

## How To Foolproof Your Life

### THE TRUTH ABOUT PEER PRESSURE

#### HOW TO FOOLPROOF YOUR LIFE

##### *Three Simple Steps*

Proverbs 14:7 & 21:1 Proverbs 1:20-23 Proverbs 13:20

- (1) Recognize and avoid foolish **PEOPLE**
- (2) Recognize and remove foolish **BEHAVIOR**
- (3) Recognize and hang around **WISE PEOPLE**

#### HOW TO RECOGNIZE A FOOL

##### *Five Dead Giveaways*

- (1) Fools **CONSULT** with God.  
Wise people **FEAR** God.  
Proverbs 1:7 Proverbs 3:5-6 Matthew 7:24-27
- (2) Fools are never **WRONG**.  
Wise people are **TEACHABLE**.  
Proverbs 12:15, 18:2 & 28:26 Proverbs 26:4-5, 12:1 & 17:10
- (3) Fools flirt with **DANGER** – and are **PROUD** of it.  
Wise people **AVOID** danger.  
Proverbs 27:12 Proverbs 22:5
- (4) Fools give **FULL VENT** to their **ANGER**.  
Wise people **CONTROL** their **ANGER**.  
Proverbs 29:11 Proverbs 14:16 Proverbs 22:24
- (5) Fools never take **RESPONSIBILITY**.  
Wise people **LEARN** from their **MISTAKES**.  
Proverbs 19:2-3 Proverbs 14:9 Proverbs 26:11

## Food for Thought for the Week of August 30, 2015

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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To avoid the fools around us and to remove the folly within us, it's obvious we need to know how to clearly recognize the difference between wisdom and folly. To further help you understand the differences, read through Proverbs 13 and 14 and write down the contrasting responses to the following life situations:

- Response to work (13:4 & 14:23)

The Fool  
The Wise Person

### Proverbs 13:4

<sup>4</sup> A sluggard's appetite is never filled,  
but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied. *[NIV]*

### Proverbs 14:23

<sup>23</sup> All hard work brings a profit,  
but mere talk leads only to poverty. *[NIV]*

- Response to authority (13:13)

The Fool  
The Wise Person

### Proverbs 13:13

<sup>13</sup> Whoever scorns instruction will pay for it,  
but whoever respects a command is rewarded. *[NIV]*

- Response to discipline (13:18)

The Fool  
The Wise Person

### Proverbs 13:18

<sup>18</sup> Whoever disregards discipline comes to poverty and shame,  
but whoever heeds correction is honored. *[NIV]*

- Response to sin (14:9)

The Fool  
The Wise Person

### Proverbs 14:9

<sup>9</sup> Fools mock at making amends for sin,  
but goodwill is found among the upright. *[NIV]*

- Response to a father's advice (13:1)

The Fool  
The Wise Person

### Proverbs 13:1

<sup>13:1</sup> A wise son heeds his father's instruction,  
but a mocker does not respond to rebukes. *[NIV]*

- Choice of friends (13:20)

The Fool  
The Wise Person

### Proverbs 13:20

<sup>20</sup> Walk with the wise and become wise,  
for a companion of fools suffers harm. *[NIV]*

- Family relationships (14:1)  
The Fool  
The Wise Person

### **Proverbs 14:1**

<sup>14:1</sup> The wise woman builds her house,  
but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down. *[NIV]*

- Results of their lifestyle (14:14)  
The Fool  
The Wise Person

### **Proverbs 14:14**

<sup>14</sup> The faithless will be fully repaid for their ways,  
and the good rewarded for theirs. *[NIV]*

Are there any responses you want to work on in the next few weeks?

#### **SEEKING GODLY WISDOM / Proverbs Daily Reading Plan:**

Read the chapter that corresponds to the day of the month and consider these questions:

- ⇒ What applies to me today?
- ⇒ Where have I seen this in others?
- ⇒ Where have I experienced this?

Go to this link for more info: <http://www.northcoastchurch.com/proverbs-reading-plan>