



The Opposite of a Wise Person – A Fool  
(Part 2)

Ecclesiastes 10:1-3

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1. They don't believe in God, or they live like they don't believe in God.

*The fool says in his heart, "There is no God"*  
(Psalms 14:1).

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“As we concentrate on growing in our reverence and awe for God and in our understanding of His love for us, we will find that our desire for Him will grow. . . . And the more we desire Him, the more we'll want to fellowship with Him and experience His presence. And the more we desire Him and His fellowship, the more we'll desire to be like Him.”

- Jerry Bridges

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*<sup>2</sup>A wise man's heart inclines him to the right, but a fool's heart to the left.*

*<sup>3</sup>Even when the fool walks on the road, he lacks sense, and he says to everyone that he is a fool. (vv.2-3)*

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

*A fool multiplies words . . . (vv.13-14).*

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(Matthew 7:24-25)*

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*26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” (Matthew 7:26-27)*

Look at who Jesus calls wise:

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What kind of foundation are you building your life upon?

