

## **Musical Chairs**

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The	Question:					

## Three kinds of unwise people

### 1. Simple

- o Naïve, lacking experience, clueless
- Advice: <u>Don't trade what you want most</u>
   <u>for what you want in the moment</u>
- o Cure: Time and desire to learn

#### 2. <u>Fool</u>

- o They know but don't care
- Lie: I'm only hurting myself
- Cure: <u>Tragedy</u>

#### 3. Mocker

- o A fool on "steroids"
- Critical, condescending, controlling

Correct the <u>simple</u> and they <u>won't get you</u>
Correct a <u>fool</u> and they <u>will ignore you</u>
Correct a <u>mocker</u> and they <u>will hate you</u>
Correct the <u>wise</u> and they <u>will thank you</u>

As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his foolishness.

Proverbs 26:11 NLT

Doing wrong is fun for a fool...

Proverbs 10:23 NLT

Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

Proverbs 13:20 NLT

<sup>7</sup> Anyone who rebukes a mocker will get an insult in return. Anyone who corrects the wicked will get hurt. <sup>8</sup> So don't bother correcting mockers; they will only hate you. **Proverbs 9:7-8** NLT

<sup>20</sup> Wisdom shouts in the streets. She cries out in the public square. <sup>21</sup> She calls to the crowds along the main street, to those gathered in front of the city gate: 22 "How long, you simpletons, will you insist on being simpleminded? How long will you mockers relish your mocking? How long will you fools hate knowledge? 23 Come and listen to my counsel. I'll share my heart with you and make you wise. 24 "I called you so often, but you wouldn't come. I reached out to you, but you paid no attention. <sup>25</sup> You ignored my advice and rejected the correction I offered. <sup>26</sup> So I will laugh when you are in trouble! I will mock you when disaster overtakes you -<sup>27</sup> when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster engulfs you like a cyclone, and anguish and distress overwhelm you. <sup>28</sup> "When they cry for help, I will not answer. Though they anxiously search for me, they will not find me. <sup>29</sup> For they hated knowledge and chose not to fear the LORD. 30 They rejected my advice and paid no attention when I corrected them. 31 Therefore, they must eat the bitter fruit of living their own way, choking on their own schemes. 32 For simpletons turn away from me - to death. Fools are destroyed by their own complacency. 33 But all who listen to me will live in peace, untroubled by fear of harm."

Proverbs 1:20-33 NLT

# **Next Steps:**

☐ Commit to "Ask It" when faced with decisions, problems, and opportunities
☐ Ask God to help me see the foolishness in my life so that I can seek wisdom
☐ Change my behavior in the area of
☐ Attend or listen to the rest of the "Ask It' series