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Proverbs 23:9 (KJV) **Speak not in the ears of a fool:**

For he will despise the wisdom (wisdom of God's Word) of your words.

James 2:20 (NLT) **Fool! When will you ever learn?**

That faith that does not result in good deeds is useless?

James 2:20 (KJV) **But will you know, O vain man,**

That faith without works is dead?

Luke 12:21 (NLT) **"Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth**

But not have a rich relationship with God."

Eccles. 10:14 (KJV) **A fool also is full of words:**

A man cannot tell what shall be;

And what shall be after him, who can tell him?

Eccles. 10:14 (NLT) **Foolish people claim to know all about the future**

And tell everyone the details!

But who can really know what is going to happen?

Eccles. 5:1 (NLT) **As you enter the house of God, keep your ears open**

And your mouth shut! Don't be a fool

Who doesn't realize that mindless offerings to God are evil.

Eccles. 5:1 (KJV) **Keep your foot when you go to the house of God,**

And be more ready to hear,

Than to give the sacrifice of fools:

For they consider not that they do evil.

Proverbs 29:11 (KJV) **A fool utters all his mind:**

But a wise man keeps it in till afterwards.

Proverbs 29:11 (NLT) **A fool gives full vent to anger,**

But a wise person quietly holds it back.

Proverbs 28:26 (KJV) **He that trusts in his own heart is a fool:**

But whoever walks wisely, he shall be delivered.

Proverbs 28:26 (NLT) **Trusting oneself is foolish,**

But those who walk in wisdom (God's wisdom) are safe.

Proverbs 24:9 (NLT) **The schemes of a fool are sinful; everyone despises a mocker.**

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Proverbs 26:4-6 (KJV) Answer **not** a fool **according to his folly**,

Lest you **also be** like **unto** him.

[5] **Answer** a fool **according to his folly**, **Lest he be wise in his own conceit**.

[6] He that **sends** a message **by the hand of a fool**
Cuts off the feet, **and drinks damage**.

Proverbs 26:4-6 (NLT) **When arguing with fools,**

Don't answer their **foolish** arguments,

Or you will become as foolish as they are.

[5] **When** arguing **with** fools,

Be **sure** to **answer** their **foolish** arguments,

Or they will become wise in their own estimation.

[6] **Trusting** a **fool** to convey a message

Is as foolish as cutting off one's feet **or drinking poison!**

Proverbs 24:9 (NLT) **The schemes of a fool are sinful; Everyone despises a mocker.**

Proverbs 24:9 (KJV) **The thought of foolishness is sin:**

And the **scorner** is an **abomination** (worthy of causing disgust) to men.

Proverbs 23:9 (NLT) **Don't waste your breath on fools,**

For they will despise the **wisest** advice.

Proverbs 20:3 (NLT) **Avoiding a fight is a mark of honor;**

Only fools **insist** on **quarreling**.

Proverbs 20:3 (KJV) **It is an honor for a man to cease from strife:**

But every **fool** will be **meddling**.

Proverbs 18:6-7 (NLT) **Fools get into constant quarrels;**

They **are asking** for a **beating**.

[7] **The mouths of fools are their ruin;** their lips **get** them **into trouble**.

Proverbs 18:6-7 (KJV) **A fool's lips enter into contention,**

And his mouth **calls** for **strokes**.

[7] **A fool's mouth is his destruction,** and his lips **are** the **snare** of his soul.

Proverbs 17:16 (KJV) **Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool**

To get wisdom (God's wisdom), seeing he has **no** heart to **it?**

Proverbs 17:28 (ESV) **Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise;**

When he **closes** his lips, **he is deemed** (to regard as) **intelligent**.

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Proverbs 19:1 (NLT) It is **better to be poor and honest**
Than to **be a fool and dishonest.**

Proverbs 19:1 (KJV) **Better is the poor that walks in his integrity,**
Than he that is **perverse** in his lips,
And **is a fool.**

Proverbs 18:2 (NLT) **Fools have no interest in understanding;**
They **only want to air their own opinions.**

Proverbs 18:2 (KJV) **A fool has no delight in understanding,**
But that his heart may discover **itself.**

Proverbs 17:28 (NLT) **Even fools are thought to be wise when they keep silent;**
When they **keep** their mouths **shut**, they seem intelligent.

Proverbs 17:28 (KJV) **Even a fool, when he holds his peace, is counted wise:**
And he that **shuts** his lips is **esteemed a man of understanding.**

Proverbs 17:24 (NLT) **Sensible people keep their eyes glued on wisdom (God's wisdom),**
But a **fool's** eyes **wander to the ends of the earth.**

Proverbs 17:24 (KJV) **Wisdom (God's Word) is before him that has understanding;**
But the eyes of a **fool** are in the **ends** of the earth.

Proverbs 17:16 (NLT) **It is senseless to pay tuition to educate a fool**
Who has **no** heart for **wisdom (God's Word).**

Proverbs 17:21 (KJV) **He that begets a fool does it to his sorrow:**
And the father of a **fool** has **no** joy.

Proverbs 10:17-18 (KJV) **He is in the way of life (Salvation) that keeps instruction:**
But he that **refuses reproof (God's criticism) errs.**

[18] **He that hides hatred with lying lips,**
And he that **uttered a slander**, is a **fool.**

Proverbs 10:17-18 (NLT) **People who accept correction are on the pathway to life,**
But those who **ignore it** will lead others **astray.**

[18] **To hide hatred is to be a liar;** To **slander** is to be a **fool.**

Proverbs 18:2 (ESV) **A fool takes no pleasure in understanding,**
But only in **expressing** his **opinion.**

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Proverbs 17:21 (NLT) It is **painful** to be the parent of a **fool**;
There is **no** joy for the father of a **rebel**.

Proverbs 17:21 (KJV) **He that begets a fool** does it to his **sorrow**:
And the father of a **fool** has **no** joy.

Proverbs 17:10 (KJV) A **reproof** (God's criticism) **enters more** into a **wise man**
Than an hundred stripes into a **fool**.

Proverbs 17:10 (NLT) A single **rebuke** **does more for a person of understanding**
Than a hundred **lashes** on the back of a **fool**.

Proverbs 15:14 (KJV) The heart of him that **has** understanding
Seeks knowledge (from God): **But** the mouth of fools **feeds on foolishness**.

Proverbs 15:14 (NLT) A wise person is **hungry for Truth**,
While the **fool feeds on trash**.

Proverbs 15:5 (NLT) Only a **fool despises** a parent's discipline;
Whoever learns from correction is **wise**.

Proverbs 15:5 (KJV) A **fool despises his Father's instruction**:
But he that **regards reproof** (God's criticism) is **prudent** (sensible).

Proverbs 14:16 (KJV) **A wise man fears**, and **departs from evil**:
But the **fool rages**, and **is confident**.

Proverbs 14:16 (NLT) The wise are **cautious and avoid danger**;
Fools plunge ahead with **great confidence**.

Proverbs 12:15-16 (NLT) **Fools think they need no advice**,
But the **wise listen** to others.

[16] A **fool** is quick-**tempered**, but a **wise person stays calm** when **insulted**.

Proverbs 13:16 (NLT) **Wise people think before they act**;
Fools **don't** and even **brag** about it!

Proverbs 14:7 (KJV) **Go from the presence of a foolish man**,
When you perceive **not** in him the **lips** of **knowledge** (God's Word).

Proverbs 26:1 (KJV) As snow **in summer**, and as rain **in harvest**,
So honor is **not** seemly (standards of good conduct) for a **fool**.

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Proverbs 14:3 (NLT) **The talk of fools is a rod for their backs,**
But the words of the wise **keep them out of trouble.**

Proverbs 12:15-16 (KJV) **The way of a fool is right in his own eyes:**
But he that hearkens unto counsel is wise.

[16] A fool's wrath is presently known: **but a prudent man covers shame.**

Proverbs 13:16 (KJV) **Every prudent man deals with knowledge (God's Word):**
But a fool lays open his folly.

Proverbs 14:3 (KJV) **In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride:**
But the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

Psalms 14:1 (NLT) **For the choir director: A psalm of David.**
Only fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, and their actions are evil; No one does good!

Psalms 53:1 (NLT) **For the choir director: A meditation of David.**
Only fools say in their hearts,
"There is no God."
They are corrupt, and their actions are evil; No one does good!

Psalms 74:22 (NLT) **Arise, O God, and defend your cause.**
Remember how these fools insult You **all day long.**

Proverbs 6:32 (NLT) **But the man who commits adultery is an utter fool,**
For he destroys his own soul.

Proverbs 7:22 (NLT) **He followed her at once, like an ox going to the slaughter**
Or like a trapped stag,

Proverbs 10:8 (NLT) **The wise are glad to be instructed (taught the Gospel Truth),**
But babbling fools fall flat on their faces.

Proverbs 10:10 (NLT) **People who wink at wrong cause trouble,**
But a bold reproof (criticism) promotes peace.

Proverbs 10:10 (KJV) **He that winks with the eye causes sorrow:**
But a prating (to talk long and idly) fool shall fall.

Proverbs 17:24 (ESV) **The discerning sets his face toward wisdom (God's Word),**
But the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth.

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Proverbs 10:20 (NLT) **The words of the godly are like sterling silver;**
The heart of a fool is worthless.

Proverbs 10:20 (KJV) **The tongue of the just is as choice silver:**
The heart of the wicked is little worth.

Proverbs 10:23 (NLT) **Doing wrong is fun for a fool,**
While wise conduct is a pleasure to the wise.

Proverbs 11:29 (NLT) **Those who bring trouble on their families**
Inherit only the wind. The fool will be a servant to the wise.

Psalms 14:1 (KJV) **To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.**
The fool has said in his heart, there is no God.
They are corrupt,
They have done abominable works, **there is none that does good.**

Psalms 53:1 (KJV) **To the chief Musician upon Mahalath, Maschil,**
A Psalm of David. **The fool has said** in his heart, There is no God.
Corrupt are they,
And have done abominable iniquity: **there is none that does good.**

Psalms 74:22 (KJV) **Arise, O God, plead your own cause: Remember how the foolish**
Man reproaches (express disapproval) You daily.

Proverbs 6:32 (KJV) **But whoever commits adultery with a woman**
Lacks understanding: he that does it **destroys** his own soul.

Proverbs 7:22 (KJV) **He goes after her straightway, as an ox goes to the slaughter**
Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;

Proverbs 10:8 (KJV) **The wise in heart will receive commandments:**
But a prating (to talk long and idly) fool shall fall.

Proverbs 10:14 (KJV) **Wise men lay up knowledge:**
But the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

Proverbs 17:12 (NLT) **It is safer to meet a bear robbed of her cubs**
Than to confront a fool caught in folly.

Proverbs 17:12 (KJV) **Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man,**
Rather than a fool in his folly.

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Proverbs 10:23 (KJV) **It is as sport to a fool to do mischief:**

But a man of understanding has wisdom (God's Word).

Proverbs 11:29 (KJV) **He that troubles his own house shall inherit the wind:**

And the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.

Proverbs 29:9 (KJV) **If a wise man contend with a foolish man,**

Whether he rage or laugh, **there is no rest.**

Proverbs 29:9 (NLT) **If a wise person takes a fool to court,**

There will be ranting and ridicule but **no** satisfaction.

Matthew 5:22 (KJV) **But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother**

Without a cause shall be in **danger** of **the judgment:**

And whosoever shall **say** to his brother, **Raca** (idiot),

Shall be in **danger** of **the Council:**

But whosoever shall **say**, you **fool**, shall be in **danger** of **hell fire.**

Eccles. 7:4 (NLT) **A wise person thinks much about death,**

While the **fool** thinks **only** about **having** a good time **now.**

Eccles. 7:4 (KJV) **The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning;**

But the heart of **fools** is in the house of **mirth** (laughter, happiness, enjoyment).

Proverbs 19:3 (KJV) **The foolishness of man perverts his way:**

And his heart **frets** (be enraged) **against the Lord.**

Proverbs 19:3 (NLT) **People ruin their lives by their own foolishness**

And then are angry at **the Lord.**

Proverbs 26:1 (NLT) **Honor doesn't go with fools**

Any more **than** snow **with** summer **or** rain **with** harvest.

Proverbs 9:13-18 (KJV) **A foolish woman is clamorous** (noisily insistent):

She is simple, And knows nothing.

[14] For she sits at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,

[15] To call passengers who go right on their ways:

[16] **Whoever** is simple, let him **turn in here:**

And as for him that **wants** understanding, she **says** to him,

[17] **Stolen** waters **are sweet**, and bread eaten **in secret** is pleasant.

[18] But he knows **not that the dead are there;**

And that her guests **are** in the **depths** of **hell.**

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Proverbs 14:7 (NLT) **Stay away from fools**, for you won't find knowledge there.

Proverbs 10:14 (NLT) Wise people treasure knowledge,
But the babbling of a fool invites trouble.

Proverbs 6:9-11 (KJV) **How long will you sleep, O sluggard** (Lazy one)?

When will you **arise** out of your sleep?

[10] Yet a little **sleep**, a little **slumber**, a little **folding** of the hands **to sleep**:

[11] **So shall** your **poverty come** as one that is robbed, and your **want** as an armed man.

Proverbs 6:9-11 (NLT) **But you, lazybones, how long will you sleep?**

When will you wake up? **I want you to learn this lesson**:

[10] A little **extra** sleep, a little **more** slumber, a **little** folding of the hands to rest—

[11] **And poverty** will **pounce** on you like a bandit;

Scarcity will **attack** you like an armed robber.

Proverbs 6:16-19 (KJV) **These six things does the Lord hate**:

Yes, seven are an abomination unto Him:

[17] A **proud** look, a **lying** tongue, and hands **that shed** innocent blood,

[18] An heart that **devises wicked** imaginations, feet that **be swift** in running **to mischief**,

[19] A **false** witness that **speaks lies**, and he that **sows discord** among brethren.

Proverbs 6:16-19 (NLT) **There are six things the Lord hates**—

No, seven things He detests:

[17] **haughty** eyes, a **lying** tongue, **hands** that **kill** the innocent,

[18] A heart that **plots evil**, feet **that race to do wrong**,

[19] A **false** witness who **pours out lies**, a person who **sows discord** among brothers.

Proverbs 10:4-5 (KJV) **He becomes poor that deals with a slack hand**:

But the **hand** of the **diligent** makes **rich**.

[5] He that **gathers** in summer **is** a **wise** son:

But he **that sleeps** in harvest **is** a son that **causes shame**.

Proverbs 10:4-5 (NLT) **Lazy people are soon poor; hard workers get rich**.

[5] **A wise youth works hard** all summer;

A youth who **sleeps away** **the hour of opportunity** **brings shame**.

Proverbs 13:13 (NLT) **People who despise advice will find themselves in trouble**;

Those who **respect it** will **succeed**.

Proverbs 13:13 (KJV) **Whoso despises the Word shall be destroyed**:

But he that fears the commandment shall be **rewarded**.

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Psalm 49:16-20 (KJV) **Be not yourself afraid** when one is made rich,
When the glory of his house is increased;
[17] For when he **dies** he shall carry **nothing** away:
His glory shall **not** descend after him.
[18] **Though** while he lived he **blessed** his soul:
And men will praise you, when you do well to yourself.
[19] He shall go to the generation of his fathers;
They shall **never** see light.
[20] **Man that is in honor**, and understands **not**, is **like** the beasts that **perish**.

Psalm 49:16-20 (NLT) **So don't be dismayed when the wicked grow rich**,
And their homes become ever more splendid.
[17] **For when** they **die**, they carry nothing **with** them.
Their wealth **will not** follow them **into** the **grave**.
[18] In **this** life they **consider** themselves fortunate,
And the world **loudly applauds** their **success**.
[19] But they **will die** like all others **before** them **And never again** see the light of day.
[20] People who **boast of** their wealth
Don't understand **that they will die** like the animals.

Proverbs 15:7 (ESV) **The lips of the wise spread knowledge** ([knowledge from God's Word](#));
Not so the hearts of **fools**.

Proverbs 15:7 (NLT) **Only the wise can give good advice; fools cannot do so.**

Proverbs 15:7 (KJV) **The lips of the wise disperse knowledge** ([knowledge from God's Word](#)): but the **heart** of the **foolish** does **not** so.

Proverbs 1:7 (KJV) **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge**;
But fools **despise wisdom** and **instruction**.

Proverbs 1:7 (NLT) **Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge**.
Only fools **despise wisdom** and **discipline**.

Proverbs 1:7 (ESV) **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge**;
Fools despise wisdom and **instruction**.

Proverbs 6:16-19 (ESV) **There are six things that the Lord hates**,
Seven that are **an abomination to Him**:

¹⁷ **Haughty** (arrogant) eyes, a **lying** tongue, and **hands** that **shed** innocent blood,

¹⁸ A heart **that** devises **wicked** plans, feet that **make haste** to **run to evil**,

¹⁹ A **false** witness who **breathes out lies**, **And one who sows discord** among brothers.

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Proverbs 12:15-16 (ESV) **The way of a fool** is right in his own eyes,
But a wise man listens to advice.

¹⁶ **The vexation of a fool** is known at once, but the prudent ignores an insult.

Proverbs 10:4-5 (ESV) A slack hand causes poverty,
But the hand of the diligent makes rich.

⁵ He who gathers in summer is a prudent son,
But he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame.

Proverbs 14:7 (ESV) Leave the presence of a fool,
For there you do not meet Words of knowledge (Gospel Truth).

Proverbs 14:17 (NLT) Those who are short-tempered do foolish things,
And schemers are hated.

Proverbs 14:17 (KJV) He that is soon angry deals foolishly:
And a man of wicked devices is hated.

Proverbs 14:17 (ESV) A man of quick temper acts foolishly,
And a man of evil devices is hated.

Proverbs 16:22 (KJV) Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that has it:
But the instruction of fools is folly.

Proverbs 16:22 (NLT) Discretion is a life-giving fountain to those who possess it,
But discipline is wasted on fools.

Proverbs 16: 22 (ESV) Good sense is a fountain of life to him who has it,
But the instruction of fools is folly.

Proverbs 9:6 (KJV) Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

Proverbs 9:6 (NLT) Leave your foolish ways behind,
And begin to live; learn how to be wise."

Proverbs 9:6 (ESV) Leave your simple ways, and live,
And walk in the way of insight (insight into God's Truth)."

Proverbs 26:4-5 (ESV) Answer not a fool according to his folly,
Lest you be like him yourself.

⁵ Answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest he be wise in his own eyes.

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Proverbs 23:9 (ESV) **Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, for he will despise**
The good sense of your words (words of wisdom from God).

Proverbs 26:12 (KJV) **Do you see a man wise in his own conceit?**
There is more hope of a fool than of him.

Proverbs 26:12 (ESV) **Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes?**
There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Proverbs 28:26 (ESV) **Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool,**
But he who walks in wisdom (God's wisdom) **will be delivered.**

Jeremiah 17:10-13 (ESV) **"I the Lord search the heart and test the mind,**
To give every man **according to his ways,**
According to the fruit of his deeds."

¹¹ **Like the partridge that gathers a brood that she did not hatch, so is he who gets riches**
But not by justice;
In the **midst** of his days they **will leave** him, and **at** his end
He will be a fool.

¹² **A glorious throne set on high from the beginning**
Is the place of our **sanctuary.**

¹³ **O Lord, the hope of** Israel, all who **forsake you** shall be **put to shame;**
Those who **turn away** from You
Shall be written **in** (grave) the earth, for they **have forsaken the Lord,**
The Fountain of Living water.

1 Samuel 26:21-23 (ESV) **Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Return, my son David,**
For I will **no more** do you **harm,**
Because my life was precious in your eyes this day.
Behold, **I have acted foolishly,**
And **have made a great mistake."**

²² And David answered and **said, "Here is the spear,**
O king! **Let one** of the young men **come over** and **take it.**

²³ **The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness**
And his faithfulness,
For the Lord gave you **into** my hand today,
And I **would not** put out my hand **against the Lord's anointed.**

Psalms 53:1 (NLT) **For the choir director: A meditation of David.**
Only fools say in their hearts, "There is **no God.**"
They **are corrupt,**
And their **actions are evil; no one** does good!

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Proverbs 26:12 (NLT) **There is more hope for fools**
Than for people **who think they are wise.**

1 Cor. 6:9 (NLT) **Don't you know** that those who **do wrong**
Will have **no** share in **the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves.**
Those who **indulge** in sexual **sin**, who **are idol** worshippers,
Adulterers, male **prostitutes**, **homosexuals**,
[10] **Thieves**, **greedy** people, **drunkards**, **abusers**, and **swindlers**
None of these will have a share in **the Kingdom of God.**

Psalms 53:1-3 (ESV) **The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."**
They **are** corrupt, **doing abominable** (worthy of causing disgust) **iniquity**;
There is **none** who does good.

² **God looks down from Heaven on** the children of man
To see if there are any who understand, who seek **after God.**

³ They **have** all **fallen away**; together they have **become corrupt**;
There is none who does good, **not even one.**

James 2:14-26 (ESV) **What good is it, my brothers, if someone says** he has faith
But does not have works? Can **that** faith **save** him?

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is **poorly clothed and lacking** in daily **food**,

¹⁶ And **one** of you **says** to them, "**Go in peace**, be warmed and filled,"

Without giving them the things **needed for** the body, **what good is that?**

¹⁷ So also **faith** by **itself**, **if it does not have works**, is **dead.**

¹⁸ But someone will **say**, "You **have** faith and I **have** works." **Show me your faith**
Apart from your works,

And I **will show** you my **faith** by my **works.**

¹⁹ You **believe** that **God is one**; you **do well.** **Even the demons believe**---and **shudder!**

²⁰ Do you **want to be shown**,

You foolish person, that **faith apart** from **works** is **useless?**

²¹ Was not Abraham our father **justified** by **works**

When he **offered** up his son Isaac **on** the altar?

²² You see that **faith** was **active** **along with his works**, and **faith** was **completed**

By his works;

²³ **And the Scripture was fulfilled that says**, "Abraham **believed God**,

And it was **counted** to him as **righteousness**"---

And he was **called** a **friend** of **God.**

²⁴ You see that a person is **justified** by **works** and **not by** faith **alone.**

²⁵ And **in the same way** was not also Rahab the prostitute **justified by works**

When she **received** the messengers and **sent** them **out by** another way?

²⁶ **For as** the body **apart** from the **Spirit** is **dead**,

So also **faith apart** from **works** is **dead.**

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James 2:20 (NLT) **Fool! When will you ever learn**

That **faith that does not result in good** deeds is useless?

Matthew 7:6 (NLT) "**Don't give what is holy** to unholy people.

Don't give pearls to swine! They will trample the pearls,
Then turn and attack you.

Matthew 7:1-6 (ESV) "**Judge not, that you be not judged.**

² For **with the judgment you pronounce** you will be judged,

And **with the measure you use** it will be **measured** to you.

³ **Why** do you **see** the **speck that is in your brother's eye**,

But **do not** notice the **log** that is **in** your **own** eye?

⁴ **Or how** can you **say** to your brother, 'Let me **take** the **speck out of** your eye,'

When there is the **log in** your **own** eye?

⁵ You **hypocrite**, **first take the log out of** your own eye,

And **then** you will **see clearly**

To **take** the **speck out of** your brother's eye.

⁶ "**Do not** give dogs **what is holy**, and **do not** throw your **pearls before** pigs,

Lest they trample them underfoot

And turn **to attack** you.

2 Chron. 16:9 (KJV) **For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro**

Throughout the whole earth, **to show Himself strong**

In the behalf of them whose heart **is** perfect **toward Him**.

In this you have done foolishly:

Therefore **from** this **point on** you **shall** have **wars**.

2 Chronicles 16:7-10 (ESV) **At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah**

And **said** to him, "**Because you relied on** the king of Syria,

And **did not** rely on **the Lord** your **God**,

The army of the king of Syria **has escaped** you.

⁸ **Were not** the Ethiopians **and** the Libyans a **huge army** with very **many chariots**

And horsemen?

Yet **because you relied on the Lord**,

He gave them **into** your hand.

⁹ **For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout** the whole earth,

To give strong support to those whose heart **is** blameless **toward Him**.

You have done foolishly in this,

For from **now on** you **will have wars**."

¹⁰ Then Asa **was angry** with the seer **and put** him in the **stocks** in **prison**,

For he **was in** a **rage** with him **because of this**.

And Asa **inflicted cruelties** upon some of the people **at the same time**.

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Matthew 7:6 (KJV) Give **not** that **which is holy** **unto the dogs**,
Neither cast your **pearls** before swine,
Lest they **trample them** under their feet, and **turn again** and **attack** you.

Proverbs 15:5 (ESV) A fool **despises his Father's instruction**,
But whoever **heeds reproof** (God's correction) **is prudent** (sensible, careful).

Proverbs 17:10 (ESV) A **rebuke** (sharp disapproval)
Goes deeper into a man of understanding
Than a hundred blows into a **fool**.

Proverbs 19:1-13 (ESV) **Better is a poor person who walks in his integrity**
Than one who is crooked in speech and **is a fool**.

- ² Desire **without knowledge** is **not** good,
And whoever **makes haste** with his feet **misses** his way.
- ³ **When** a man's **folly** brings his way **to ruin**, his heart **rages against the Lord**.
- ⁴ Wealth **brings** many **new friends**,
But a **poor man is deserted** by his friend.
- ⁵ A **false witness will not go unpunished**, and he who **breathes** out **lies** will **not** escape.
- ⁶ Many **seek** the favor of a generous man,
And everyone **is a friend** to a man who **gives gifts**.
- ⁷ **All** a poor man's brothers **hate** him; how **much more** do his friends **go far** from him!
He **pursues** them **with** words, but **does not** have them.
- ⁸ **Whoever gets sense loves** his own soul;
He who **keeps understanding** (understanding of **God's Word**)
Will discover good.
- ⁹ A **false witness will not** go unpunished, and he who **breathes** out **lies** will **perish**.
- ¹⁰ It is **not** fitting for a **fool** to live in luxury,
Much less for a slave to **rule** over princes.
- ¹¹ **Good** sense **makes one slow to anger**, and it **is** his **glory** to **overlook** an offense.
- ¹² A king's **wrath is like the growling of** a lion, **But his favor is like dew on the grass**.
- ¹³ **A foolish son is ruin** to his father,
And a wife's **quarreling is a continual dripping** of rain.

Proverbs 26:10-11 (NLT) An employer who **hires a fool** or a bystander
Is **like** an archer who shoots **recklessly**.

[11] As a dog **returns** to its **vomit**, so a **fool repeats** his **folly**.

Proverbs 30:31-32 (ESV) **If you have been foolish, exalting yourself**,
Or if you have been **devising** evil, **put your hand on your mouth**.

³³ For **pressing** milk **produces** curds, **pressing** the nose **produces blood**,
And pressing anger produces **strife**.

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Proverbs 29:9 (ESV) **If a wise man has an argument with a fool,**
The fool **only rages** and **laughs**, and **there** is **no** quiet.

Proverbs 29:20 (ESV) **Do you see a man who is hasty in his words?**
There is **more hope** for a **fool** **than** for him.

Proverbs 27:22 (NLT) **You cannot separate fools from their foolishness,**
Even though **you grind them like grain** with mortar and pestle.

Ecclesiastes 7:1-4 (ESV) **A good name is better than precious ointment,**
And the day of death than the day of birth.

² **It is better** to go to the house of **mourning** **than** to **go** to the house of feasting,
For **this** is the **end of all** mankind, and the **living** will **lay** it **to** heart.

³ **Sorrow** is **better** than laughter,
For **by** sadness of face **the heart is made glad**.

⁴ The heart **of** the **wise** is **in** the house of **mourning**,
But the heart of **fools** is **in** the house of **mirth** (drinking, partying, feasting).

Ecclesiastes 10:12-14 (ESV) **The words of a wise man's mouth win him favor,**
But the lips **of** a **fool** **consume** him.

¹³ The beginning of the words **of** his mouth is **foolishness**,
And the end **of** his **talk** is **evil** madness.

¹⁴ **A fool multiplies** words, though **no** man **knows** what is **to** be,
And who **can** **tell** him **what** will be **after** him?

¹⁵ The **toil** (struggles) **of** a **fool** **wearies** him, for he **does not** know the **way** to the **city**.

1 Corinthians 3:18-23 (ESV) **Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you**
Thinks that he is **wise** in this age,
Let him become a fool that he **may** become **wise**.

¹⁹ For the wisdom **of** **this** world is **folly** **with** **God**.

For it is Written, "He catches the **wise** in their **craftiness,"**

²⁰ And again, **"The Lord knows** the **thoughts** of the **wise**,
That they are **futile."**

²¹ So let **no one** boast **in** men. **For all things are yours**,

²² **Whether** Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death
Or the present or the future---**all are yours**,

²³ **And you are** **Christ's, and Christ is God's**.

Isaiah 44:20 (NLT) **The poor, deluded fool feeds on ashes.**

He is **trusting** something **that** can give him **no** help at all.

Yet he cannot bring himself to ask,

"Is this thing, this idol that I'm **holding** in my hand, a **lie?"**

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Isaiah 44:10 (NLT) **Who but a fool would make his own god—**

An idol that cannot help him one bit!

Isaiah 44:9-10 (ESV) **All who fashion idols are nothing,**

And the things they delight in do not profit.

Their witnesses neither see nor know, that they may be put to shame.

¹⁰ **Who fashions a god or casts an idol** that is profitable for nothing?

2 Thes. 2:10 (NLT) **He will use every kind of wicked deception**

To fool those who are on their way to destruction

Because they refuse to believe **the Truth that would save them.**

2 Thessalonians 2:3-12 (ESV) **Let no one deceive you in any way.**

For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first,

And the man of lawlessness is revealed,

The son of destruction,

⁴ Who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship,

So that he takes his seat in the temple of God,

Proclaiming himself to be God.

⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

⁶ And you know what is restraining him now

So that he may be revealed in his time.

⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work.

Only He who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom

The Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth

And bring to nothing

By the Appearance of His coming.

⁹ The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power

And false signs and wonders,

¹⁰ **And with all wicked deception** for those who are perishing,

Because they refused to love the Truth

And so be saved.

¹¹ Therefore God sends them a strong delusion,

So that they may believe what is false,

¹² In order that all may be condemned who did not believe the Truth

But had pleasure in unrighteousness.