"How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?

#### The Fool

Simple

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Scoffer

## The Simple [Naïve]

### The simple believes everything, but the prudent gives thought to his steps

The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.

I have seen among the simple, I have perceived among the youths, a young man lacking sense

Strike a scoffer, and the simple will learn prudence; reprove a man of understanding, and he will gain knowledge.

#### The fool

Why should a fool have money in his hand to buy wisdom when he has no sense?

The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly.

15:14

The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly.

A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool.

17:10

Like a dog that returns to his vomit is a fool who repeats his folly.

### Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord,

1:29...

For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them;

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

The wise of heart will receive commandments, but a babbling fool will come to ruin.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.

#### Nabal

30:32, 22; 17:7

"... and he is such a worthless man that no one can speak to him."

1 Sam. 25:17

## The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

Psalm 14:1

### Fools mock at sin, [lit. guilt] But among the upright there is good will.

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# Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,

# Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you

A wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

Drive out a scoffer, and strife will go out, and quarreling and abuse will cease.

22:10

# Scoffers set a city aflame, but the wise turn away wrath.

### Condemnation is ready for scoffers, and beating for the backs of fools.

19:29

#### The Fool

Si Will Not LISTEN

Will Not Be Instructed

Will Not Fear God

#### Proverbs 2:1-11