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Truth and Right

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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Philipians 4:8 (NASB-U)

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The Perfect Fool

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No one likes to be thought of as a fool. Yet, according to the Bible, the world is full of fools. The Scriptures even describe a number of ways to become a fool.

Here are seven ways to be a fool:

1. Doubt the resurrection. The resurrection is a difficult concept for mortals to understand. Some find this reason enough to doubt that there will be a resurrection. By doubting the resurrection, they have an excuse to live in pleasure and moral foolishness. The apostle Paul observed that *"if the dead do not rise"* we could well say, *"Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"* (1 Corinthians 15:32). Notice that doubting the resurrection leads to poor direction in this life. Given the fact that Christ rose from the dead, it is foolish to doubt the resurrection just because we do not understand how a dead person can come back to life. Paul notes that *"someone will say, 'How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?'"* He calls the person who would ask such doubt-filled questions a *"foolish one"* (1 Corinthians 15:35-36).

2. Build your life around worldly accomplishments and prosperity. In Luke 12, Jesus told of a rich man who was so prosperous that he had to build new barns to store all of his stuff. The rich man said to himself, *"Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry."* *"But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'"* (Luke 12:19-20).

3. Despise instruction. *"Fools despise wisdom and instruction"* (Proverbs 1:7). They think they know it all, when in fact they have a lot to learn. *"But fools hate knowledge"* (Proverbs 1: 22). This kind of fool is commonly found in the home in the form of a teenager who will not listen to his father's instructions. *"A fool despises his father's instruction"* (Proverbs 15:5).

TIMES OF SERVICES	
SUNDAY	
Bible Classes*	10:00 AM
AM Worship	10:45 AM
PM Worship	6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	
Bible Classes*	7:00 PM
(* Bible Classes for All Ages)	

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4. Enjoy starting arguments. *"Any fool can start a quarrel,"* and so every fool seems to enjoy doing so (Proverbs 20:3). Truly, *"A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calls for blows"* (Proverbs 18:6).

5. Make light of sin. Fools mock at sin (Proverbs 14:9). Sin is funny to fools. They don't see the seriousness of it. So they laugh at filthy jokes, take pride in drunken parties, and brag about getting away with breaking laws or committing sexual immorality. *"To do evil is like sport to a fool, but a man of understanding has wisdom"* (Proverbs 10:23).

6. Act like you're always right and everyone else is wrong. *"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes"* (Proverbs 12:15). *"A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart"* (Proverbs 18:2). *"He who trusts in his own heart is a fool"* (Proverbs 28:26).

7. Act as if you will never have to answer to God. Fools commit many sins, *"Yet they say, The LORD does not see."* They are only kidding themselves. The God who created the eyes and the ears sees and hears all. *"Understand, you senseless among the people; and you fools, when will you be wise? He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see?"* (Psalms 94:7-9).

The number seven is thought to be the number of completion or perfection. If a person is a fool in all of the seven ways listed above, I suppose that would make him the perfect fool. Hopefully, we can all see the folly of that.

*I was lost and
you were in a hurry*

By: Selected

I attended your services Sunday evening. You wouldn't remember me. I was there looking for something - I think I would have found it if you had not been in such a hurry. You sang hymns about a loving Lord. I felt a tight choking sensation, and my heart beat faster. Your preacher's message was thrilling. I realized I was lost and from the way he spoke, it seemed important to have a Savior.

The preacher finished his appeal and asked you to stand and sing another of those beautiful songs you know so well. I swallowed a lump in my throat and wished I knew the joy of which you sang. I was about to answer the call of the Gospel, when I heard a buzzing beside me. When I looked around, you were picking up toys and telling your children to get ready to leave. In front of me were whisperers and gigglers. A couple had already headed for the door. The ushers rushed about stacking chairs and opening doors. Beside me, you were frowning at your watch as if time were running out.

Seeing what I saw, I didn't want to look anymore. My eyes burned, my throat hurt, my feet wouldn't walk down the aisle. I could see that you really didn't care. This salvation the preacher had been telling about was not as important to you as getting out "on time." I only wanted to get away. I waited until services were over and walked out among you - alone unnoticed - and lost. Lost, because you were in a hurry. Lost, because it appeared you didn't really care if I was saved.

Today's Sermon:

*Shadrach,
Meshach, Abednego
and the Fiery Fur-
nace*

God Won't Ask

-Author Unknown

God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but ... He might ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

God won't ask the square footage of your house, but ... He might ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, but ... He might ask how many others you clothed.

God won't ask about your social class, but ... He might ask what kind of class you displayed.

God won't ask how many material possessions you had, but ... He might ask if they dictated your life.

God won't ask what your highest salary was, but ... He might ask if you compromised your principles to obtain it.

God won't ask how much money you spent on yourself, but ... He might ask how much you gave back to Him.

God won't ask how much overtime you worked, but ... He might ask if your overtime was for yourself or for your family.

God won't ask how many promotions you received, but ... He might ask how you promoted others.

God won't ask what your job title was, but ... He might ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won't ask what you did to help yourself, but ... He might ask what you did to help others.

God won't ask how many friends you had, but ... He might ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won't ask what you did to protect your rights, but ... He might ask what you did to protect the rights of others.

God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, but ... He might ask how you treated your neighbors.

God won't ask about the color of your skin, but ... He might ask about the content of your character.

God won't ask how many times your deeds matched your words, but ... He might ask how many times they didn't.

God won't ask if His Son loved you, but ... He might ask if you loved His Son.

Do you?

News N Notes

Remember these in your prayers:

- Lucille Harless, Dave Harless' mother
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband.
- Blake Swanson, Dorothy Lancaster's grandson
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Trudell Tennant
- Bud and Merl Frey
- Tammy Garrison, Zeda Goddard's daughter
- Audrio Gaudio, Nancy Morris' great-granddaughter
- Marie Roberts, & Ed's father, Jim Roberts.
- Ila Marshall, Harold Marshall's mother
- Cary & Grace Lancaster

Nursing Home:

- Hazel Carroll
- Pauline Sellers
- Ethel Mahan

Shut-ins:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Pauline Midcap