

# Proverbs: Don't Be A Fool

"A fool despises his father's instruction, but he who receives correction is prudent." Proverbs 15:5 (New King James Version)

What can you do if \_\_\_\_\_ calls you a \_\_\_\_\_?!

## Does It Matter If A Person Is A Fool?

A. The Bible's presentation of "fool":

1. Matthew 5:2 - It's a \_\_\_\_\_ matter to call someone a fool. Yet many use the word to \_\_\_\_\_ others.
2. Luke 12:20 - \_\_\_\_\_ didn't call the man a fool to \_\_\_\_\_ him; it was a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Proverbs 3:35 - \_\_\_\_\_ will be the \_\_\_\_\_ of fools.
4. Proverbs 8:5 - But if one has an \_\_\_\_\_ heart, maybe there is \_\_\_\_\_ for him.

B. Ellis: "Men who \_\_\_\_\_ themselves are no longer fools. They stand on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the door of \_\_\_\_\_."

## Symptoms Of The Fool, As Presented In Proverbs

A. **Fools don't like to be taught:**

1. 1:7 - Since the \_\_\_\_\_ the fear of the Lord, they \_\_\_\_\_.
2. 15:5 - A fool \_\_\_\_\_ even his \_\_\_\_\_'s instruction.
3. 28:26 - If we \_\_\_\_\_ in our own \_\_\_\_\_, we're fools.

B. **Fools don't turn away from sin:**

1. 10:23 - To do \_\_\_\_\_ is like \_\_\_\_\_ to a fool.
2. 14:9 - Fools don't take sin \_\_\_\_\_.
3. 26:11 - Like a \_\_\_\_\_ that goes back to its \_\_\_\_\_, fools keep repeating their \_\_\_\_\_.

C. **Fools don't restrain themselves:**

1. 18:2 - They \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ their own hearts.
2. 12:16 - "A fool's \_\_\_\_\_ is known at \_\_\_\_\_."
3. 29:11 - A fool will \_\_\_\_\_ all his \_\_\_\_\_.

D. Is there any hope for a fool?

1. 8:5 - Yes, if they develop an \_\_\_\_\_.
2. 27:22 - But the \_\_\_\_\_ is great since they don't like to receive \_\_\_\_\_.

Mandino: "Remember that you will only find \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ of fools."

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