

The Wisdom of Proverbs

Wisdoms Starting Point

Pro 1:7 The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning and the principal and choice part of knowledge [*its starting point and its essence*];.....

The fear of the
LORD is the
beginning of
wisdom:

Proverbs 9:10

Beginning- ray-sheeth'-the first, in place, time, order or rank (specifically a firstfruit): - beginning, chief (-est), first (-fruits, principal thing.

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What is the fear of the Lord?

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the
FEAR
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GOD

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THE FEAR OF GOD IS
A REVERENT
AWE. IT'S A HOLY
SENSE OF DIVINE
"WOW!"

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The fear of the Lord secondly is to hate evil

Pro 8:13 The reverent fear and worshipful awe of the Lord *[includes] the hatred of evil; pride, arrogance, the evil way, and perverted and twisted speech I hate.*



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Proverbs 8:13

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Job walked in the Fear of the Lord

Job 1:8 And the Lord said to Satan, Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who [*reverently*] fears God and abstains from and shuns evil [*because it is wrong*]?



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Wisdom and Fools are contrasted

Pro 1:7 The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning and the principal and choice part of knowledge [*its starting point and its essence*]; but fools despise skillful and godly Wisdom, instruction, and discipline. [Ps. 111:10.]

Foolish
or Wise?

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Fools are Everywhere

There are fools in the educational arena, in the world of religion, in politics, in entertainment, in sports, in business, and even amongst your family.



DANGER

Fools

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Fools are Everywhere

Fools are time wasters, money wasters, safety hazards. They impede your progress and cause collateral damage with their lifestyle.

Time Wasters

Pro 10:4 *He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.*

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Money Wasters

Pro 1:32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

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Safety Hazards

Pro 18:9 He who is loose and slack in his work is brother to him who is a destroyer

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Lee Iacocca the legendary CEO of Chrysler had no tolerance for fools. The former President Nixon explained his attitude had two problems. First, there are so many fools and Second, some people you think are fools really are not!



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There are Three types of Fools

#1) Fool-ev-eel - meaning to be a *perverse silly, foolish man. Lax or careless habit of mind and body*



**CARELESS FOOLS GET
CARRIED AWAY !**

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Eph 2:2 In which at one time you walked [*habitually*]. You were following the course and fashion of this world [*were under the sway of the tendency of this present age*], following the prince of the power of the air. [*You were obedient to and under the control of*] the [*demon*] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [*the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God*].



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#2) Fool-Kesil- fat (thick in the head) dense or stupid manifesting itself in impiety.

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tough,
but it's tougher
when you're
stupid



Pro 13:15 Good understanding wins favor, but the way of the transgressor is hard [*like the barren, dry soil or the impassable swamp*].

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Pro 3:35 The wise shall inherit glory (all honor and good) but shame is the highest rank conferred on [*self-confident*] fools. (*Kesil-Stupid*)

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3) Fool-Nabal- a vulgar (lacking sophistication or good taste) churl (an impolite and mean spirited person) a low bred surly fellow (bad tempered and unfriendly)

Churlish- cruel, grievous, hard hearted, impudent, obstinate, rough, sorrowful, stiff-necked, stubborn,



MEAN PEOPLE

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1Sa 25:2 A very rich man was in Maon, whose possessions and business were in Carmel. He had 3,000 sheep and 1,000 goats, and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

1Sa 25:3 The man's name was Nabal and his wife's name was Abigail; she was a woman of good understanding, and beautiful. But the man was rough and evil in his doings; he was a Calebite.

1Sa 25:4 David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep



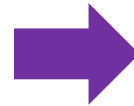
MEAN PEOPLE

Pro 18:23 The poor useth entreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.

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The Characteristics of Fools

WISDOM
vs
FOOLISHNESS



WISDOM

IF THE SHOE FITS...

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The Characteristics of Fools

Are you walking in Wisdom or Foolishness?



Perfect Fit.

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The Characteristics of Fools

A Fool is anyone who despises Wisdom and Instruction.

Pro 1:7 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; but fools (ev-eel- careless Lax) despise wisdom (chokmah) and instruction.*

A Fool is anyone who slanders other people.

Pro 10:18 *He who hides hatred is of lying lips, and he who utters slander is a [self-confident] fool. (Kesil-stupid)*

A fool is anyone who refuses to depart from evil even when corrected!

Pro 13:19 *Satisfied desire is sweet to a person; therefore it is hateful and exceedingly offensive to [self-confident] fools (Kesil-stupid) to give up evil [upon which they have set their hearts].*

Fools are known by the company they Keep.

Pro 13:20 *He who walks [as a companion] with wise men is wise, but he who associates with [self-confident] fools (Kesil-stupid) is [a fool himself and] shall smart for it.*

Fools don't take sin seriously

Pro 14:9 *Fools (ev-eel- careless Lax) mock at making amends for sin, but goodwill is found among the upright.*

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The Characteristics of Fools

Fools can't keep a secret.

Pro 14:33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding; But *that which is in the inward part of fools (Kesil-stupid) is made known.*

Fools disregard the Wisdom of a Father.

Pro 15:5 A fool (ev-eel-careless lax) despises his father's instruction and correction, but he who regards reproof acquires prudence.

Fools disrespect their Mother who birthed and cared for them.

Pro 15:20 A wise son makes a glad father, but a self-confident and foolish man (Kesil-Stupid) despises his mother and puts her to shame.

Fools are people whose conduct doesn't change even when it causes them pain.

Pro 17:10 A reproof enters deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred lashes into a [*self-confident*] fool. (*Kesil-stupid*)

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The Characteristics of Fools

Fools think Bible Study and Teaching are a waste of Time.

Pro 17:16 *Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool (kesil-Stupid) to get wisdom, seeing he hath no heart to it?*

Fools don't handle money well. They spend more than they earn and don't save.

Pro 21:20 *There are precious treasures and oil in the dwelling of the wise, but a self-confident and foolish man (kesil-Stupid) swallows it up and wastes it.*

Fools create their own belief system contrary to the Bible.

Pro 28:26 *He who leans on, trusts in, and is confident of his own mind and heart is a [self-confident] fool, (kesil-Stupid) but he who walks in skillful and godly Wisdom shall be delivered.*

Fools refuse to embrace and pursue peace.

Pro 20:3 *It is an honor for a man to cease from strife and keep aloof from it, but every fool (ev-eel careless, lax) will quarrel.*

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The Characteristics of Fools

Any Companion of fools will suffer & be destroyed.

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The Wise always leave the presence of fools. A Fool will “Hang out” with them.

Pro 14:7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, (*Kesil-stupid*) when thou perceivest not *in him the lips of knowledge*.

Fools should never be given a place of leadership.

Pro 24:7 Wisdom is too high for a fool; (*Ev-eel- careless lax*) in the assembly at the gate he has nothing to say.

A Fool who in a place of Honor is ineffective and can be dangerous.

Pro 26:8 Like he who binds a stone in a sling, so is he who gives honor to a [*self-confident*] fool. (*Kesil-stupid*)

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The Characteristics of Fools

A continuous threat of pain is the only thing that will motivate a fool to right behavior.

Pro 26:3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a [*straight, slender*] rod for the backs of [*self-confident*] fools. (*Kesil-stupid*)

Putting Trust in a fool will cause great damage.

Pro 26:6 He who sends a message by the hand of a fool (*Kesil-stupid*) cuts off the feet [*of satisfactory delivery*] and drinks the damage.

Fools keep repeating the same mistakes.

Pro 26:11 Dogs return to eat their vomit, just as fools repeat their foolishness.

Fools don't believe in God or the Bible.

Psa 14:1 Only a fool (Nabal-Churl, surly) would say, "There is no God!" People like that are worthless; they are heartless and cruel and never do right.

Fools are more dangerous than wild animals.

Pro 17:12 A bear robbed of her cubs is far less dangerous than a stubborn fool. (*Kesil-stupid*)