

**Chapter 1 : The Penguin Book of Japanese Verse by Anthony Thwaite**

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Some were not truly saved but deceived by a gospel of works being taught by false teachers. This is a plea from Paul for the people of this church at Corinth to realize that he is a messenger ambassador, for Christ. Then he says, if you received it as I believe you did, tell others so that they may have this message of hope as well. Do not let the gospel message stop with you be in vain. Paul is calling them to testify of the truth of the gospel to everyone they have opportunity to. No one should ever put off salvation to a more convenient time. We are not promised tomorrow. We do not even know whether we will be alive or not tomorrow. The Spirit might even stop drawing you at another time. Today is the day of salvation. Even better, right this minute is the time for salvation. The only glimpse of what Christianity is all about is sometimes us Christians. The non-believer does not go to church, or read his Bible, or listen to sermons. He has no way of knowing anything about Christianity, except the life we live before him. Is your life a testimony for Jesus? If a Christian does something bad, and it makes the news, the unbelieving world thinks all Christians are like that. It drives them away from receiving Christ in their lives. Christianity gets a black eye for what a few fallen Christians do. We must behave all the time, in a Christ-like manner. Are you a Christian just when everything is going alright, or are you like Job: The world is looking on to see how you handle the difficult times in your life. The world has no answer to this type of problem. We should be honest with God, with our self and with others. Knowledge, you remember, is accumulated learning. The Bible teaches us how to withstand these onslaughts from Satan. We are to put on the whole armor of God. Read the 6th chapter of Ephesians beginning with the 11th verse to see the whole armor. In time of troubles, we should allow the Spirit of God within us to take over. The Holy Spirit needs to guide us through. We should never stop loving, even the enemy. This too will pass. It is not how many problems you have that are important, but how you handle those problems. Paul commended himself positively by listing the important elements for the righteousness God had granted to him. Paul lived and walked by the power of the Spirit. It was the central reason that all the other positive elements of his endurance were a reality. This is a guide to us. We must face each problem, or temptation, with "It is written". We must use the Bible as our guide in every situation. The power of God working in us can overcome all obstacles. Nor did he rely on his own strength when he ministered. Perhaps, the right and left side means that whether this is coming from the world left side, or other Christians right side, it can be overcome with righteousness. It really does not matter whether they are even true or not. They are still overcome by the Word of God and righteousness. Just stand in your righteousness and all of the deceivers will finally be embarrassed when they are found out for what they are. The intentions of those who are bringing the problems may be to cause your death, but they will not succeed. This scripture has a twofold reference. The fact that Christians did not know him before he began persecuting them; 2. His rejection by the community of leading Jews and Pharisees following his conversion. He had become unknown to his former world, and well known and well loved by the Christian community. Paul said that he had learned to be satisfied in times when he had plenty and in times of want. Whatever state he found himself in, he was content. The spiritual wealth Paul possessed and imparted did much to make his hearers spiritually wealthy. He loves them as a parent loves a child. His heart is with them. To enlarge the heart is to increase its capacity for sympathy and understanding. He can tell them what is wrong, but they will have to straighten themselves out. Our heart is wide enough to receive you all, your hearts are shut up and so not capable of the blessings ye might enjoy. Of my parental tenderness. Recompense has numerous meanings such as: Avenge; Pay; Render; Reward; Vengeance. Open your hearts, first to God, and then to us, 2 Cor 8: There is sin by association. It is strange, but it seems bad rubs off on good more often than good rubs off on bad. This can mean for those who are believers not to intermarry with those of unbelief. It also means for the Christians not to get closely related in friendships with those people of the world. But this command does not mean believers should end all associations with unbelievers; that would defy the purpose for which God saved believers and left them on earth. The implausibility of such religious alliances is made clear in verses 14b Or what part hath he that believeth with

an infidel? That is exactly what Satan is, worthless. All the comparisons above are opposites. Christ and Satan are opposites. The answer is that they have nothing in common. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. The Holy Spirit of God is in us to teach the truth of God, and to direct our lives pleasing unto God. This is the very reason it is so important that the Christian not get involved in any sin that involves the body. You would be including the Holy Spirit of God in your sin. The temple of God true Christianity , and idols idolatrous, demonic false religions , and utterly incompatible. God is a Spirit. He can dwell in my heart and be in heaven all at the same time. He is omnipresent everywhere all at the same time. We live in God and He lives in us. You can easily see why it is so important for the Christian to live a life pleasing unto God. We should not go anywhere we could not take God, or do anything that He would not be willing to do. We must spiritually separate ourselves unto holiness and righteousness. When believers are saved, they are to disengage themselves from all forms of false religion and make a clean break form all sinful habits and old idolatrous patterns. God said to the believers, "Be ye holy, for I am holy". We are like an island surrounded by water. We are the island, and the world is the water. We have a hedge of the blood of Jesus which protects us from the world coming too close. We are separated unto God. We have left the evil of the world behind. We are children of the Father. We have been adopted into the family of God. Jesus is our older brother. What is verse one a plea from Paul about? Whose message had Paul brought them? When is the day of salvation? Why is it so important not to put off getting saved? What does "succored" mean?

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*Verse 14 fortifies the rebuke of ver. 13 by showing the folly of their action; cf. Proverbs , "Boast not thyself of tomorrow (ἄμαρ ἡμέραν, ἄμαρ ἡμέραν), for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."*

And, even, also, namely. To gain, acquire, win over , avoid loss. From *kerdos*; to gain. The original is represented a little more closely, thus: Today and tomorrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade and get gain. For the word, comp. The Received Text Stephens requires some correction in this verse. The Latins use *facto* in the same way; e. We have the law of God, which is a rule to all; let us not presume to set up our own notions and opinions as a rule to those about us, and let us be careful that we be not condemned of the Lord. Go to now, is a call to any one to consider his conduct as being wrong. How apt worldly and contriving men are to leave God out of their plans! The frailty, shortness, and uncertainty of life, ought to check the vanity and presumptuous confidence of all projects for futurity. So short, unreal, and fading is human life, and all the prosperity or enjoyment that attends it; though bliss or woe for ever must be according to our conduct during this fleeting moment. We are always to depend on the will of God. Our times are not in our own hands, but at the disposal of God. Our heads may be filled with cares and contrivances for ourselves, or our families, or our friends; but Providence often throws our plans into confusion. All we design, and all we do, should be with submissive dependence on God. It is foolish, and it is hurtful, to boast of worldly things and aspiring projects; it will bring great disappointment, and will prove destruction in the end. Omissions are sins which will be brought into judgment, as well as commissions. He that does not the good he knows should be done, as well as he who does the evil he knows should not be done, will be condemned. Oh that we were as careful not to omit prayer, and not to neglect to meditate and examine our consciences, as we are not to commit gross outward vices against light!

**Chapter 3 : Your 50 Favorite Proverbs: #23 Tomorrow, Tomorrow - Liz Curtis Higgs**

*This verse, and your insight, are very timely. I have some big changes coming up—a move out of state and job change. There is a bit of a struggle internally, between my need to be in control, trusting Him to show me His plans and provisions, and a sense that I need to do my part.*

And it really spoke to me. Liz Curtis Higgs July 30, at 2: Clair July 30, at I tend to be a planner and list maker—I am lost without a plan. I realize I need to back off a bit and relax, letting God take care of my days. Thanks for the timely reminder! Nothing wrong with planning. Bless you for sharing. Debby Duru July 30, at I also planned what I wanted to do through the month. But thank God for His word, ever present in reminding us that He has given us today to handle, and tomorrow belongs to him. Liz Curtis Higgs August 25, at You are so right: Amelia July 30, at I do try to plan but I try to keep in my mind that it may not go according to my plan but it will go according to HIS plan. Thank you for the reminder and have a blessed day! Christina Anderson July 30, at I live on a fixed income and have to trust God every day to provide for me because I often have more month than money. This proverb expresses so well the way I must live my life. Diane July 30, at I try to keep planning to a minimum because something always happens to force a change. I just do things spur of the moment now. Let God take control and follow Him. Susan July 30, at 1: Mary July 30, at 1: I have some big changes coming up—a move out of state and job change. There is a bit of a struggle internally, between my need to be in control, trusting Him to show me His plans and provisions, and a sense that I need to do my part. It makes sense to me to make plans in pencil as an act of faith. He has given me free will, after all. I know He can redeem a plan B. That does not necessarily mean I have chosen His best for my life. He and I will have to chat about that one day. And, Lord, give me the words to speak when those closest to me press me for all the little details—the when, where, how and why. Cati July 30, at 2: I have things planned for next year even, and I now know that I have to give those plans over to God, and let him work things out the way that he wants. Thank you for this!! Hugs, Cati Cheri July 30, at 2: I am fully aware that God may alter that and it was so nice to be reminded!! Pam July 30, at 3: Shirley July 30, at 3: I look at a situation, and try to look at all the things that can go wrong, then plan for them. This is just exhausting and discouraging, not to mention, useless and counterproductive. So, I am trying to stop going down this well worn path and trust God with both today and tomorrow. Great article, timely, and exactly what I needed to read. Carol Weeks July 30, at 5: That really spoke to me. Without Christ in it? I try to remember that when I catch myself wondering about tomorrow. Thanks for this great reminder. I admire your writing very much. You have helped me so much through the years. Have read several of your books and enjoyed them—my favorite was Mixed Signals—have read it 2 or 3 times. Also thoroughly enjoyed the Thorn in my Heart series. Linda Weems July 30, at 7: We need to be content with what we can get done this day and take one day at a time, always starting our day with our Lord. Thanks for this post. It is such a great reminder and explains so very well. Gail Wenos July 30, at 8: This one actually gave me more hope than anything. HE is preparing the way ahead. I just need to take this life one moment at a time—not even a full day—moment by moment. I have hanging above the bay window in our kitchen a plaque that reads: Amen and Amen to this!! Campbell July 30, at Bonnie Roof July 30, at Prayers, love, and hugs to you, sweet lady!! Chris July 31, at 1: I found myself a failure and now at 64 and retired all I have is today and no major achievements or purposes. Just firings from jobs because I was frustrated with my failings even when I did a pretty decent job. Your weekly balm soothes my heart. Elizabeth Jeffries July 31, at This week, I am working on preaching on a sermon Casting our cares to the Lord and your message come to me timely. I will speak to a younger adult group and I continue to ask the Lord to give me His word. Thanks for posting this and the amazing thing is I will get a reply from you. Remember, I am the one that miss Kentucky as I was in the seminary. Susan Gruener August 2, at 2: Good words Liz — Thanks! Phyllis August 2, at 8: Liz I have boasted about things I have planned for tomorrow or next week. I believe I can plan whatever I like as long as I am willing for God to change it, sooo, that makes my plans tentative. I need to rely on the wisdom of God and trust his judgement, Jer Thanks for letting me share, hope this made sense. I feel my happiest doing this. Enjoying reading your emails.. Thanks

again for your work in the Lord. Angela Coles August 2, at To plan for the future, with career plans, bucket lists and schedules etc etc. So difficult to go against the flow, but so necessary. Carol August 7, at I do think we get caught up in our own importance, possibly because women take on so much responsibility in our families and all of our relationships. It is a relief, actually, to remember that we are not in control. Someone much bigger and better is leading our tomorrows. Cathy Gross August 3, at 8: My brother suffered a cervical neck fracture not once but twice. Though still able to walk he lives with severe limitations every single day. His accident showed my family how, in an instant, life changes! God intervened and is working His plan. How thankful I am for that piece of news! August 7, at 8:

Chapter 4 : Daily Reading for Saturday, November 10th, - Bible - Catholic Online

*Today's Verse: 2 Corinthians Sunday, November 4, He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant - not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*

For the consideration of the Helium Court, Written in desperation, This sealed secret, I am Taox, sterile mother, teacher to the children of the Osmium Throne. As a mother, I live long. As a neuter, I can rise above the small battles of court politics. I alone see the patterns of survival. Alone I designed the great engines that move the Osmium Court. Now " Alone I must act to save my kingdom. Senility has claimed my lord the Osmium King. He is ten, and mad. The study of ancient text consumes him. Today he raves about moons above the storm. Tomorrow he will wander the halls, speaking to his familiar, a dead white worm from the deep sea. He keeps it in glass, and he tends to it, and he neglects the duties of a king. The Osmium King has three surviving heirs, each two years old: Xi Ro, the youngest and bravest, who wants to be a knight. Sathona, most clever, who wants to be a mother. Aurash, navigator child, who dreams of the infinite ocean. Tomorrow she will return from the Tungsten Monoliths. None of these are suitable heirs. None of them will protect the Osmium Court from the howling Fundament. Xi Ro can fight, but not lead. Sathona can think, but not fight. I fear for all future children. Soon the Osmium King will lock himself into the Royal Orrery to study the moons. Gather your knights, o Helium Drinkers, and invade our continent. Kill the three heirs. I will rule the Osmium Court as your regent, and build engines for you. And if I fail, let the Leviathan in the deep eat me.

**Chapter 5 : II: The Hateful Verse – Grimoire Card – Ishtar Collective – Destiny Lore by subject**

*Verse of the Day Share Tweet Save Sunday, November 04 Romans 13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. Chapter 2 1 My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Mercy triumphs over judgment. Can that faith save him? Even the demons believe—and shudder! Chapter 3 1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water. By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. Chapter 4 1 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. But who are you to judge your neighbor? What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. All such boasting is evil. Chapter 5 1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. You have laid up treasure in the last days. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. He does not resist you. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. Let him sing praise. Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Chapter 6 : Job " Today's Verse for Saturday, November 10,

*Tomorrow Bible verses in the King James Version (KJV) about Tomorrow. SELECT A BOOK CHAPTER. VERSE. Bible Verses About Tomorrow If a verse or topic does not.*

From epi and eita; thereafter. From aphanes; to render unapparent, i. The hopeless misery of the unfaithful servant comes into mind at this; he has left the greater business to perform the less; or, it may be, said in heart, "My lord delayeth his coming," and so has begun "to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken. For what is your life? It is even a vapour. A vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away or, disappeareth. The vision of life vanisheth as it came; and thus even a heathen poet says-- "Dust we are, and a shadow. The text in this verse again in a somewhat disorganized condition, but the general drift is clear. What is your life? For ye are a vapor, our that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away. We have the law of God, which is a rule to all; let us not presume to set up our own notions and opinions as a rule to those about us, and let us be careful that we be not condemned of the Lord. Go to now, is a call to any one to consider his conduct as being wrong. How apt worldly and contriving men are to leave God out of their plans! The frailty, shortness, and uncertainty of life, ought to check the vanity and presumptuous confidence of all projects for futurity. So short, unreal, and fading is human life, and all the prosperity or enjoyment that attends it; though bliss or woe for ever must be according to our conduct during this fleeting moment. We are always to depend on the will of God. Our times are not in our own hands, but at the disposal of God. Our heads may be filled with cares and contrivances for ourselves, or our families, or our friends; but Providence often throws our plans into confusion. All we design, and all we do, should be with submissive dependence on God. It is foolish, and it is hurtful, to boast of worldly things and aspiring projects; it will bring great disappointment, and will prove destruction in the end. Omissions are sins which will be brought into judgment, as well as commissions. He that does not the good he knows should be done, as well as he who does the evil he knows should not be done, will be condemned. Oh that we were as careful not to omit prayer, and not to neglect to meditate and examine our consciences, as we are not to commit gross outward vices against light!

Chapter 7 : Matthew - Wikipedia

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything.*

Counterculture of the s Timothy Leary before a crowd of university students during a lecture tour in When the concept was explained to Lennon, he enquired if the same effect could be achieved by hanging him upside down and spinning him around a microphone while he sang into it. Lennon sought to capture the mood of Tibetan monks chanting from a mountaintop. Further to their approach when recording Rubber Soul late the previous year, the Beatles and Martin embraced the idea of the recording studio as musical instrument on Revolver, particularly "Tomorrow Never Knows". McCartney encouraged the other Beatles to use the same effects and create their own loops. According to author Ian MacDonald , writing in the s, these loops contain the following: You can hear and I am sure most Beatles fans have "Tomorrow Never Knows" a lot and not know really what it is about. Basically it is saying what meditation is all about. The goal of meditation is to go beyond that is, transcend waking, sleeping and dreaming. So the song starts out by saying, "Turn off your mind, relax and float downstream, it is not dying. That you may see the meaning of within " it is being. But you can turn off your mind, and go to the part which Maharishi described as: The self is coming from a state of pure awareness, from the state of being. All the rest that comes about in the outward manifestation of the physical world including all the fluctuations which end up as thoughts and actions is just clutter. The true nature of each soul is pure consciousness. So the song is really about transcending and about the quality of the transcendent. I am not too sure if John actually fully understood what he was saying. He knew he was onto something when he saw those words and turned them into a song. But to have experienced what the lyrics in that song are actually about? This was not a song that could be easily sung by a rock group live, as the special effects and tape manipulation that were integral to the tune could not be re-created on-stage. In addition, there was a conspicuous absence of the riffs and verse-bridge-chorus-dominated construction that had colored virtually every original Beatles composition before "Bumblebee", as part of a satirical sketch on the Swinging London phenomenon in the Not Only He says that the track "ushered in a new era in the use of electronic music in rock and pop music". Its tape collage alone makes it one of the first tracks to use sampling really successfully. John Foxx of Ultravox also cited the song as an influence, saying that "As soon as I heard it, I knew it contained almost everything that I would want to investigate for the rest of my life. A rehearsal of the song at Shepperton Studios was included on the Collectors Edition of the album. Ride performed a cover version during their reunion tour in North America.

**Chapter 8 : Is "eat, drink, and be merry" a biblical concept?**

*Many have sought counsel from the word of God when faced with worry and anxiety, and for good reason. The Bible contains a great number of stories and quotes that remind and encourage us to trust in the love and power of God in order to find peace.*

Troy Reinke July 13, at 5: God can use anyone at any time, huh? Thank you for encouragement. Liz leboho January 27, at 2: I am wondering if you are considering writing a Daniel and Revelation verse by verse commentary, it would be very helpful to people like me who also run groups teaching these two books. I have watched all your DVDs here, they have been of great help. Be blessed and may the Lord expand your ministry. Vincent Giambone July 12, at 9: The bible says there is only one God the Father. There is also the son of God, and the spirit of God, but only is the Father the true and everlasting God. I think you need to correct this. I would have bought your series but this statement is stopping me from doing that. Thank you for calling me to ask further about the details of this concern. As I told you on the phone, this series was something I started early in I went into the study as a trinitarian, but left the study out of obvious necessity as a believer in the one true God. Thank you for the concern, and pray that I will continue to present the truth as fully as God reveals it to me, hiding nothing. Charlene October 31, at Yes, by inheritance, by being brought forth from the Father in just the same way my son is just as much humanity as I am, Jesus is just as much divinity as His Father. How are they equal? To Christ has been given an exalted position. He has been made equal with the Father. All the counsels of God are opened to His Son. I do not believe God is a triune God. I have come to understand much better what the Bible actually teaches. Please look at each, and notice the name given to the last one in 1 John 2: Charmaine August 17, at 4: What does that mean? It means that Christ is the Son of God, and many things bear witness to that fact. Reading verses it makes it even more clear that what is meant here is about the relationship between the Father and His Son"not about a trinity of one called God. There are no mentions here of a trinity, nor the nature of God, nor the fact that all three are actually one, as that has never been a Biblical intention of referring to beings as one"they are unified"as mentioned in verse 8. Please consider this commentary as well. Please ask more questions if you have them. God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. Grass brings forth grass, dogs bring forth dogs, horses, humans, birds, etc. God begat one of His own kind"a Son. Regarding 1 Tim 3: Yes, in the beginning was the Word. The beginning of what? And, there are many other verses.

**Chapter 9 : BIBLE VERSES ABOUT TOMORROW**

*James Context. 11 Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.*

The Fool Proverbs It is interesting to me that none of these men fit the definition which Proverbs gives us of the fool. All of them evoke a certain sense of pity, mixed with amusement. Not so with the fool in the Book of Proverbs. But if we take the words of our Lord seriously, we must begin by asking whether our study is sanctioned by Him in the light of His teaching in Matthew 5: Not only was it sinful to commit murder 5: If a man is but a fool, a blight on society, it would be better for all if he were dead. To conclude that one is worthless, then, is to come to the conclusion that the world would best be rid of him, which is but one short step from murder. Just as our Lord did not forbid us from discerning the character of fools, the Book of Proverbs commends this assessment as a necessity for those who would be wise. Several reasons are given for the need to discern between those who are fools and those who are wise. To some degree folly is contagious, and association with a fool tends to diminish our ability to discern truth from error and wisdom from folly. Leave the presence of a fool, Or you will not discern words of knowledge A fool is bound for his own destruction, and he will inevitably destroy everything in his path. Those who get in the way of the fool will get hurt. Let a man meet a bear robbed of her cubs, Rather than a fool in his folly The scoffer, the worst form of fool, 25 is not only to be avoided, but is to be driven away. Drive out the scoffer, and contention will go out, Even strife and dishonor will cease There is nothing more miserable than to be married to a fool. While Proverbs takes the positive approach here, exalting the godly wife e. Abigail was married to a fool I Sam. She may not have had much to say about her marriage to Nabal, but you do, and will have to live with your mistake in a marriage partner. Those who are responsible for hiring employees will want to take special note of the warnings of Proverbs to those who would hire a fool. He cuts off his own feet, and drinks violence Who sends a message by the hand of a fool Like an archer who wounds everyone, So is he who hires a fool or who hires those who pass by Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of discipline will remove it far from him Proverbs offers hope to parents that foolishness can be cured if detected early and disciplined diligently. We cannot deal with all men in the same way. Our response to people must be based on the kind of character they have demonstrated. He who corrects a scoffer gets dishonor for himself, And he who reproveth a wicked man gets insults for himself. Do not reprove a scoffer, lest he hate you, Reprove a wise man, and he will love you 9: Do not answer a fool according to his folly, Lest you also be like him. Answer a fool as his folly deserves, Lest he be wise in his own eyes These considerations necessitate discerning the character of others and, in particular, that of a fool. Not only will we be able to see foolishness in others as a result of our study in Proverbs, we will also see a greater measure of it in ourselves. May God enable us to be honest with ourselves, to confess our foolishness, 2 and to forsake it as sinful and destructive, both to ourselves and to others. Characteristics of A Fool It is much easier to identify a fool in terms of what he is not than in terms of what he is. Notice the following characteristics of the fool as the Book of Proverbs describes him. The fool hates what is holy, righteous, and good, and he loves evil. Desire realized is sweet to the soul, But it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil Doing wickedness is like sport to a fool; And so is wisdom to a man of understanding Fools mock at sin, But among the upright there is good will Throughout Proverbs the fool is the counterpart of the wise. Wisdom is contrasted with folly. The fool does not possess wisdom, cannot obtain wisdom, and would not obtain it if he could. A scoffer seeks wisdom, and finds none, But knowledge is easy to him who has understanding Wisdom is too high for a fool, He will not open his mouth in the gate The fool has no capacity for wisdom. In the words of He may seem to seek wisdom, but is incapable of recognizing or retaining it. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction 1: The mind of the intelligent seeks knowledge, But the mouth of fools feeds on folly A fool does not delight in understanding, But only in revealing his own mind Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, For he will despise the wisdom of your words The fool is not neutral toward wisdom--he hates it. Wisdom is to the fool what liver is to me: The fool fails to see things as they are. He thinks wisdom can be obtained easily, like

purchasing a candy bar at a corner drug store. Why is there a price in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom, When he has no sense? The fool looks upon self-control as a needless and useless denial of present pleasure. Because of this, every area of his life lacks discipline. There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise, But a foolish man swallows it up A fool always loses his temper, But a wise man holds it back A prudent man conceals knowledge, But the heart of fools proclaims folly The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable, But the mouth of fools spouts folly The fool is dishonest and evil and cannot be trusted in any area. He cuts off his own feet, and drinks violence. He sends a message by the hand of a fool The words of the fool are always to be questioned. He is a liar, a deceiver, and a slanderer. He who conceals hatred has lying lips, And he who spreads slander is a fool The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, But the folly of fools is deceit Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity Than he who is perverse in speech and is a fool Even what the fool believes to be true may be only his worthless opinion. The lips of the wise spread knowledge, But the hearts of fools are not so Try as you like, attempting to teach a fool is frustrating at best, and often painful. Whenever a fool is faced with wisdom and instruction, he will reject it. Because they hated knowledge, And did not choose the fear of the Lord. They would not accept my counsel, They spurned all my reproof So they shall eat of the fruit of their own way, And be satiated with their own devices. For the waywardness of the naive shall kill them, And the complacency of fools shall destroy them 1: Whenever the fool is disciplined, he resists it. He who corrects a scoffer gets dishonor for himself, And he who reproves wicked man gets insults for himself. Do not reprove a scoffer, lest he hate you. Reprove a wise man, and he will love you 9: A scoffer does not love one who reproves him, He will not go to the wise A rebuke goes deeper into one who has understanding Than a hundred blows into a fool The folly of a fool is deep-seated. No matter how hard one strives to rid the fool of his folly, such efforts end in failure. A fool and his folly are seemingly inseparable. Though you pound a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with crushed grain, Yet his folly will not depart from him The fool cannot even learn from his own mistakes. Given the opportunity, he will repeat his folly: Like a dog that returns to its vomit Is a fool who repeats his folly The fool is a menace, a detriment to society. He is a pain to his parents, for he hates them He is a disaster wherever he goes He hinders the understanding of others His speech is slanderous The fool is quarrelsome Scorners set a city aflame, But wise men turn away anger