Psalm 69:5, "O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee."

The Hebrew word for "my foolishness" is *'ivveleth* meaning foolishness, folly. It gives the thought of a fountain of foolish actions. It occurs 25 times in 24 verses.

Psalm 38:5, "My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness."

Psalm 69:5, "O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee."

Proverbs 5:23, "He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray."

Proverbs 12:23, "A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness."

Proverbs 13:16, "Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly."

Proverbs 14:1, "Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands."

Proverbs 14:8, "The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit."

Proverbs 14:17, "He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated."

Proverbs 14:18, "The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge."

Proverbs 14:24, "The crown of the wise is their riches: but the foolishness of fools is folly."

Proverbs 14:29, "He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly."

Proverbs 15:2, "The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness."

Proverbs 15:14, "The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness."

Proverbs 15:21, "Folly is joy to him that is destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly."

Proverbs 16:22, "Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly."

Proverbs 17:12, "Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly."

Proverbs 18:13, "He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him."

Proverbs 19:3, "The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD."

Proverbs 22:15, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him."

Proverbs 24:9, "The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men."

Proverbs 26:4, "Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him."

Proverbs 26:5, "Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit."

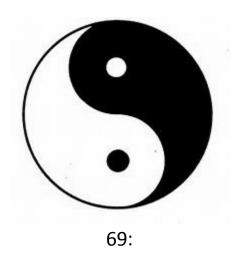
Proverbs 26:11, "As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly."

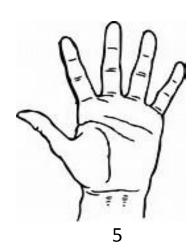
Proverbs 27:22, "Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his <u>foolishness</u> depart from him."

'ivveleth is the feminine noun from the root word 'eviyl which defines foolish as listed below:

- 1) Of one who despises wisdom
- 2) Of one who mocks when guilty
- 3) Of one who is quarrelsome
- 4) Of one who is *licentious* (definition below)

- a. Using license; indulging freedom to excess; unrestrained by law or morality; loose; dissolute; as a licentious man.
- b. Exceeding the limits of law or propriety; wanton; unrestrained; as licentious desires. Licentious thoughts precede licentious conduct.





To remember the chapter reference, think about the Ying Yang symbol; which looks similar to a 6 closely beside a 9. This worldly symbol is used with the concept of achieving a perfect balance in life. But without Christ, perfect peace can never be attained; it is a foolish doctrine. This verse appropriately talks about such foolishness.

To remember the verse reference, think about how you have five fingers. Anything I try to do without Christ is foolishness. All my efforts are in vain and are sin.