

A person's back is shown from the neck down to the waist, wearing a dark navy blue suit jacket. A rectangular, light green sticky note is affixed to the center of the back with a piece of yellow tape at the top edge. The note is folded horizontally, and the text is written in dark blue ink. The background is a dark, solid color.

WHOSE

FOOL?

**2 Corinthians 3:18** Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

**Genesis 3:2** And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;<sup>3</sup>but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’”<sup>4</sup>Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.<sup>5</sup>For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

**John 8:44b** [Satan] was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

**James 4:4** Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

**Isaiah 32:6** For the foolish person will speak foolishness, and his heart will work iniquity: to practice ungodliness, to utter error against the Lord, to keep the hungry unsatisfied, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.<sup>7</sup> Also the schemes of the schemer are evil; he devises wicked plans to destroy the poor with lying words...

**2 Peter 3:19** The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

**John 16:33** “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”



**Proverbs 1:7** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**Proverbs 10:21** The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of wisdom.

**Psalm 14:1a** The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."

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OUR GOD IS A POSSUM GOD



**Proverbs 1:5** A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,<sup>6</sup> to understand a proverb and an enigma, the words of the wise and their riddles.<sup>7</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**Proverbs 1:22** Fools, how long will you love being ignorant? How long will you make fun of wisdom? How long will you hate knowledge?

**Proverbs 18:2** A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart.

*God gives us standards, and for the most part we don't like to be held to a standard of conduct.*

**Isaiah 32:6** For fools speak folly, their hearts are bent on evil: They practice ungodliness and spread error concerning the Lord; the hungry they leave empty and from the thirsty they withhold water.

**Matthew 13:10** And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?”<sup>11</sup> He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.”



**Matthew 13:13** Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.<sup>14</sup> And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive;<sup>15</sup> for the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.'"

**Acts 17:17** Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there.<sup>18</sup> Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.

**1 Corinthians 2:1** And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God.<sup>2</sup>For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.<sup>3</sup>I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.<sup>4</sup>And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,<sup>5</sup>that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.<sup>6</sup>However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.<sup>7</sup>But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,<sup>8</sup>which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

**2 Corinthians 12:9b** Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.  
<sup>10</sup>Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**Acts 5:41** They departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

**Acts 16:22** Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods.<sup>23</sup> And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely.<sup>24</sup> Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.<sup>25</sup> But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

**1 Peter 4:1** Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,<sup>2</sup> that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.<sup>3</sup> For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles...

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