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## **No Fool**

**Do you ever do that?** Do I ever do what? **Do you ever say in your heart that I don't exist? Give that question some very careful thought. Don't rush to give me an answer?** I'm guessing that I should not say that I never say in my heart that you don't exist. **Why is that?** I'm not sure. I know that you do exist. Only a fool thinks that you don't exist. I'm not that kind of fool, at least I don't think so. I have been foolish in many ways. But, I hope that I have not been foolish in that way. Can you ask me some more questions. I'm not really sure what you are asking me. I don't have a clear idea how you want me to think more deeply about your question. **I would be happy to ask you more questions.**

**Have you ever held thoughts in your mind as if I did not exist. Have you ever spoken words from your mouth as if I did not exist? Have you ever taken action in your life as if I did not exist?** Now, I am better understanding your question. **How so?** I might think that I am not a fool. I might think that I always think and speak and act as if you did exist. If I am not a fool then all my thoughts, words and deeds would be consistent with knowing that you exist. **Say more about that.** If I am thinking and speaking and acting as if you exist then I will guard the thoughts of my mind, words of my mouth and deeds of my life. I will think thoughts, speak words and do deeds that are pleasing to you. Unless, I was extra foolish then I might think and speak and act in ways that displease you even though I know that you exist. **Have you ever been, as you call it, extra foolish?** Yes, many times. For that I am very sorry. My life has not always been consistently and wisely lived out with the knowledge I have that you do exist. **I've noticed.**

**How would you like to live differently?** Because you do exist, I want to seek you. I want to follow you. I want to love you, and serve you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I want my life to center around an intimate relationship with you. I want all my thoughts and words and deeds to express that I know you and love you. I want to think, speak and do whatever is pleasing to you. I want to live my life fully and completely with and for you. **That is very good. That is very wise. That is very pleasing to me. You are no fool.**

*Heavenly Father, I have lived many days as if you did not exist. I have not drawn near you or sought you out. I have not followed you. I have not done what you have asked of me. No more of that. Now, I want to live every day in an intimate relationship with you. Amen*

**Wisdom***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. The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

NIV

Psalm 14:1-3

**Wisdom***Only 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! The LORD looks down from heaven on the entire human race; he looks to see if anyone is truly wise, if anyone seeks God. But no, all have turned away; all have become corrupt. No one does good, not a single one!

NLT

Psalm 14:1-3

**Wisdom***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. The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

NRSV

Psalm 14:1-3

**Wisdom***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. The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men to see if there were any who understood, dealt wisely, and sought after God, inquiring for and of Him and requiring Him [of vital necessity]. They are all gone aside, they have all together become filthy; there is none that does good or right, no, not one.

AMP

Psalm 14:1-3

**Wisdom***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. The LORD has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men To see if there are any who understand, Who seek after God. They have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one.

NASB

Psalm 14:1-3

**Wisdom***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. The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

ESV

Psalm 14:1-3

**Wisdom***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. The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God. They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.

NKJV

Psalm 14:1-3

**Wisdom***Bilious And Bloated, They Gas*

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. GOD sticks his head out of heaven. He looks around. He's looking for someone not stupid— one man, even, God-expectant, just one God-ready woman. He comes up empty. A string of zeros. Useless, unshepherded Sheep, taking turns pretending to be Shepherd. The ninety and nine follow their fellow.

MSG

Psalm 14:1-3

**Wisdom***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. The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who are wise, who want to please God. But no, all have strayed away; all are rotten with sin. Not one is good, not one!

TLB

Psalm 14:1-3

**Wisdom***Fools Say To Themselves*

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. The LORD looked down from heaven on all people to see if anyone understood, if anyone was looking to God for help. But all have turned away. Together, everyone has become evil. There is no one who does anything good, not even one.

NCV

Psalm 14:1-3

# The Fool Says

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Wisdom** – Psalm 14:1-3

**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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Psalm 14:1-3 (NIV)

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**Praying The Scripture:** *(What prayer from your heart will you write?)*

Heavenly Father, I have lived many days as if you did not exist. I have not drawn near you or sought you out. I have not followed you. I have not done what you have asked of me. No more of that. Now, I want to live every day in an intimate relationship with you. Amen

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

Why is it foolish to say in your heart that there is no God?

**When have you thought and spoken and lived as if there was no God?**

How differently are you thinking and speaking and living because you know that God does exist?

How has Jesus Christ made it possible for you to live in an intimate relationship with God?

**How are you making sure that you live each day in an intimate relationship with God?**

How are you seeking God with all your heart and mind and soul and strength on a daily basis?

**Why is nothing in all of life more important than your relationship with God?**

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**Living It Out:** *(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)*

Live each day in an intimate relationship with the God who does exist.

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**Seeing It Happen:** *(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)*

Have faith that Jesus Christ has made it possible for you to seek God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength.

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**Get Ready To Share:** *(What can you share with others from your heart?)*

Share with another person or your small group how you are living in an intimate relationship with God.

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**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?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May you not be foolish by thinking, speaking or living as if your Heavenly Father did not exist.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Heavenly Father, I will think and speak and live with the knowledge that you do exist.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Heavenly Father, how can my thoughts and words and deeds of today all acknowledge that you do exist.*

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