

1. **Royal Etiquette (25:1–15)**
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### **Difficult People - The Fool – Part 1**

#### **The Fool - Part 1 – Prov. 26:1-6**

1. A fool in a position of honor is inappropriate.
2. An undeserved curse will not land.
3. A fool does not respond to appeals to his intellect.
4. How should you answer a fool?

### **The Fool Part 2**

#### **The Impact of Fools – 26:6-9**

1. Self-inflicted wounds come to the one who chooses to depend upon a fool.

#### Commentary -

- a. You should not trust a fool with business.
- b. If you do, you are wasting your time.
- c. If you do, you are hurting yourself and your business.

2. A proverb is useless in the mouth of a fool.

#### Commentary -

- a. A fool does not know what to do with a proverb.
- b. He may give wordy and sincere advice.

3. It is senseless to honor a fool.

4. A fool does not know how to manage a proverb.

### **The Future of the Fool**

1. He receives his just due.  
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2. He will relapse.

1. The Picture - A dog eats his own vomit.

2. The Application – A fool repeats his folly.

3. Commentary

- a. A fool returns to his habits even though they are disgusting.
- b. A fool may have been sickened by his folly but will soon forget and return to it again.

3. There is little hope for a fool.

- a. There is more hope for a normal fool.

- b. There is less hope for a proud, intellectually-conceited fool.

### **What have we learned, and what should we do?**

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