

## **“Ephesians: God’s Glorious Design”**

### **The Conduct of the Church: The Course Of Our Walk in Wisdom!**

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foolish: The word in our Hebrew Scripture translated fool describes someone who is dull, insensitive to wisdom, so occupied with the things of this world that he is insensitive toward the things of God. A fool has a propensity to make wrong choices about finding life.

Let’s meet this “fool” in Proverbs — He hates knowledge, 1.22; He considers sin a sport, 10.23; He has no knowledge, 14.7; He is boastful, 14.16; He is senseless (literally lacks heart), 10.21; He is careless, 14.16; He is senseless to correction, 17.10; He is quick tempered, 14.17; 29.11; He reveals his mind, 18.2; He is angry and dangerous, 17.12; He proclaims folly, 12.23; 18.2; He is quarrelsome, 18.6; He displays folly, 13.16; He is self-confident, 28.26; He feeds on folly, 15.14; He is unreliable with a message, 26.6; He returns to his folly like a dog to vomit, 26.11; He is talkative to his own destruction, 18.7; He is easily deceived, 14.8; His proverbs are dull and boomerang, 26.7, 9; He thinks he can buy wisdom, 17.16; He is destroyed by his complacency, 1.32; He is unrealistic, 17.24; He causes harm to his companions, 13.20.

Unbelievers are also “filled,” Ro 1.29–32. <sup>29</sup> being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; <sup>32</sup> and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

Drunkenness is among the sins that Christians are explicitly told to avoid (Rom. 13:13), for it is characteristic of many unregenerate people (1 Pet. 4:3). Christians, as sons of the light, are to avoid getting drunk, and they are to maintain self-control (1 Thess. 5:4–8). They are not even to associate with a drunkard who claims to be a Christian (1 Cor. 5:11), for drunkenness is incompatible with Christian living.

Eldon Woodcock, “The Filling of the Holy Spirit,” *Bibliotheca Sacra* Volume 157, 625 (Dallas, TX: Dallas Theological Seminary, 2000), 76.

- b. The consequences of our walk in wisdom, Eph 5.19-21