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*“How long will you who
are simple love your
simple ways?
How long will
mockers delight in
mockery and fools
hate knowledge?”*

I. The Five Categories of Fools

- A. Simple Fool – *pethiy* = “to be opened up” = dangerously immature/naïve/gullible (Prov. 1:4)
- B. Silly Fool – *‘eviyl* = “naughty silliness” = choosing selfishness and people pleasing (Prov. 1:7)
- C. Sensual Fool – *keciyl* = “fatness + stupid” = Turning from wisdom toward pleasures (Prov. 10:23,18:6,7)
- D. Scorning Fool – *luwts* = “scoffer” = One who rejects authority and hates opposition (Psa. 1:1)
- E. Steadfast Fool – *nabal* = “wicked + stupid” = Rejects God and recruits others to do so (Psa. 14:1)

II. Four Characteristics of Foolishness

1) A fool is **Antagonistic toward God**

- The fool hates God (Ps. 14:1; Prov. 19:3; Ps. 74:18, 22)
- Fools despise wisdom (Prov. 1:7)
- Fools have a spiritual complacency about them (Prov. 1:32)
- Fools don’t take sin seriously (Prov. 14:9)

2) A fool is **Arrogant**.

- A fool doesn’t listen to sound teaching or respond to correction (Prov. 23:9)
- Fools enjoy being argumentative and stirring up strife (Prov. 20:3, 18:6)
- A fool follows the deceptive leading of his wicked heart (Prov. 12:15)

3) A fool is **Angered easily**.

- Fools tend to have anger issues (Prov. 29:11; Eccl. 7:9)
- Fools do a lot of worthless talking (Prov. 15:2, 10:8, 18:2; Eccl. 10:1-14)
- Fools react instead of responding (Prov. 29:20, 12:16)

4) A fool is **Absolutely Irresponsible**.

- Fools are lazy and undisciplined (Prov. 6:6-8, 21:25)
- For fools, doing evil is fun like a sport or hobby (Prov. 10:23)
- Fools refuse to plan ahead (Prov. 13:16)

III. The Final Question (Prov. 1:20-23)

- A. Wisdom calls out to us (Prov. 1:20,21)
- B. How long? (Prov. 1:22)
- C. God’s promise (Prov. 1:23)