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A FOOL...TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

Ephesians 5:15 Proverbs 9:6, 24:7-8-9

Goal

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| 1. I _____ | 5. L _____ |
| 2. C _____ | 6. G _____ |
| 3. A _____ | 7. G _____ |
| 4. F _____ | |

Characteristics, Tendencies, Consequences, Thinking, Attitudes, Actions, Influences

There are 5 Hebrew words in the OT and 4 Greek words in the NT for the word "fool" (fools, foolish, foolishness) which often indicate levels or degrees or types of foolish conduct, words, or people.

Most of the time the context of the word in scripture will help you know which type it is speaking of.

Old Testament

1. _____ – _____
Psalm 19:7, Prov 1:22, 7:7, 14:15, 22:3
(Seemingly _____ that sinful actions have consequences)
2. _____ – _____

3. _____ – _____

4. _____ – _____

Prov 1:22, 9:7-8, 13:1, 14:6, 22:10

(_____ at sin and its consequences)

5. _____ – _____

Prov 14:1, Job 2:10, Ezekiel 13:3, Jude 4, 12

(Views sin as a _____ of life and _____ of its consequences)

New Testament

1. S _____ – without thought or reason, rash
Luke 11:40, Romans 2:20, I Peter 2:5, I Cor 15:36
2. U _____ – ignorant, uninformed, lacks understanding
Luke 14:25, Romans 1:14, Gal 3:1/3, Titus 3:3
3. R _____ – angry insult, empty headed, term of reproach
Matt 5:22
4. M _____ – Silly, insipid, dull/stupid ones, lacking a sense of reality, blockhead
Matt 7:26, 23:17 I Cor 3:18, 4:10

Grow Our _____

Develop Our _____

Improve Our _____

For Christ's _____

For God's _____

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1. Identify (recognize)
2. Correct
3. Avoid
4. Forsake
5. Learn
6. Grow/mature
7. Guard

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Old Testament

1. Simple – naïve, immature, easily led, gullible/vulnerable, *"to be opened up"*, easily enticed or deceived.
Psalm 19:7, Prov 1:22, 7:7, 14:15, 22:3
(Seemingly unaware that sinful actions have consequences)
2. Stubborn/Silly – "dull, sluggish, obstinate" seeks to have fun even having to break rules, still feels guilt about wrong but keeps on making wrong choices.
Prov 1:22b, 10:18, 13:20, 14:7/9, 15:14, 18:2, 17:12
(Slow to accept that sinful actions have consequences)
3. Unreasonable – without aim or counsel, sensual, brain is not engaged but tongue is in high gear, "to be thick... thickheaded", misses the mark morally, ignores authority and instruction, perverse, thinks he is right in his own eyes
Prov 1:7, 12:15, 14:3, 20:3
(Doesn't care that sinful actions have consequences)

4. Scorner/Scoffer – creates contention, despises, mocks often leads the simple one away/down, tends to use bodily language (facial expressions) as well as words to express disdain and contempt for authority
Prov 1:22, 9:7-8, 13:1, 14:6, 22:10
(Mocks at sin and its consequences)
5. Steadfast – committed to foolish behavior, shameless, profane, wicked, vile, disgraceful, frustrates and futile to all who may try to help him – can only be dealt with by God, usually in judgment.
Prov 14:1, Job 2:10, Ezekiel 13:3, Jude 4, 12
(views sin as a way of life and boasts of its consequences)

New Testament

1. Senseless – without thought or reason, rash
Luke 11:40, Romans 2:20, I Peter 2:5, I Cor 15:36
2. Unwise – ignorant, unformed, lacks understanding
Luke 14:25, Romans 1:14, Gal 3:1/3, Titus 3:3
3. Angry Insulting – empty headed, term of reproach, worthless
Matt 5:22
4. Moronic – Silly, insipid, stupid ones
I Cor 4:10

Grow Our Testimony
Develop Our Example
Improve Our Influence

For Christ's Sake
For God's Glory