

# BEING A FOOL

1. Rate the following situations on a scale of 1-10, 1 being most foolish to ignore and 10 being least foolish to ignore.

- A traffic signal at a busy intersection
- What God says in the Bible
- Advice from a college or career counselor
- The school tardy bell
- A strange-colored mole that suddenly appears on your skin
- The oil warning light on your car
- The coach's suggestions for your game
- Health safety cautions, such as abstaining from sex to prevent getting an STD
- Your curfew or rules given by your parents
- The teacher's recommendation of what to study for the upcoming exam



2. Check out **Psalm 14**. What does the fool deny, according to verse 1?

Now read **Matthew 7:24-27**. What did the foolish man do in verses 26-27?

Why would that be the same as ignoring Jesus' words?

3. Is it possible to believe in God and give your life to him—but still ignore him? Why or why not?

4. Take a look at this list of paraphrases from the Bible about fools. How do you rate? Next to each item, write **T (That's me)**, **S (Sometimes me)** or **N (Never me)**.

- A fool talks his way into trouble (Proverbs 10:8).
- A fool gossips (Proverbs 10:18).
- A fool takes pleasure in sin (Proverbs 10:23).
- A fool ignores good advice (Proverbs 12:15).
- A fool gets angry fast and gets in fights (Proverbs 12:16).
- A fool lives a self-destructive life (Proverbs 14:1).
- A fool doesn't care who gets hurt (Proverbs 14:9).
- A fool is reckless (Proverbs 14:16).
- A fool ignores parental discipline (Proverbs 15:5).
- A fool wastes money (Proverbs 17:16).
- A fool likes to blab uninformed opinions (Proverbs 18:2).
- A fool doesn't save or plan for the future (Proverbs 21:20).
- A fool is lazy (Ecclesiastes 4:5).