



**“THE BIBLICAL PICTURE OF A FOOL”**  
***Ecclesiastes 10:11-20***

**INTRODUCTION**

Now, in today’s lesson we learn more about the fool himself, and about three major issues.

**A FOOL IS NOT CONTROLLED IN WHAT HE SAYS - 11-15**

- He is not controlled in the NATURE of his words - 11-13

***Ps. 52:14***

The character of one’s talk is the acid test of wisdom. The fool fails that test in at least three ways.

→ He Reacts like a snake – 11

He is **critical**.

*Ps. 58:3-5; 64:24; Prov. 12:18; James 3:8-10; Prov. 18:21*

→ He Responds without kindness - 12

Here he is **unkind**.

*Ps. 45:1-2; 64; Luke 4:22, Eph. 4:29-32; Col. 4:6; Prov 22:11; Prov 15:23; Prov 25:11*

→ He Raves like a madman – 13

This shows him as **angry**.

*James 3:5-8; Prov 14:16; Prov 15:2*

- He is not controlled in the **NUMBER** of his words - 14-15

→ His words **Reveal** nothing - 14

This shows that he is **arrogant**. *Proverbs 10:19*

→ His words **Result** in weariness and a lack of direction - 15

This development shows that the fool is **incompetent**.

## **A FOOL IS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT PRIORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES - 16-19**

- It is seen in his **ACTIVITIES** - 16-17

→ His activities are characterized by **Immaturity** – 16

He is **immature**, childish.

→ His activities are characterized by **Indulgence** - 17

He is indulgent, excessive. (*Prov. 31:4-5*).

- It is seen in his **APATHY** - 18

He is generally **apathetic**.

*Eccles. 4:5; Prov. 24:30; 26:13-16; Prov 23:21*

- It is seen in his **ATTITUDES** - 19

He is **materialistic**. (*Phil. 3:17-21*)

## **A FOOL IS NOT CAREFUL ABOUT POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR HIS THOUGHTS, WORDS, OR DEEDS - 20**

A fool is careless. - *Matt. 12:34-37; Prov 26:2; Prov 5:22-23*

*Matthew 12:34*, we learn that “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks,” and that men will give an account for every idle word they speak.

We need to understand that God is very concerned with the words we speak. We must all learn to speak with the sweetness of Christ.