

# HOW TO FOOLPROOF YOUR LIFE

## A Study on the Book of Proverbs

Various Passages

### **HOW TO RECOGNIZE A FOOL**

#### *FIVE DEAD GIVEAWAYS*

- ❶ ***FOOLS CONSULT WITH GOD.***  
***WISE PEOPLE FEAR GOD.***  
(Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 3:5-6)
  
- ❷ ***FOOLS ARE NEVER WRONG.***  
***WISE PEOPLE ARE TEACHABLE.***  
(Proverbs 12:15, Proverbs 12:1)
  
- ❸ ***FOOLS FLIRT WITH DANGER AND ARE PROUD OF IT.***  
***WISE PEOPLE AVOID DANGER.***  
(Proverbs 22:5, Proverbs 27:12)
  
- ❹ ***FOOLS GIVE FULL VENT TO THEIR ANGER.***  
***WISE PEOPLE CONTROL THEIR ANGER.***  
(Proverbs 29:11, Proverbs 22:24)
  
- ❺ ***FOOLS NEVER TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.***  
***WISE PEOPLE LEARN FROM THEIR MISTAKES.***  
(Proverbs 14:9, Proverbs 26:11)

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**SEEKING GODLY WISDOM / Proverbs Reading Plan:** This week we launched our new series called “6 Easy Ways to Wreck Your Life”. Most of us have experienced the powerful and even calming effect of the insight of a person with Godly wisdom. The big question is how does one gain this kind of wisdom? Scripture makes it clear that it does not happen by accident, but rather when we seek it like searching for a hidden treasure (Proverbs 2:1-22).

Since Proverbs has 31 chapters, a practical way to do this is to daily 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?*

### **OPTIONS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR READING OF PROVERBS:**

- **Pick a Time** - If we want to make something happen, we usually need to set a time when it will actually happen. Consider your options.
- **Mark it Up** - Have a pen in hand to jot down notes and underline those verses that catch your attention. It will be encouraging to look back at what you wrote after you’ve done this over time.
- **Write Down Your Thoughts** - Get a notebook and write down anytime you have a response to one of the three questions above.
- **Use an App**- Below are two apps that have Proverbs reading plans for your smartphone, tablet or computer. There is even an audio option for listening instead of reading. Each app allows you to mark up verses, jot down notes, as well as share your thoughts with friends.
- **Ease Up** - If you miss a day reading, don’t stress and say, “Forget about it”. Just pick it up the next day and keep going!

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