



PSALM 14 (NIV) Vs. 1 The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good; Vs. 2 The LORD looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. Vs. 3 All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one. Vs. 4 Do all these evildoers know nothing? **They devour my people as though eating bread;** they never call on the LORD. Vs. 5 But there they are, overwhelmed with dread, **for God is present in the company of the righteous.** Vs. 6 You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge. Vs. 7 Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad! See Psalm 53

**POP SONG:** “What a fool believes he sees. No wise man has the power to reason away.”  
Doobie Brothers – 1978

**PSALMING PSALM 14 – David cries out concerning the evil deeds of fools that bring destruction to innocent people.** The psalmist points to the fact that fools may not always verbalize their beliefs, but their actions are evidence that they reject God and His word. David does not point to the condition of the intellect, but the moral condition of the heart. *Titus 1:16a – They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him.*

**PSALM 14:1** *A fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. (NIV)*

Unfortunately, fools are not only found in prisons, and city morgues. More often they are found in high places of government, business and academic institutions. They participate in official prayers and may even attend religious services, but their hearts are dark and deceptive. *Ecclesiastes 10:6 reads: Fools are put in many high positions.*

**PSALM 14:4** *Do all these evildoers know nothing? They devour my people as though eating bread.*

Here is an example of a fool exercising power: Madalyn Murray O’Hair, who was a devout atheist, led the fight to take prayer out of public schools. She won her decision at the Supreme Court in 1963. Years later, she was brutally murdered along with her son and granddaughter, by a fellow atheist. Proverbs 10:10 says: *A babbling fool will come to ruin.* Since the Supreme Court decision to take prayer out of the schools, 306 school shootings have taken place since 2013. More than 158 school children have been murdered in school shootings.

## FIVE BIBLICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF A FOOL

- 1. Fools rejects wisdom and godly advice. Proverbs 1:7** – *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, FOOLS despise wisdom and instruction.*
- 2. Fools are self-destructive. Ecclesiastes 4:5** – *The FOOL folds his hands and consumes his own flesh.*
- 3. Fools will cause innocent people to suffer. Proverbs 13:20** – *Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of FOOLS suffer harm.*
- 4. Fools think they are indestructible. Luke 12:19-20** – *“And I will say to my soul, “You have many goods laid up for many years; eat, drink and be merry.” But God said to him, “You FOOL!” This night your soul will be required of you.”*
- 5. Fools finds pleasure in evil. Proverbs 10:23** – *A FOOL finds pleasure in wicked schemes, but a person of understanding delights in wisdom.*

## THREE WAYS TO AVOID BECOMING A FOOL

- 1. Repent and confess your sins of rebellion, rejection and idolatry. Anything you place in from of God is an idol. It could be money, a job or a person in your life.** *1 John 1:9* – *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
- 2. Accept Jesus Christ in your heart – not with words only, but in your heart. Your life should reflect your salvation in Christ.** *Romans 10:9* – *If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*
- 3. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to guide your decision making. You need God’s help to change your life. Study and obey the word and pray for strength to change.** *Romans 8:6* – *The Holy Spirit helps us in our weaknesses. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.*