

April 1st ...April Fool's Day...

A day set aside to be foolish.



Wouldn't it be nice if we were fools only one day out of every year? I don't know about you, but I can play the fool any day of the year. Though I am not as limber as I once was, putting my foot in my mouth happens all of the time.

In doing some research on Bible verses containing the word "fool", I popped a bible CD into my computer. I have a King James Bible Program that will search for any word. I typed in "fool" and clicked "search". To my surprise, there were 46 "hits" on the word. As I read down through the scripture, I noticed that the word

"fool" appeared a lot in Proverbs. So, I went back and counted (a foolish thing to do I suppose). The Book of Proverbs contains the word "fool" 32 times. (That is if I counted correctly.) Out of all of the scripture, I found this to be the most intriguing and found the NKJV to read even better:

A fool vents all his feelings, but a wise man holds them back. Proverbs 29:11 (NKJV)

Pretty good advice don't you think? How about the part that says "a wise man holds them back"? Oh, is that some hard advice to follow or what?

There is also a saying that goes something like...we have two ears and one mouth so we hear twice and speak once. Which is a variation on James 1:19 - *Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak...* (KJV)

It seems that there is so much going on in the world today, that no matter what you say, you may wind up with "Foot-in-Mouth" disease. But rest assured that if what you say is said in love, it will be much better received.

"Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering;"

Colossians 3:12 (ASV)

Isn't it amazing that so many times our mouth is in motion before the brain is in gear? Or that our thoughts are from some place other than the heart? What fools we truly are.

We are all human; therefore we will always say and do foolish things. But, wouldn't it be nice to only be a fool once a year?

Blessing to you always,

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