

PROVERBS

GOD'S WISDOM IN A

WACKY

WORLD



You might be a fool if...

**Don't be a fool; trust in God and
be wise.**



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Three Fools (17:7-9)

Marks of a Fool (17:10-15)

More Marks of a Fool (17:16-20)

Consequences of being Foolish (17:17-25)

Don't be the Fool (17:26-28)

You might be a fool if...

Proverbs 17:7



**⁷ Fine speech is not becoming to a fool;
still less is false speech to a prince.**

**⁸ A bribe is like a magic stone in the eyes of the
one who gives it;
wherever he turns he prospers.**

**⁹ Whoever covers an offense seeks love,
but he who repeats a matter separates close
friends.**







¹⁰ A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding

than a hundred blows into a fool.

**¹¹ An evil man seeks only rebellion,
and a cruel messenger will be sent against him.**

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- ¹² Let a man meet a she-bear robbed of her cubs
rather than a fool in his folly.**
- ¹³ If anyone returns evil for good,
evil will not depart from his house.**
- ¹⁴ The beginning of strife is like letting out water,
so quit before the quarrel breaks out.**
- ¹⁵ He who justifies the wicked and he
who condemns the righteous
are both alike an abomination to the LORD.**
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16 Why should a fool have money in his hand to buy wisdom

when he has no sense?

**17 A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity.**

**18 One who lacks sense gives a pledge
and puts up security in the presence of his
neighbor.**

**19 Whoever loves transgression loves strife;
he who makes his door high seeks destruction.**



**20 A man of crooked heart does not discover good,
and one with a dishonest tongue falls into calamity.**



**21 He who sires a fool gets himself sorrow,
and the father of a fool has no joy.**

**22 A joyful heart is good medicine,
but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.**

**23 The wicked accepts a bribe in secret
to pervert the ways of justice.**

**24 The discerning sets his face toward wisdom,
but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the
earth.**



**25 A foolish son is a grief to his father
and bitterness to her who bore him.**



**26 To impose a fine on a righteous man is not good,
nor to strike the noble for their uprightness.**

**27 Whoever restrains his words has knowledge,
and he who has a cool spirit is a man of
understanding.**



**28 Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise;
when he closes his lips, he is deemed
intelligent.**





During this time of reflection:

**In what ways am I being
foolish?**

