

# Virtues as found in II Peter 1



**Words to Find:**  
 charity  
 faith  
 godliness  
 kindness  
 knowledge  
 patience  
 temperance

## Mousy Papas

R. G. Lee, 1955

From Cincinnati came the condemnatory comment that misguided parents are blamed by Traffic Court Judge Frank Gusweiler for many traffic violations by teen-agers. "Rather than deny children's demands for the family car, these weak-kneed parents permit them to tear over our highways," he said. "The old-fashioned father who told his children what they could do has been succeeded by yes-men

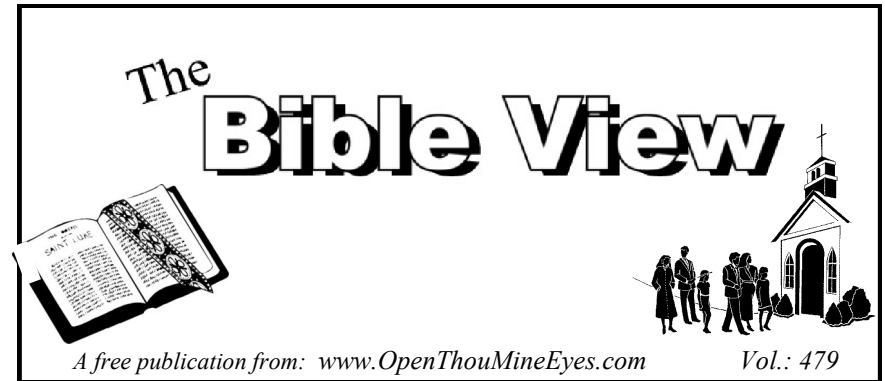
bearing a distinct resemblance to a mouse."

So many parents have reckless children of disobedience because they heed not these truths from God's Holy Word:

*"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."* Prov. 22:6

*"Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him."* Prov. 22:15

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## Who's the Fool?

Bill Brinkowrth

There is a lot of foolishness in this world; much of it is socially acceptable and counted as "normal". It is found in the classroom, in our own lives, in our own homes, in the decisions and actions of political figures, and on the job. The world may consider a thought, action, or reason for doing something as popular, and it may even seem right in their eyes, but when lined up against God's wisdom found in His Word, many philosophies and behaviors are downright foolishness.



What we may deem foolishness, may be just our opinion or preference. Here is a partial word study of who the Bible identifies as being a fool:

🌿 A prideful person. *"In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: ..."* Prov. 14:3

🌿 A child that hates his mother. *"... but a foolish man despiseth his mother."* Prov. 15:20

🌿 A child that is a burden, rather than a blessing, to his parents. *"A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him."* Prov. 17:25 Also: Prov. 19:13

🌿 A child that hates his parent's advice. *"A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent."*

Prov. 15:5

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## Poor with Plenty

Robert G. Lee, 1955

In St. Lois, Miss Caroline Rippe, 87 years old, who, with her 75-year-old brother, William, was found a year ago living in a state of poverty in their six-room house, although their estate was valued at more than \$70,000 (which was a lot of money then). They both died in the Halls Ferry Memorial Hospital, where both had been placed by county authorities.

Almost \$5,000 (which was about a year's wages then) in cash

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🌿 A leader that thinks he is above his peers, and does not take advice and criticism.

*Better is a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished.* "Eccl. 4:13

🌿 A person that ignores all other advice or correction and insists on doing something his own way.

*"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise."* Prov. 12:15 Also: Prov. 14:16.

🌿 A person that will not work for himself, nor take care of himself. This verse does not mean a lazy person is a cannibal, it means that one's laziness will hurt him.

*"The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh."* Eccl. 4:5

🌿 A person that does not obey godly advice. Often they believe and do only what they think is right, and ignore wisdom.

*"And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, ..." Mat. 7:26*

🌿 A person that is not prepared for his eternal future. The Matthew 25 parable about the unpre-

pared virgins, is about people that did not get prepared for their eternity by being saved. They foolishly did not trust Christ as Saviour, while they had the opportunity in this life.

*"They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them."* Mat. 25:3

🌿 A person that knows about God, but is not grateful and does not give Him the credit He deserves.

*"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."* Rom. 1:21

🌿 An aesthete, a person that denies the existence of God.

*"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God ...."* Ps. 14:1

🌿 A person that is not even ashamed of doing absurd, unreasonable acts, even if they are sinful.

*"... but a fool layeth open his folly."* Prov. 13:16

🌿 A person that does not learn from his mistakes and does the same thing again; sometimes again and again.

*"As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly."* Prov. 26:11

🌿 A person that talks too much

about trifling (vain, and unimportant) subjects.

*"The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall."* Prov. 10:8

🌿 A person that intentionally causes harm.

*"It is as sport to a fool to do mischief: ..." Prov. 10:23*

🌿 A person that does not mind their own business.

*"... but every fool will be meddling."* Prov. 20:3

🌿 A person that is not careful what he says. He utters what is on his mind, and gives little thought to the value of what he is saying.

*"A fool uttereth all his mind: ..." Prov. 29:11* Also: Prov. 17:7.

🌿 A person that lives by doing what he feels is right, and ignoring good or godly counsel.

*"He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered."*

Prov. 28:26

After seeing what God defines as foolishness, we may have to reevaluate what we are doing and thinking, and be careful of others actions and decisions. Unwise, foolish actions and behaviors always hurt people.

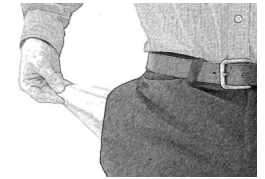
Be wise, read the Word of God, believe it, and live as it commands. God's wisdom, often is far different than what is believed and practiced by the world, but if followed it will always be the right advice to lead you through life.

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was found about the home by authorities, who were called by a physician after he found the pair sleeping on the floor.

More foolish than these two, who died in poverty with plenty to sustain them, are those who



lay not up treasures in heaven. As seriously as ever in the world's history do men need to heed the words of Jesus: *"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."* Mat. 6:19-21

**"An old conundrum asks: 'What is the difference between a looking glass and a fool?'**

**The answer is: 'The looking glass reflects without speaking and the fool speaks without reflecting.'"**

**— R. G. Lee**

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