

Five Types of Fools

Fives Types of Fools...

God gives precise definitions of wrong character based on the Hebrew words. He wants us to love everyone but to learn how to respond wisely to wrong attitudes.

1. The “Simple Fool” (p^ethîy - Hebrew word for “simple.”)

He is without knowledge and easily seduced.

The simple believeth every word: but the prudent *man* looketh well to his going. (Proverbs 14:15)

How should we respond? He needs to be instructed. We should try to help him.

2. The “Reactionary Fool” ('ivveleth - Hebrew word for “fool.”)

He simply wants his own way.

Foolishness *is* bound in the heart of a child; *but* the rod of correction shall drive it far from him. (Proverbs 22:15)

How should we respond? He needs to be disciplined. We should direct him to his authorities.

3. The “Silly Fool” (k^esîyl - Hebrew word for “fool.”)

He is only interested in a good time.

Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him. (Proverbs 26:4)

How should we respond? He needs major reproofs.

We should explain his error and go from his presence.

4. The “Scorning Fool” (lûts - Hebrew word for “scorner.”)

He has rejected truth and delights in mocking Christians and their standards.

Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. (Proverbs 9:8)

How should we respond? He will hate a reprover and blot his name.

Get away from him.

5. The “Committed Fool” (nâba1 - Hebrew word for “fool.”)

He is the victim of his own passions.

...The fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is* none that doeth good. (Psalm 14:1)

How should we respond? He is committed to teaching you. Reject his teachings. Have no association with him.

(Men's Manual - Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts, Oak Brook, Illinois: Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts, Inc., n.d., 94; Excerpt and lesson plan modified)