



The Soils

(Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)

To avoid unfruitfulness, we must examine the soil of our heart

Questions to detect a foolish heart (Prov. 18:2)

1. Do I self-define right and wrong? (Prov. 28:26, 12:15)
2. Do I speak without thought? (Prov. 15:28, 12:23)
3. Do I seek confirmation from those who agree with me? (Prov. 13:20)
4. Do I bristle at correction? (Prov. 17:10)
5. Do I live in a real world? (Prov. 17:24)
6. Do I repeat the same mistakes over and over? (Prov. 26:11)
7. Do I allow emotions to control me? (Prov. 27:3)

Prov. 28:26

He who trusts in his own heart is a fool,
But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

Prov. 12:15

The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes,
But he who heeds counsel *is* wise.

Prov. 15:28

The heart of the righteous studies how to answer,
But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.

Prov. 12:23

A prudent man conceals knowledge,
But the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.

Prov. 13:20

He who walks with wise *men* will be wise,
But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

Prov. 17:10

Rebuke is more effective for a wise *man*
Than a hundred blows on a fool.

Prov. 17:24

Wisdom *is* in the sight of him who has understanding,
But the eyes of a fool *are* on the ends of the earth.

Prov. 26:11

As a dog returns to his own vomit,
So a fool repeats his folly.

Prov. 27:3

A stone *is* heavy and sand *is* weighty,
But a fool's wrath *is* heavier than both of them.