

CHARACTERISTICS OF “THE FOOL” IN PROVERBS



9:6, 13 - simple, undisciplined, loud, without knowledge

10:1, 8, 10, 14, 18, 23 - grief, chattering, ruin, malicious, sets himself up with his words, slanderous, pleasure in evil

11:29 - trouble on family, no inheritance, servant to the wise

12:15-16 - right in own eyes, easily annoyed

13:16 - expresses foolishness

14:1, 3, 7, 16 - tears down home/family, loud mouth, ignorant, hot-headed, reckless

15:5, 7, 20 - spurns father's discipline, doesn't spread knowledge, despises mother

17:7, 10, 12, 16, 21, 24, 25, 28 - arrogant lips, unimpressed when rebuked/unteachable, violent, foolish with money, brings grief to father, wanders, bitter toward mother, thought wise if silent

18:2 - arrogant about opinions, no pleasure in understanding

19:1, 10, 13 - perverse (twisted) speech, doesn't fit with luxury, his father's ruin

20:3 - quick to quarrel

21:20 - doesn't save money - only spends

23:9 - scorns wisdom

24:7 - ignorant in decision making

26:1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12 - not fit for honor, not dependable, wounds at random, does not learn from mistakes, nearly hopeless

27:22 - hopeless

28:26 - trusts in himself; not kept safe

29:9, 11, 20 - rage, scoffing, no peace, gives full vent to anger, no self-control, speaks in haste