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The Fool **(Kent Heaton)**

The English word “fool” is a derivative of the Latin meaning of “bellows, bag, to blow” and suggests a person lacking in judgment or prudence [Webster’s Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary]. A fool may be perceived as a stupid person or one who entertains in a silly way for laughs. There is a fool spoken of by God that is neither stupid; full of air nor entertaining. “The fool has said in his heart, there is no God” (Psalm 14:1; 53:1). Sadly, without acknowledging it, most people fall under this definition.

To say that one does not believe in God makes him a fool but this is not all that makes a person a fool. Denying the existence of God believes that life is about the pursuit of self and self alone. Jesus told the multitude in Luke 12 that life is not about the abundance of things one possesses. The folly of covetousness is looking at the stuff of this world as lasting and eternal. The Lord tells the story of a man

who was rich and increasing in wealth as his crops yielded plenty. The man was so possessed by his affluence that he decided to tear down his existing barns and build larger barns for all his crops. The spirit of the man was satisfied with his own worth but failed to realize that his breath was held in the hand of the Almighty God (Daniel 5:23).

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That night he died. God called him a “fool” because he denied God and lived

for self.

The Psalmists describe the confidence of the foolish to their own destruction. “Wise men die; the fool and the brutish alike perish, and leave their wealth to others. Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling-places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names” (Psalm 49:10-11). The fool is one who believes what is right is what is in his own eyes (Proverbs 12:15). He “rages and is self confident” (Proverbs 14:16); “has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart” (Proverbs 18:2);

“trusts in his own heart” (Proverbs 28:26).

The fool is one who does not know God because he does not see God. He has no desire to neither serve God nor acknowledge the will of God in his life. His life is about himself. A fool does not see the glory of God in works of creation (Psalm 92; 19:1-6) but walks in darkness (Ecclesiastes 2:14). He rejects the counsel of God for his own counsel. "Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind and makes flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from the Lord. For he will be like a bush in the desert and will not see when prosperity comes, but will live in stony wastes in the wilderness, a land of salt without inhabitant" (Jeremiah 17:5-6).

The sadness of the fool is that in death there is no joy. The fool has lived his life without God pursuing all the follies of material gain to leave behind for others. Life is vain. Life is a waste. Death brings nothing but sorrow. What the fool attained in life is lost in death; what he attains in death is lost in the eternal ages of suffering without God. He lived without God in this life and will live without God in death. "Without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing unto him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that seek after him" (Hebrews 11:6). Hope in death can only come to those who believe in God and

accept His will as guide for their lives. Without this faith there is no hope; only the hope of a fool.

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man” (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

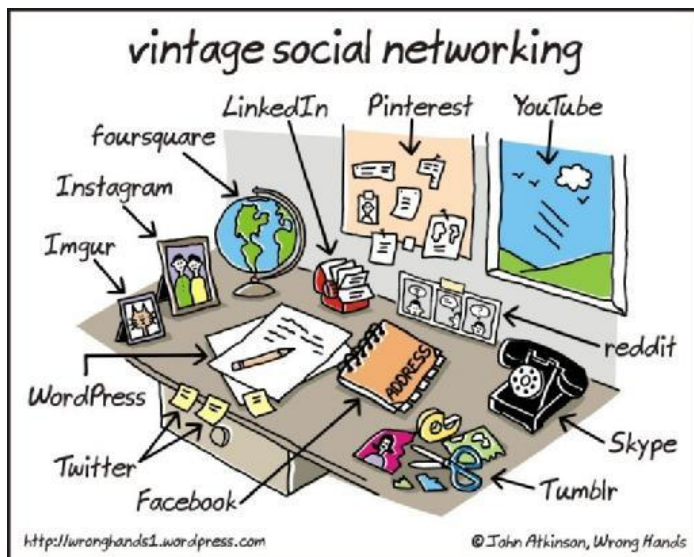
Motion Picture Production Code (Adopted 1930)



The sanctity of the institution of marriage and the home shall be upheld. No film shall infer that casual or promiscuous sex relationships are the common thing ... These [seduction and rape] should never be more than suggested, and then only when essential to the plot. They should never be shown explicitly ... Crime shall never be presented in such a way as to throw sympathy with the crime ... Brutal killings are not to be presented in detail ... Revenge, in modern times, shall not be justified ... Mercy killing shall never be made to seem right or permissible ... Dances suggesting or representing sexual actions or emphasizing indecent movements are to be

regarded as obscene ... Laws – divine, natural or human – shall not be ridiculed.

“I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.” (Psalm 101:3)



99 Is Not A Passing Grade (Selected)

The shepherd who looked for his one lost sheep (Luke 15:4-6) could have said, “I have a pretty good record tonight. Only one sheep absent. That gives me a grade of 99 percent.” But he didn’t! Instead, he left the security of the fold and went into the night to look for the one sheep that was lost.

A mother could say, “All is well tonight. Four of my children are safe at home and only one is lost in the darkness.” But she wouldn’t! Instead she would leave no stone unturned until her other child was safe.

A Christian can say, “I’ve visited and visited, but the people just won’t come to church. I think

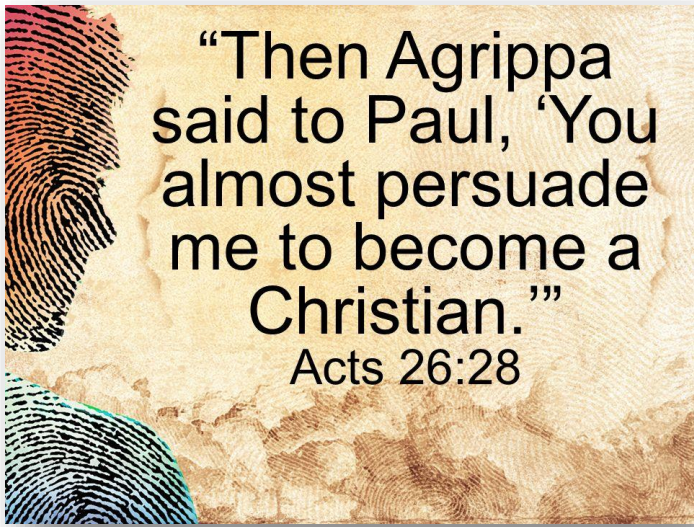
I’ll stop visiting and inviting.” But he won’t if he remembers the example of Jesus.

What if you were the one lost from the fold? In the darkness, stumbling, fearful, and hopeless – would you want the shepherd to leave the 99 and look for you? What if you were the lost child in the woods? Would the love of your parents sustain you knowing they would do everything in their power to find you? Seeking the lost is seeking the ONE!

There are many of the one sheep and the one child who need to know that they are being sought after to help and to save. They may not find their way home without the help of those who leave the ninety and nine and seek for the one. How precious in the sight of God is the one who is lost and those of the ninety and nine who leave the security of the fold to seek the one who is lost.



And the world is passing away,
and the lust of it; but he who
does the will of God abides
forever.
(1 John 2:17)



“Then Agrippa said to Paul, ‘You almost persuade me to become a Christian.’”
Acts 26:28

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

(John 3:16)

The greatest lover
GOD

The greatest degree
SO LOVED

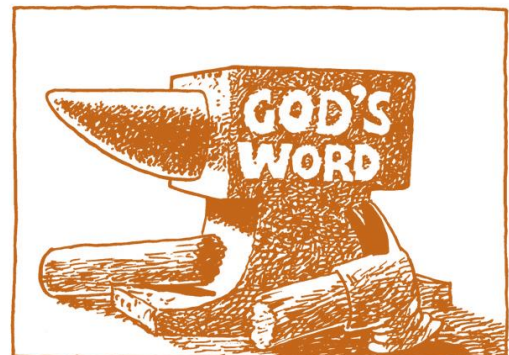
The greatest company
THE WORLD

The greatest act
THAT HE GAVE

The greatest gift
HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON

The greatest opportunity
THAT WHOSOEVER
The greatest simplicity
BELIEVETH
The greatest attraction
IN HIM
The greatest promise
SHOULD NOT PERISH
The greatest difference
BUT
The greatest certainty
HAVE
The greatest possession
EVERLASTING LIFE

- ➡ Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case.
- ➡ Prevent truth decay. Brush up on your Bible.
- ➡ Life has many choices, eternity has two. What's yours?



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Times of Services

Sunday Bible Class for all ages (10:00am)

Sunday Worship all Welcome (11:00am & 6:00pm)

Wednesday Bible Class for all ages (7:00pm)

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