

WHAT KIND OF FOOL

Ephesians 5:15

In the O. T. the word fool is a translation from five different Hebrew words that reflect small differences in the types of fools addressed. Most of us have played the fool at some point in our life.

THE SIMPLE FOOL

Proverbs 1:22a The Hebrew word for “simple (fool)” is *pethy* (peth-EE). This word means stupid, implies extreme vulnerability, easily persuaded by flattery or deception.

Proverbs 14:15 Here is a great example of believers, (and non-believers), watching people like Benny Hen and Oral Roberts types on T. V. and thinking they are hearing God's servants. People that are this type of fool will send into these ministries hundreds of dollars thinking that doing so is “sowing the seed that will bring in a great harvest financially or physically.”

Proverbs 7:6-7 In the absence of instruction and discipline this fool is immature, extremely gullible and curious. From the lack of bible instruction they become vulnerable to seduction and immorality.

THE SILLY FOOL

Proverbs 10:14 The Hebrew word for “silly (fool)” is *eviytl* (ev-EEL). The meaning is perverse, despises wisdom and instruction. The mouth of this kind of fool often gets him in trouble.

Proverbs 27:3 When things go wrong in the life of this person they become uncontrollably angry.

Proverbs 12:15 A silly fool believes that his own way is always the best way so he does not react well when good instruction is offered his way.

Proverbs 1:7 This silly fool represents the lost with a little bit of bible knowledge that think they know it all. They may be unhappy believers who miss services because they're bored with the bible.

THE SENSUAL FOOL

Proverbs 10:23 The Hebrew word for “sensual (fool)” is *keciyl* (kess-EEL) which means fat, denotes a person who seems determined to make bad choices. He is not mentally disturbed but rejects wisdom.

Proverbs 13:20; 18:6-7 This type of fool has a bad mouth that gets him into a lot of trouble and causes anger against him. This person represents self, a gossip, or a jealous person. This person should be avoided at all costs because of their motives and methods will cause harm to those that follow them.

Proverbs 19:29; 26:3 God tells us that the only solution for this type of fool is severe punishment.

THE SCORNING FOOL

Proverbs 15:12 The Hebrew word for a “scorning fool” is *luwts* (LOOTS) which means to mouth, or to scorn. The scorner fool's facial expressions communicates his disdain and contempt toward authority including parents, civil authority, and God.

Proverbs 13:1; 9:7-8 The scorning fool will not hear a Godly rebuke and those who attempt to lead this person away from the path of destruction will ultimately suffer his wrath.

THE STEADFAST FOOL

Psalm 14:1 The Hebrew word for this fool is *nabal* (**naw-BAWL**) which means wicked, to fail, dishonor, abandon. This person totally rejects God and His ways. This fool is self-confident and close-minded. He is his own god totally interested in self and satisfying his 'old man' flesh.