

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

Psalm 14:1 (NIV)

Say What?

Why would someone be so foolish as to say that there is no God? Why would someone live their life as if there is no God? **Are you asking me those questions?** Yes, I am. **Well, I would like you to answer those questions for me.** Why is that? **You have some experience in the matter. I would like to hear what you can say. Didn't you once live as if I did not exist? Didn't your life proclaim that there was no God?** You are right about that. **Tell me more.**

I once lived entirely for myself. I did what I wanted when I wanted. I sought my own comfort and pleasure. I lived for all that the world had to offer. I didn't want anyone placing limits on my life. I didn't want anyone telling me what I should or should not do. I was the master of my own destiny. I charted my own course. I did not want or need advice. I did not accept anyone's counsel. **There is something you have not yet said.** What's that? **You know what you don't want to say. Go ahead and spit it out. I won't be offended by what you are about to say.** I wanted to be my own god. I was my own god. **As long as you were your own god there was no room in your life for me to be your God, isn't that right?** Well, it isn't right, but it was true. **You were hoping I didn't exist.** Yes, for a time, I was hoping that you did not exist. **How does that sound to you now?** It sounds incredibly foolish. **Why is that?**

You have turned my life around. You have forgiven me of my sin. You have cleansed me of all my unrighteousness. You have shown me the error of my ways. You have set me on a new course. You have given me a new destiny. You have adopted me into your family. **Yes, I did.** You are my God and Father. **Yes, I am.** You have made me to be your child. **Yes, you are.** Now, you are the pursuit of my life. Now, I want to know you and walk in your ways. Now, I want to live my life in ways that please you. I am sorry that at one time I lived as if you did not exist. I am sorry that my life once proclaimed that there was no God. Forgive me. **You are forgiven.** Now, I want every second and minute of my life to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. Use my life to proclaim that there is a God. Use my life to help bring others to you. I am all yours. I am at your disposal. **Yes, you are.**

Lord, at one time I lived my life as if you did not exist. I did what was evil and failed to do what was good. I lived for myself and my own comfort and pleasure. Forgive me. Help me now to live every moment of my life for you. Amen

Heart *The Fool Says*
The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.
NIV Psalm 14:1

Heart *The Fool Says*
The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.
ESV Psalm 14:1

Heart *Fools Say*
Only fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and their actions are evil; not one of them does good!
NLT Psalm 14:1

Heart *The Fool Has Said*
The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good.
NKJV Psalm 14:1

Heart *Fool Say*
Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.
NRSV Psalm 14:1

Heart *God Is Gone*
A David psalm Bilious and bloated, they gas, "God is gone." Their words are poison gas, fouling the air; they poison Rivers and skies; thistles are their cash crop.
MSG Psalm 14:1

Heart *The Fool Has Said*
THE [empty-headed] fool has said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable deeds; there is none that does good or right.
AMP Psalm 14:1

Heart *A Fool Who Says*
That man is a fool who says to himself, "There is no God!" Anyone who talks like that is warped and evil and cannot really be a good person at all.
TLB Psalm 14:1

Heart *The Fool Has Said*
The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good.
NASB Psalm 14:1

Heart *Fool Say*
For the director of music. Of David. Fools say to themselves, "There is no God." Fools are evil and do terrible things; there is no one who does anything good.
NCV Psalm 14:1

The Fool Says

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Heart – Psalm 14:1

In Context: Read Psalm 14

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

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Considering The Words: *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, at one time I lived my life as if you did not exist. I did what was evil and failed to do what was good. I lived for myself and my own comfort and pleasure. Forgive me. Help me now to live every moment of my life for you. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you foolishly lived as if God could not hear or see your thoughts, words, or deeds?

Why would it be foolish to live each of the moments of your life as if God does not exist?

How is it possible to claim with your lips that God exists but to live your life as if He doesn't?

Why will you see corruption of every kind in the lives of those who live as if God does not exist?

How are you as accountable to God for the evil you do as the good you fail to do?

How does your knowledge that God exists help you to live for Him in all that you think, say and do?

How are you seeking to live your life in ways that will please God in all you think, say and do?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Live each moment of your day with the certainty that God does exist as you follow and serve Him.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the God does exist and can hear and see all that you think, say and do as you follow Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how knowing that God exists guides how you live your life for Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May knowing that God exists guide all that you think, say and do as you follow and serve Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will live each day with the knowledge that you do exist as I follow and serve you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I live more aware of you each moment of my day as I follow and serve you?
