

## Fools in the Proverbs

Proverbs 10:8

8 The wise in heart accept commands,  
but a chattering fool comes to ruin.  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 10:10

10 He who winks maliciously causes grief,  
and a chattering fool comes to ruin.  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 10:14

14 Wise men store up knowledge,  
but the mouth of a fool invites ruin.  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 10:18

18 He who conceals his hatred has lying lips,  
and whoever spreads slander is a fool.  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 10:23

23 A fool finds pleasure in evil conduct,  
but a man of understanding delights in wisdom.  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 11:29

29 He who brings trouble on his family will inherit only wind,  
and the fool will be servant to the wise.  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 12:15

15 The way of a fool seems right to him,  
but a wise man listens to advice.  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 12:16

16 A fool shows his annoyance at once,  
but a prudent man overlooks an insult.  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 13:16

16 Every prudent man acts out of knowledge,  
but a fool exposes his folly.  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 14:16

16 A wise man fears the LORD and shuns evil,  
but a fool is hotheaded and reckless.  
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Proverbs 15:2

2 The tongue of the wise commends knowledge,  
but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.  
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Proverbs 15:5

5 A fool spurns his father's discipline,  
but whoever heeds correction shows prudence.  
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Proverbs 15:14

14 The discerning heart seeks knowledge,  
but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly.  
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Proverbs 17:7

7 Arrogant lips are unsuited to a fool--  
how much worse lying lips to a ruler!  
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Proverbs 17:10

10 A rebuke impresses a man of discernment  
more than a hundred lashes a fool.  
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Proverbs 17:12

12 Better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs  
than a fool in his folly.  
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Proverbs 17:16

16 Of what use is money in the hand of a fool,  
since he has no desire to get wisdom?  
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Proverbs 17:21

21 To have a fool for a son brings grief;  
there is no joy for the father of a fool.  
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Proverbs 17:28

28 Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent,  
and discerning if he holds his tongue.  
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Proverbs 18:2

2 A fool finds no pleasure in understanding  
but delights in airing his own opinions.  
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Proverbs 19:1

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Better a poor man whose walk is blameless  
than a fool whose lips are perverse.  
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Proverbs 19:10

10 It is not fitting for a fool to live in luxury--  
how much worse for a slave to rule over princes!  
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Proverbs 20:3

3 It is to a man's honor to avoid strife,  
but every fool is quick to quarrel.  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 23:9

9 Do not speak to a fool,  
for he will scorn the wisdom of your words.  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 24:7

7 Wisdom is too high for a fool;  
in the assembly at the gate he has nothing to say.  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 26:1

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Like snow in summer or rain in harvest,  
honor is not fitting for a fool.  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 26:4

4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly,  
or you will be like him yourself.  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 26:5

5 Answer a fool according to his folly,  
or he will be wise in his own eyes.  
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Proverbs 26:6

6 Like cutting off one's feet or drinking violence  
is the sending of a message by the hand of a fool.  
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Proverbs 26:7

7 Like a lame man's legs that hang limp  
is a proverb in the mouth of a fool.  
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Proverbs 26:8

8 Like tying a stone in a sling  
is the giving of honor to a fool.  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 26:9

9 Like a thornbush in a drunkard's hand  
is a proverb in the mouth of a fool.  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 26:10

10 Like an archer who wounds at random  
is he who hires a fool or any passer-by.  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 26:11

11 As a dog returns to its vomit,  
so a fool repeats his folly.  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 26:12

12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes?  
There is more hope for a fool than for him.  
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Proverbs 27:3

3 Stone is heavy and sand a burden,  
but provocation by a fool is heavier than both.  
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Proverbs 27:22

22 Though you grind a fool in a mortar,  
grinding him like grain with a pestle,  
you will not remove his folly from him.  
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Proverbs 28:26

26 He who trusts in himself is a fool,  
but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.  
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Proverbs 29:9

9 If a wise man goes to court with a fool,  
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Proverbs 29:11

11 A fool gives full vent to his anger,

but a wise man keeps himself under control.  
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Proverbs 29:20

20 Do you see a man who speaks in haste?  
There is more hope for a fool than for him.  
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Proverbs 30:22

22 a servant who becomes king,  
a fool who is full of food,  
(from New International Version)

Proverbs 30:32

32 "If you have played the fool and exalted yourself,  
or if you have planned evil,  
clap your hand over your mouth!  
(from New International Version)