

"The Greatest Fools Of All Time"

Text: Psalm 14:1

Introduction:

- ▶ In scripture, **fool** is often used for a wicked or depraved person; one who acts contrary to sound wisdom in his moral deportment; one who follows his own inclinations, who prefers trifling and temporary pleasures to the service of God and eternal happiness.
- ▶ The Word of God has a lot to say about a fool.
- ▶ The characteristics of a fool are identified very explicitly in the Word of God.
- ▶ So, no one should have a problem recognizing a fool when they meet one.
- ▶ Here are some things the Word of God says about a fool.
 - © A fool likes to do all the talking and dominate the conversation.
 - **Ecclesiastes 10:14 - "A fool is full of words"**
 - © A fool has slanderous words.
 - **Prov. 10:18 - "he that uttereth a slander, is a fool"** - To slander someone is to say an accusation against someone without verifying that it is true.
 - © A fool has swift words.
 - **Prov. 29:11 - "A fool uttereth all his mind:"**
 - **Prov. 29:20 - "Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him."**

- © A fool talks without considering a matter.
 - **Prov. 18:13 - "He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him."**
- © A fool has a haughty, proud spirit.
 - **Prov. 28:26 - "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool:"**
 - **Prov. 14:3 - "In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride:"**
- © A fool has a stubborn spirit.
 - **Prov. 12:15 - "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes..."**
- © A fool is stubborn; therefore, he is not teachable.
 - **Prov. 15:5 - "A fool despiseth his father's instruction:..."**
- © A fool is stubborn in rejecting the truths of the Bible about salvation, about service, about sin and separation, about service.
- © A fool gets into arguments all the time.
 - **Prov. 20:3 - "It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling."**
- © A fool has a spirit that is quick to anger.
 - **Ecc. 7:9 - "Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools."**
 - **Prov. 12:16 - "A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame."**

© A fool takes pleasure in mischief.

- **Prov. 10:23 - "It is as sport to a fool to do mischief: "**

© A fool enjoys meddling in the affairs of others.

- **See Proverbs 26:17-19.**

© He is willing to lie about others in order to stir up a fight.

© He is a gossip.

© He always talking about other people to try to make people angry at them.

▶ This morning we want to look "**The Greatest Fools of All Time**"

I. THE PLENTIOUS FOOL - Luke 12:15-21

▶ He spent all life making provisions only for the here and now.

▶ God had blessed him abundantly but he did not share his abundance with others.

▶ He was materially rich but spiritually his heavenly bank account had a balance of zero.

▶ He did not lay up treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal.

▶ Instead he lay up treasures on this earth which soon would become moth eaten and rusted and whatever was left over would be enjoyed by someone else.

▶ He gave no thought for his soul.

▶ He made no provision for the hereafter.

© **See Mark 8:36-37.**

- ▶ He was trusting in his riches to get him through the day of God's wrath.

© **See Proverbs 11:4.**

II. THE POMPOUS FOOL - Psalm 14:1

- ▶ You certainly have be pompous to make a blanket statement or declaration like that.
- ▶ The Word of God tells all some has to do is take a good look at the creation and see that there is a God.

© **Psalm 19:1 - "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."**

© **Psalm 50:6 - "And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah."**

© **Psalm 97:6 - "The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory. "**

- ▶ All one has to do is take look around and see the heavens.
 - © When the sun sets in the west it dies a blood red.
 - © It is then buried and it rises in the east.
 - © This is a picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 - © This is the gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation.
- ▶ Note also that the heavens give a picture of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

© For the Sun rises in the east just as Christ will return from the east.

© **Zech 14:4 - "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east,"**

© **Mal. 4:2 - "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall."**

▶ It is the S-O-N that is returning.

© The Sun of Righteousness.

▶ Thus we see that the heaven declare the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Second Coming.

▶ This why the Apostle Paul stated that the heathen are without excuse.

© **Romans 1:20 - "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:"**

III. THE POSTPONING FOOL - Acts 24:24-25

▶ The Apostle Paul witnessed to the Governor, Felix and his wife on how they could be saved.

▶ However, Felix the Postponing Fool put off getting saved and told Paul, "**...Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.**"

▶ The Word of God tells us not to put off getting saved.

© **2 Cor. 6:2 - "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)"**

- ▶ As far as we know Felix never called for Paul again.
- ▶ I am sure that Felix's words are haunting him now as he spends eternity in the lake of fire - "**Go thy was for this time**"

Conclusion:

- ▶ If you here today and your not saved don't put it off like Felix did.
- ▶ You will regret it someday as you spend eternity in literal burning lake of fire.
- ▶ Don't be a Postponing Fool like Felix.
- ▶ Be saved today!
- ▶ Christian you don't have to be unsaved to be a fool.

© Does one of the characteristics of that we mention earlier fit you.

© A fool can be revealed by his -

- **Speech**
- **Steps**
- **Spirit**
- **Sport or what makes him happy.**

© Christian if you are a fool in any of these areas won't you repent of your sin and get right with God?