

The Fool

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I. Introduction.

- A. Accept God's forgiveness if you have played the fool in the past.
- B. If you are playing the fool now, quit it.
- C. Do not play the fool if you are thinking about.
- D. "Fool" is used over 150 times in the Bible to describe a person or his conduct.

II. Jesus condemned the use of "fool" as wrathful condemnation. Jesus spoke to the heart attitude of condemning others, but even Jesus called people fools in a different way. (Matthew 5)

III. A biblical fool is one without spiritual wisdom or one who is wicked.

IV. Fools are either saved or damned.

V. Damned fools are identified by their rejection of the Son of God. (John 3:18; Psalm 14:1)

- A. The atheist is a fool because it is not common sense to believe that the universe just happened in contrast to being created by God. Deep down everyone believes in God. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)
- B. The atheist is a fool because he acts against his own conscience. (Romans 2:15; Psalm 14)
- C. The atheist is a fool because he says there is no absolute standard.
- D. Hell is a reality. (Luke 23:39-43; Hebrews 9:27; Luke 16)
- E. The atheist is a fool because he thinks he can get away with sin. (Proverbs 14:9; 13:19; Psalm 10:11; Hebrews 14; Proverbs 15:11; Ecclesiastes 8:11; Galatians 6:7; Ecclesiastes 8:11)
- F. The atheist is a fool because he thinks he can master sin, but sin masters us.

VI. Rebels are foolish. (Proverbs 15:5; Romans 13:1-2)

VII. The self-sufficient are foolish. (Proverbs 12:15; 1 John 2:15-16; James 1; Luke 12:16-21; 1 Timothy 5:8)

VIII. The religious fool is the one who does not obey what God has told them. (Matthew 7:21-27)

IX. Christians are fools for Christ's sake in perspective of the world because they have announced their foolish pleasures, they have faith in Jesus for salvation, they suffer for Christ's sake and they participate in Christian disciplines. (1 Corinthians 4:9)

X. Everyone is a fool for someone.

Application questions:

1. What are the problems of atheism?

2. Why are the self-sufficient foolish?

3. What does it mean to be a fool for Christ's sake?
