

“Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions.” Proverbs 18:2 NLT

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I really don't like some of these Proverbs. Especially the ones that grind in the mind to reveal a truth I don't like looking at! Thankfully, this word for “fool” is not as stingy as the really evil words for fool (<http://www.hopebroker.com/are-you-a-fool-biblically/>). This one is kesil: stupid fellow, dullard, fool. It's the most common in Proverbs. It occurs 49 times in Proverbs and it's basic meaning is fat and slow. Sorry anti body-shamers, it is what it is. I often feel like a dullard when I work so hard to fit into a “cool” crowd. And I do so by ramping up the wpm (words per minute) of random, disconnected stats or self-admired facts. I am constantly misinterpreting odd looks thrown my way as admiration. I have so many opinions about things I know nothing about! What a kesil I am! Sorry for the stark self-confession, I just had to let someone know. And, juxtapositionally, if I am really wanting to be a learner, I must shut up and listen to those who actually know what they are talking about. I don't want to be a fat fool, so I must keep my phopinions to myself - right.

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Dad,

What are you going to do with me? I'm kind of a mess just muddling through life. I don't think being childlike meant being a Kesil-fool. Help me. Please. That's my confession for today.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root