The Simple, Scorners, and Fools in the Book of Proverbs 12 13 31 Ch. chapter-by-chapter percentage of verses in which the simple, scorners, or fools are mentioned 45% Fools are mentioned more frequently in "How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? 26:1-12 than in any other passage. Leaders and the scorners delight in their scorning, should not honor or hire fools 40% 40% and fools hate knowledge?" Prov. 1:22 26:12 the simple 14:33 35% 26:11 one lacking understanding 14:29 scorners, mockers 17:28 26:10 14:24 fool (common terms) fool (Nabal, 1 Sam. 25:25) 14:18 17:25 26:9 25% brutish (like an animal) 14:17 17:24 26.8 14:16 (multiple terms in same verse) 10:21 20% 20% 15:21 14:9 10:21 10:18 12:23 15:20 15% 15% 10:14 18:13 26:6 13:20 15:14 29-20 Average: 12% Average: 12% 12:16 26:5 14:7 10% 10% 17:12 18:7 27:22 29:11 9:6 12:15 26:4 15:7 17:10 18:6 26:3 27:12 28:26 29:9 5% 2:35 11:29 14:3 19:3 24:9 15:5 21:20 5:23 8:5 14:1 15:2 16:22 18:2 19:1 22:3 23:9 24:7 26:1 27:3 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 3 6 8 9 Ch. 22 7 2 7☆ 11 16 10 6 26 35 22 29 5 3 3 20 10 12 9 22 7 6 8 3 9☆ 3 22☆ 10 15 19 6 7 12 7 10 15 30 4 22 11 8 20 12 16 13 13 13 16 5 20 12 14 8 14 18 **2**5 6 13 21 18 9☆ 20 28 15 21 21 24 16 25 9 17 28 10 verses in which foolisness is mentioned 18 11 24 12 (color differences added to distinguish between terms) 29 33 4/33 0/22 2/35 0/27 1/23 1/35 2/27 1/36 7/18 8/32 2/31 5/28 4/25 13/35 7/33 1/33 9/28 4/24 7/29 2/30 3/31 3/29 1/35 3/34 0/28 11/28 3/27 2/28 4/27 2/33 0/31 21% **32%** 17% 24% 10% 10% 3% **39%** | 11% | 7% | 15% |