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Wisdom and Foolishness Contrasted

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John Lennox



Proverbs 9:10 “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”

Richard Dawkins



Psalm 14:1: “The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."



Proverbs 3:35 “The wise will inherit honor, But fools display dishonor.”

10:8 “The wise of heart will receive commands, But a babbling fool will be thrown down.”

10:19 “When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, But he who restrains his lips is wise.”

10:14, “Wise men store up knowledge, But with the mouth of the foolish, ruin is at hand.”



10:23: “Doing wickedness is like sport to a fool; And so is wisdom to a man of understanding.” (NAS)
“To do evil is like sport to a fool, But a man of understanding has wisdom.” (NKJ)

12:16: “A fool's vexation is known at once, But a prudent man conceals dishonor.” (NAS),
“A fool's wrath is known at once, But a prudent man covers shame.” (NKJ)



Saints rookie punter got CHEWED OUT by Darren Rizzi



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12:23 “A prudent man conceals knowledge, But the heart of fools proclaims folly.”

13:16 “Every prudent man acts with knowledge, But a fool displays folly.”

13:20: “He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm.”

1 Corinthians 15:33: “Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals.”



14:6: “A scoffer seeks wisdom, and *finds* none, But knowledge is easy to him who has understanding.”

14:8: “The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, But the folly of fools is deceit.”





14:15 “The naive believes everything, But the prudent man considers his steps.”

14:16 “A wise man is cautious and turns away from evil, But a fool is arrogant and careless.”

14:18 “The naive inherit folly, But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.”

14:24 “The crown of the wise is their riches, But the folly of fools is foolishness.”

14:33 “Wisdom rests in the heart of one who has understanding, But in the bosom of fools it is made known.”



16:22 “Understanding is a fountain of life to one who has it,
But the discipline of fools is folly”



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17:24 “Wisdom is in the presence of the one who has understanding, But the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth.”

21:20 “There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise, But a foolish man swallows it up.”



24:7 “Wisdom is too high for a fool, He does not open his mouth in the gate.”



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26:1 “Like snow in summer and like rain in harvest, So honor is not fitting for a fool.”

26:4,5 “Do not answer a fool according to his folly, Lest you also be like him. Answer a fool as his folly deserves, Lest he be wise in his own eyes.”

26:12 “Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.”

28:26 “He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But he who walks wisely will be delivered.”



29:9 “When a wise man has a controversy with a foolish man, The foolish man either rages or laughs, and there is no rest.”

29:11 “A fool always loses his temper, But a wise man holds it back.”





A wise person	A fool
Inherits honor	Displays dishonor
Receives commands	Babbles rather than listens
Stores up knowledge	His speech leads to ruin
Enjoys the benefits of wise living	Enjoys doing evil
Exhibits self-control	Easily angered
Acts according to knowledge	Displays folly
Associates with the wise	Associates with fools
Understands his way	Deceives himself
Considers his steps	Is gullible and naive
Cautiously avoids evil	Is carelessly arrogant
Rewarded for wise behavior	Reaps more folly for foolish behavior



Matt 7:24-27: "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock. And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act upon them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and it fell, and great was its fall."




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