

Proverbs 26:1-12 Fool Chiasm

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A: Fools should not be honored	1 As snow in summer and rain in harvest, So honor is not fitting for a fool.	
B: Speaking ability of fools (negatively)	2 Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, So a curse without cause shall not alight.	
C: Physical punishment is for fools	3 A whip for the horse, A bridle for the donkey, And a rod for the fool's back.	
X: Answering Fools	4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly, Lest you also be like him.	X: Characteristic of Folly: contagious
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C': Physical consequences of foolishness	6 He who sends a message by the hand of a fool Cuts off his own feet and drinks violence	C: Don't hire a fool; you get hurt
B': Speaking ability of fools (positively)	7 Like the legs of the lame that hang limp Is a proverb in the mouth of fools.	B: Fools can't handle truth
A': Fools should not be honored	8 Like one who binds a stone in a sling Is he who gives honor to a fool	
	9 Like a thorn that goes into the hand of a drunkard Is a proverb in the mouth of fools	B': Fools can't handle truth
	10 Like an archer who wounds indiscriminately so is he who hires a fool or drunkard passing by	C': Don't hire a fool; you hurt others
	11 As a dog returns to his own vomit, So a fool repeats his folly.	X': Characteristic of Folly: addictive
	12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him	X': Wise in his own eyes