
Proverbs 18:6—A **fool's** lips bring him strife, and his mouth invites a beating.

Proverbs 18:7—A **fool's** mouth is his undoing, and his lips are a snare to his soul.

Proverbs 19:1—Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a **fool** whose lips are perverse.

Proverbs 19:10—It is not fitting for a **fool** to live in luxury—how much worse for a slave to rule over princes!

Proverbs 19:13—A **foolish** son is his father's ruin, and a quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping.

Proverbs 19:29—Penalties are prepared for mockers, and beatings for the backs of **fools**.

Proverbs 21:20—In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a **foolish** man devours all he has.

Proverbs 23:9—Do not speak to a **fool**, for he will scorn the wisdom of your words.

Proverbs 26:1—Like snow in summer or rain in harvest, honor is not fitting for a **fool**.

Proverbs 26:3—A whip for the horse, a halter for the donkey, and a rod for the backs of **fools!**

Proverbs 26:4—Do not answer a **fool** according to his folly, or you will be like him yourself.

Proverbs 26:5—Answer a **fool** according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes.

Proverbs 26:6—Like cutting off one's feet or drinking violence is the sending of a message by the hand of a **fool**.

Proverbs 26:7—Like a lame man's legs that hang limp is a proverb in the mouth of a **fool**.

Proverbs 26:8—Like tying a stone in a sling is the giving of honor to a **fool**.

Proverbs 26:9—Like a thornbush in a drunkard's hand is a proverb in the mouth of a **fool**.

Proverbs 26:10—Like an archer who wounds at random is he who hires a **fool** or any passer-by.

Proverbs 26:11—As a dog returns to its vomit, so a **fool** repeats his folly.

Proverbs 26:12—Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a **fool** than for him.

Proverbs 28:26—He who trusts in himself is a **fool**, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.

Proverbs 29:11—A **fool** gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.

Proverbs 29:20—Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a **fool** than for him.

Ecclesiastes 2:14—The wise man has eyes in his head, while the **fool** walks in the darkness; but I came to realize that the same fate overtakes them both.

Ecclesiastes 2:15—Then I thought in my heart, "The fate of the **fool** will overtake me also. What then do I gain by being wise?" I said in my heart, "This too is meaningless."

Ecclesiastes 2:16—For the wise man, like the **fool**, will not be long remembered; in days to come both will be forgotten. Like the **fool**, the wise man too must die!

Ecclesiastes 4:5—The **fool** folds his hands and ruins himself.

Ecclesiastes 4:13—Better a poor but wise youth than an old but **foolish** king who no longer knows how to take warning.

Ecclesiastes 5:1—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 5:3—As a dream comes when there are many cares, so the speech of a **fool** when there are many words.

Ecclesiastes 5:4—When you make a vow to God, do not delay in fulfilling it. He has no pleasure in **fools**; fulfill your vow.

Ecclesiastes 6:8—What advantage has a wise man over a **fool**? What does a poor man gain by knowing how to conduct himself before others?

Ecclesiastes 7:4—The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of **fools** is in the house of pleasure.

Ecclesiastes 7:5—It is better to heed a wise man's rebuke than to listen to the song of **fools**.

Ecclesiastes 7:6—Like the crackling of thorns under the pot, so is the laughter of **fools**. This too is meaningless.

Ecclesiastes 7:9—Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of **fools**.

Ecclesiastes 9:17—The quiet words of the wise are more to be heeded than the shouts of a ruler of **fools**.

Ecclesiastes 10:2—The heart of the wise inclines to the right, but the heart of the **fool** to the left.

Ecclesiastes 10:12—Words from a wise man's mouth are gracious, but a **fool** is consumed by his own lips.

Ecclesiastes 10:15—A **fool's** work wearies him; he does not know the way to town.

The Mocker (Mocking Fool)

(Strong's #03887) לֹטֵץ lutz {loots} [Lutz is a homonym, and also means "interpreter" or "ambassador." These uses have been removed from the list.

Psalms 1:1—Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of **mockers**.

Psalms 119:51—The arrogant **mock** me without restraint, but I do not turn from your law.

Proverbs 1:22—"How long will you simple ones love your simple ways? How long will **mockers** delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge?"

Proverbs 3:34—He **mocks** proud **mockers** but gives grace to the humble.

Proverbs 9:7—"Whoever corrects a **mocker** invites insult; whoever rebukes a wicked man incurs abuse.

Proverbs 9:8—Do not rebuke a **mocker** or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you.

Proverbs 9:12—"If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you; if you are a **mocker**, you alone will suffer."

Proverbs 13:1—A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a **mocker** does not listen to rebuke.

Proverbs 14:6—The **mocker** seeks wisdom and finds none, but knowledge comes easily to the discerning.

Proverbs 14:9—Fools **mock** at making amends for sin, but goodwill is found among the upright.

Proverbs 15:12—A **mocker** resents correction; he will not consult the wise.

Proverbs 19:25—Flog a **mocker**, and the simple will learn prudence; rebuke a discerning man, and he will gain knowledge.

Proverbs 19:28—A corrupt witness **mocks** at justice, and the mouth of the wicked gulps down evil.

Proverbs 19:29—Penalties are prepared for **mockers**, and beatings for the backs of fools.

Proverbs 20:1—Wine is a **mocker** and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise.

Proverbs 21:11—When a **mock**er is punished, the simple gain wisdom; when a wise man is instructed, he gets knowledge.

Proverbs 21:24—The proud and arrogant man—"Mocker" is his name; he behaves with overweening pride.

Proverbs 22:10—Drive out the **mock**er, and out goes strife; quarrels and insults are ended.

Proverbs 24:9—The schemes of folly are sin, and men detest a **mock**er.

Isaiah 28:22—Now stop your **mock**ing, or your chains will become heavier; the Lord, the LORD Almighty, has told me of the destruction decreed against the whole land.

Isaiah 29:20—The ruthless will vanish, the **mock**ers will disappear, and all who have an eye for evil will be cut down—

The Committed Fool

(Strong's #5036) נָבָל nabal

Deuteronomy 32:6—Is this the way you repay the LORD, O **fool**ish and unwise people? Is he not your Father, your Creator, who made you and formed you?

Deuteronomy 32:21—They made me jealous by what is no god and angered me with their worthless idols. I will make them envious by those who are not a people; I will make them angry by a nation that has **no understanding**.

2 Samuel 3:33—The king sang this lament for Abner: "Should Abner have died as the **lawless** die?"

2 Samuel 13:13—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."

Job 2:10—He replied, "You are talking like a **fool**ish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

Job 30:8—A **base** and nameless brood, they were driven out of the land.

Psalms 14:1—For the director of music. Of David. The **fool** says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

Psalms 39:8—Save me from all my transgressions; do not make me the scorn of **fools**.

Psalms 53:1—For the director of music. According to *mahalath*. A *maskil* of David. 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.

Psalms 74:18—Remember how the enemy has mocked you, O LORD, how **fool**ish people have reviled your name.

Psalms 74:22—Rise up, O God, and defend your cause; remember how **fools** mock you all day long.

Proverbs 17:7—Arrogant lips are unsuited to a **fool**—how much worse lying lips to a ruler!

Proverbs 17:21—To have a fool for a son brings grief; there is no joy for the father of a **fool**.

Proverbs 30:22—a servant who becomes king, a **fool** who is full of food,

Isaiah 32:5—No longer will the **fool** be called noble nor the scoundrel be highly respected.

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.

Jeremiah 17:11—Like a partridge that hatches eggs it did not lay is the man who gains riches by unjust means. When his life is half gone, they will desert him, and in the end he will prove to be a fool.

Ezekiel 13:3—This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to the **foolish** prophets who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing!