

Twelve Classes of Persons Whom God Considers Fools

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1. Those who say “*there is no God*,” Psalm 14:1.
2. Those who trust in outward forms, Luke 11:38-40.
3. Those who build upon the sand, not on the rock, Matthew 7:26.
4. Those who are not ready for the Bridegroom’s coming, Matthew 25:2.
5. Those who despise instruction, Proverbs 15:5.
6. Those who trust in their own hearts, Proverbs 28:26.
7. Those who get rich by a wrong business, Jeremiah 17:11.
8. Those who lay up their treasure here, Luke 12:20.
9. Those who utter slander, Proverbs 10:18.
10. Those who are soon angry, Ecclesiastes 7:9; Proverbs 14:17.
11. Those who are wise with worldly wisdom, 1 Corinthians 3:19.
12. Those who are slow to believe God’s Word, Luke 24:25.

The Bible uses different Hebrew and Greek words for “*fools*.” Each one has its own flavor and meaning, and they differ one from the other. The term is not used in an insulting way, but describes *the absence of wisdom* which causes the person to be foolish because they have so thought, done or acted.

We use the same terminology when we say someone has done something foolish. By this we mean that common sense and a little forethought could have helped them avoid the outcome. They were foolish to think that they could do what they did and not suffer the consequences.

Read over the list given above and see if you do not agree — especially after you have reflected upon each statement carefully.

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