

SEVEN FOOLS

FOOL: empty-headed, self-confident, thoughtless, heedless, dull lacking perception of reality, stupid. The word shouldn't be used lightly. Thus when God calls one a "fool," we need to give careful attention. *There are lessons to be learned.*

SEVEN FOOLS IN THE BIBLE

ATHEISTIC FOOL (says "there is no God") Psalms 14:1

Any thought of God creating, produces strong opposition.

Acts as if there is no God.

Any thought of Supreme being holding one accountable is rejected.

Rejects the fact that the heavens declare His glory. Psalms 19:1-2

Fool because he refuses to believe in a supreme being.

RATIONAL FOOL (won't accept what he can't explain) 1 Corinthians 15:35-36a

Resurrection, miracles, etc. are unacceptable.

Ignores the parallels in nature (36b-38)

Fool because he lacks perception of things spiritual.

THOUGHTLESS FOOL (doesn't obey) Matthew 7:26

Hears, but doesn't heed.

Builds on the "sand." Thinks all is well, but his house will fall.

Fool because he chooses not to accept what the Lord says.

RICH FOOL (trusts in self) Luke 12:20

Thinks he has it made. :19

Overlooks fact that "life is more than abundance" :15

Life is more than having, it's being. Matthew 6:25

Puts his trust in things, not God. 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Fool because he lacks perception of what life is all about.

SELF-RELIANT FOOL (ignores God) Romans 1:22

Unthankful 1:21

Delights in own wisdom.

Believes he has the right to enjoy maximum pleasure.

Fool because his ways will only lead to moral as well as spiritual corruption.

INTELLIGENT FOOL (wise in own eyes) 1 Corinthians 1:20

Refuses to recognize the limits of his own wisdom.

Fool because he trusts in the wisdom of world. 1 Corinthians 3:18-20

RELIGIOUS FOOL (inwardly corrupt) Luke 11:39-40

Careful to perform "duty." Matthew 23:23

Careless and indifferent about integrity. James 1:23-25

Fool because he equates "ceremony" with "substance" (true religion).

A FOOL THAT IS WISE

There is "fool" that is truly wise – one who is called "fool" by the world. 1 Corinthians 1:18-19
Better to be called a fool by others than be seen as a fool in God's eyes.

Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:15-17