Biblical Fools
Luke 12:20

Introduction:
A. Should never lightly or angrily call anyone a fool (Mt. 5:22).
B. Can recognize a fool as God sees him. (cf. 1 Cor. 15:36).
C. We want to study 4 fools, as God sees them, in this lesson:

Discussion:
A. Looks at universe and declares it had no creator.
   1. Like saying a watch had no maker.
   2. Like saying an unabridged dictionary resulted from an explosion in a print shop.
B. Looks at man and declares that he had no creator -- but evolved.
   1. Thinks blind chance is most logical explanation for man's origin.
   2. Doesn't consider how illogical it is -- show how first pair would have come.
C. Looks at the Bible and denies its divine origin.
   1. Looks at nature of the Bible and declares it purely human production.
   2. Like finding 66 paintings from 40 artists forming on grand painting.

II. The Disobedient Fool. (Matt. 7:26-27).
A. Foolish to reject the means of salvation (Jas. 1:21,22)
B. Foolish to reject the means of God's blessings (Jas. 1:25)

A. Would probably be considered success by world.
B. But was considered a fool by Jesus.
   1. Not because he was rich and prosperous -- no hint of dishonesty.
   2. Not because he saved money.
   3. Because he left God out of his life.
   4. Because he thought he had a lease on life.
   5. Because he prepared only for this world. (cf. 1 Tim. 6:17-19).
   6. Because the looked to riches for security and happiness.

IV. The Egotistical Fool (Rom. 1:22).
A. The know-it-all
   1. Knows more than God.
   2. Knows more than wise counselors (cf. Prov. 12:15)
B. Naaman had to overcome his egotism to receive help (2 Kings 5).

V. The Prating (Chattering) Fool (Prov 10:8; Ecc. 5:3)
A. Prov. 10:19
B. Must give account of words (Matt 12:36,37).

VI. The Meddling Fool (Prov. 20:3)
A. Busybodies are wrong (2 Thess 3:11; 1 Tim 5:13; 1 Pet. 4:15)
B. Correcting sin in others is not meddling (Jas. 5:20; Gal. 6:1)

VII. The Careless Fool (Matt. 25:1-13)
A. Made some preparation, but not enough.
B. Foolish to neglect salvation (Heb. 2:3)

VIII. The Apostate Fool. (Gal. 3:1)
A. He is worse than before. (2 Pet. 2:20-22).
C. He forfeits eternal salvation. (Rev. 2:10).

Conclusion:
A. Don't be a fool: Believe in God, obey God, remain faithful, prepare for heaven.
B. The smartest thing you can do today is to obey the gospel.