

**Smart Living: The Book Of Proverbs
“How To Be Foolish”
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To be foolish you need to make one or more of the following choices.

1. You need to be lazy.
2. You need to be deaf or have selective hearing
3. You need to be arrogant.

1. In order to be foolish you need to be lazy.

“Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!
It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer
and gathers its food at harvest.”

Proverbs 6:6-8

“Sluggards do not plow in season; so at harvest time they look but find nothing.”

Proverbs 20:4

Notes: _____

2. In order to be foolish you must be deaf or have selective hearing.

“The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.”

Proverbs 12:15

“Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance”

Proverbs 1:5

Notes: _____

3. In order to be foolish you must be arrogant.

“Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.”

Proverbs 16:18

“Pride brings a person low, but the lowly in spirit gain honor.”

Proverbs 29:23

Notes: _____

In order to be foolish you must consistently make decisions that have poor outcomes.

Next Right Steps:

[] Start a relationship with Jesus (the most Unfoolish thing you can do).

[] Examine these three areas in your life:

Laziness

Deafness

Arrogance

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss]

Open in Prayer.

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What is important about the fact that the ant has no commander or overseer or ruler?

Is it easier or harder to have an overseer? Why?

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What is different about the future for the lazy versus the industrious?

Many of us may be industrious in some areas of life and not as much in others. What areas of your life might need improvement?

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Are there people in your life that you should be listening to more? Who are they and what specific ways can you make improvements?

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Describe a time in your life where you were humbled.

Describe a time in your life where you were honored. Did you go into that situation humbly?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.