

I Might Be A Fool If...

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- I. Introduction
 - a. April Fool's Day - Proverbs 26:18-19 NKJV Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death, 19 Is the man who deceives his neighbor, And says, "I was only joking!"
 - b. Do you ever see someone acting foolishly and are tempted to tell them so?
 - c. Danger!
 - d. Those who call others fools are in danger of hell fire – Mt. 5:22
 - e. I would not call any man fool
 - f. But God does
 - i. If God says what I am doing is foolish
 - ii. That settles it
- II. KEY THOUGHT – We will notice six types of people who the Scriptures identify and foolish, so that we can avoid being fools
- III. Those whom God calls fools
 - a. If I tell myself there is no God
 - i. Ps. 14:1-3
 - ii. Compare – It makes no more sense to deny your heavenly father then it would to deny your earthly father
 - iii. DNA paternity test
 - iv. You are fearfully and wonderfully made,
 - v. Therefore you cannot deny Him with a straight thinking mind
 - vi. When I do, my mind becomes even more corrupt
 - b. If I ignore God
 - i. Rom. 1:20-22
 - ii. My foolish heart will become dark
 - iii. I may think I am wise but I am a fool
 - c. If I am not rich toward God –
 - i. Lk. 12:16-21
 - ii. He was ignoring God
 - iii. He needed not just to acknowledge Him
 - iv. But be rich toward Him
 - v. God deserves our all, our very best
 - vi. We must love Him with all our heart and soul and mind
 - d. If I believe I can be saved by works of the law –
 - i. Gal. 3:1-3, 10-12
 - ii. I'm a sinner
 - iii. I haven't lived by the law
 - iv. Jesus must save me by grace on the basis of faith
 - e. If I believe faith alone can save me
 - i. James 2:20-24
 - ii. My faith must be acted upon to have any value

- iii. If I act as though what I believe is true is actually false
- iv. That is foolish
- v. I should know better than that
- vi. It makes my faith dead
- vii. I cannot be justified by such a faith
- f. If I do not walk properly as a Christian –
 - i. Tit. 3:3, Eph. 5:15-18
 - ii. We used to walk foolishly
 - iii. Not any more
- IV. Conclusion – Don't be a fool
 - a. There is a God
 - b. To ignore Him is to embrace ignorance and eternal judgment
 - c. He deserves everything I can offer Him
 - d. I cannot earn His acceptance through my righteous deeds
 - e. I cannot retain His acceptance if I willingly act against His will
 - f. I must have faith in Him and walk according to that faith to avoid foolishness and benefit from His divine wisdom
 - g. INVITATION