

People in our day do so in their hearts and in their actions.

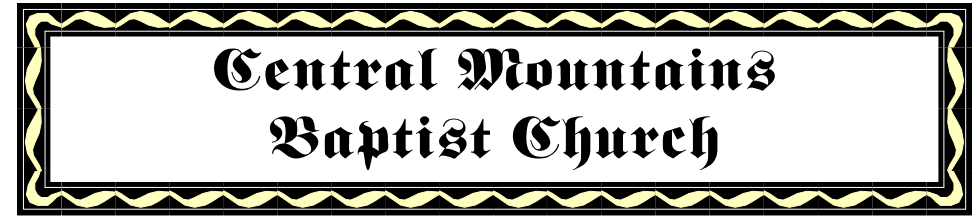
It is obvious that rebellion pays bad dividends. It inevitably results in a sense of emptiness that often leads to alcoholism, drug addiction, bizarre religious practices, flagrant immorality, broken homes, incurable diseases, and despair. Sadly, many experience the high cost of putting what they call "my way" above "God's way."

The psalmist portrayed God as seeing the defiance of the wicked, observing their antagonism toward His people, and striking them with bewildered panic (Psalm 53:5). One way or another, people who "despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7) always pay a high price.

To live as if there is no God is foolish, for it leads to pain, despair, and eternal death. But to live in the "fear of God" is wise, for it leads to satisfaction, rejoicing, and everlasting life. You must decide, so choose wisely! —HVL

*The fool denies that God exists,  
Eternal truth defies;  
But when the foolish one believes,  
God's teaching makes him wise. —Fitzhugh*

**He is truly wise who submits to God's wisdom.**



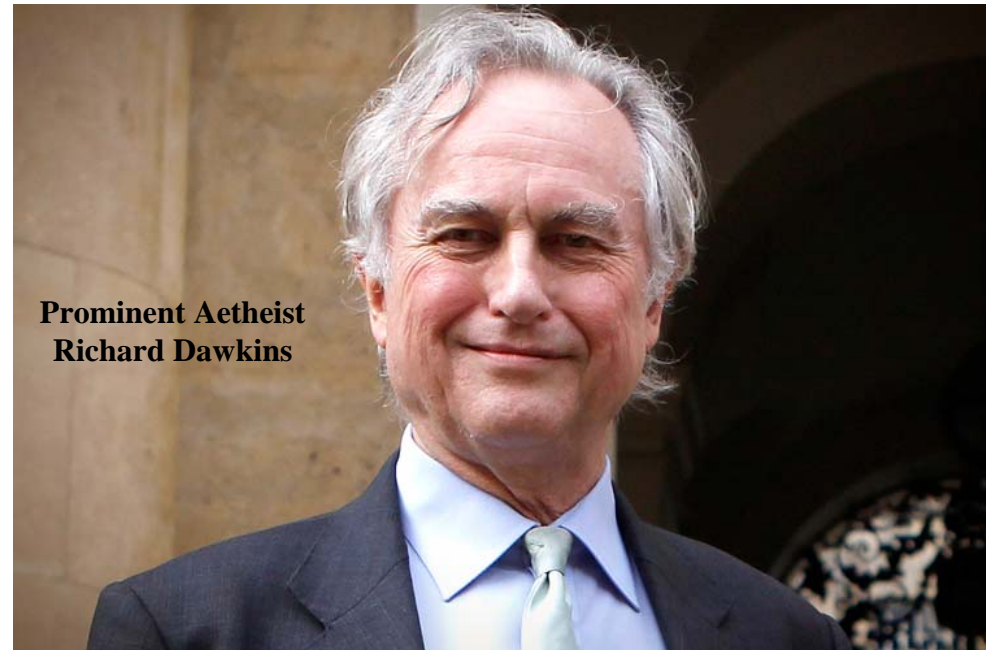
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## **The Cost Of Rebellion**

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The 1960s are known for the rebellion of thousands of young people. But ever since the fall of Adam in the Garden of Eden, people of all ages everywhere have rebelled against authority—parental, governmental, and divine.

The fool, who is referred to in Psalm 53:1, denied God's rule over his life.



## Playing the Fool Proverbs 1.20-33

Scripture reading: Luke 12.13-21



Sermon in a Sentence: **When you stop learning, you stop living.**

1. **Simple:** this is the naive person who is not yet mature in the faith or well-grounded in the Word. They are not disciplined, and so they are susceptible to being led astray.
  - A. A description
  - B. A danger
  - C. A deliverance

2. **Scoffer:** this is the person who is rebellious – against anything that God is for.
  - A. A description
  - B. A danger



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3. **Fool:** the Hebrew word means both ‘confidence’ and ‘stupidity’. This is the person who thinks he has it all figured out. He is so confident that he has nothing to learn, and everything to teach. But, sadly, he is blind to how stupid he actually is.