

Bible Fools

- Dave Leonard -

The Bible clearly teaches that it is a sin to refer to one as a fool in a contemptible manner (Matt. 5:22). The Bible, also, teaches that it is proper to refer to one who is not wise as foolish or a fool (1 Cor. 3:19-20). It would be bad enough to be called a fool by another human, but even more so by God! Just who is a fool according to God?

1. The one who will not listen to advice — “fools despise wisdom and instruction” (Prov. 1:7).

2. The one who pays no attention to warning — “A wise *man* feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident” (Prov. 14:16).

3. One who persists in evil — “As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly” (Prov. 26:11).

4. One who believes everything he hears — “The simple believeth every word: but the prudent *man* looketh well to his going” (Prov. 14:15).

5. The one who mocks at sin — “Fools make a mock at sin” (Prov. 14:9).

6. The one who gets mad easily — “A fool’s wrath is presently known: but a prudent *man* covereth shame” (Prov. 12:16).

7. Those who talk too much — “the lips of a fool will swallow up himself. The beginning of the words of his mouth *is* foolishness: and the end of his talk *is* mischievous madness. A fool also is full of words” (Ecc. 10:12-14).

8. The one who drinks alcoholic beverages — “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise” (Prov. 20:1).

9. The one who says there is no God — “The fool hath said in his heart” (Psm. 14:1).

10. The one who does not prepare for the judgment (Matt. 25). The one who is not prepared is like a man trying to sleep on a bed too short with cover too narrow (Isa. 28:20). Unprepared means unacceptable before God!

- The Beacon, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL -

True Wisdom

Do you lack wisdom? Ask God — James 1:5-8.

Wisdom From Above — James 3:17:

Pure ... Peaceable ... Gentle ... Easy to be entreated ...

Full of mercy and good fruits ... Impartial ... Without hypocrisy.

“Wisdom is the principle thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.” (Proverbs 4:7).

“He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.” (Proverbs 19:8).

There is no book like the Bible for excellent learning, wisdom, and use. - Matthew Hale

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To the family of Jim Smith (preacher at Langeloth, PA) at his passing. Send cards to Jim’s wife, Betty at 1370 Langeloth Rd., Burgettstown, PA 15021. Jim donated his body to medical science. There will be a memorial service for Jim on Oct. 21st (details later). May God comfort the family at this time.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate in making small stuffed bears for the hospital.

MEN’S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Sept 3rd, 8:00 a.m. at Connie’s Corner in Chester.

NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL: Next Saturday, Sept 3rd, 2:30 p.m. at Fox.

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Beginning with next Sunday’s a.m. Bible Class on Sept. 3rd in Room 406. This is for those who were baptized in the last 3 years. ALL new converts are encouraged to participate in this class.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING: Sept. 8th at McKinleyville.

PANTRY: Oatmeal (round box).

REMEMBER WITH PRAYER & CARDS:

ALLEGHENY HOSPITAL, PITTSBURGH: Linda Wiersbicki (Rm. 662). Rose Higginbotham, United Hospital Center, 327 Medical Park Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330.

Cindy Moore (Pat Allison’s cousin), 2760 Craig Circle, Fullerton, CA 92835.

Ruth Wright (Sharon Williams’ sister), 1211 Mound St., Salem, OH 44460.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Emma Rine, Shirley Beagle, Fred Larrimore, Bill Robinson, Blondenia Orr, Betty Henthorne, Doris Dunham, Lewis Call (Cindy Miskimen’s dad), Tom Wells (ex-husband of Claudette Miller). **FOX**

NURSING HOME: Mary Nelson. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller, Jim Mick. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Ella Beagle. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

McKinleyville	Aug. 27- 31.....	Different Speakers
CHESTER	Sept. 24-28	Ed Melott

The Devil’s Device — 2 Cor. 2:11; 11:3

- Sin devastates human lives.
- Sin distorts the truth.
- Sin divides the church.
- Sin dominates the world.
- Sin destroys the soul.

- Mark Posey, *Glad Tidings of Good Things*