

foolish joy

**Sense
Non**

Sense

Definition of Joy

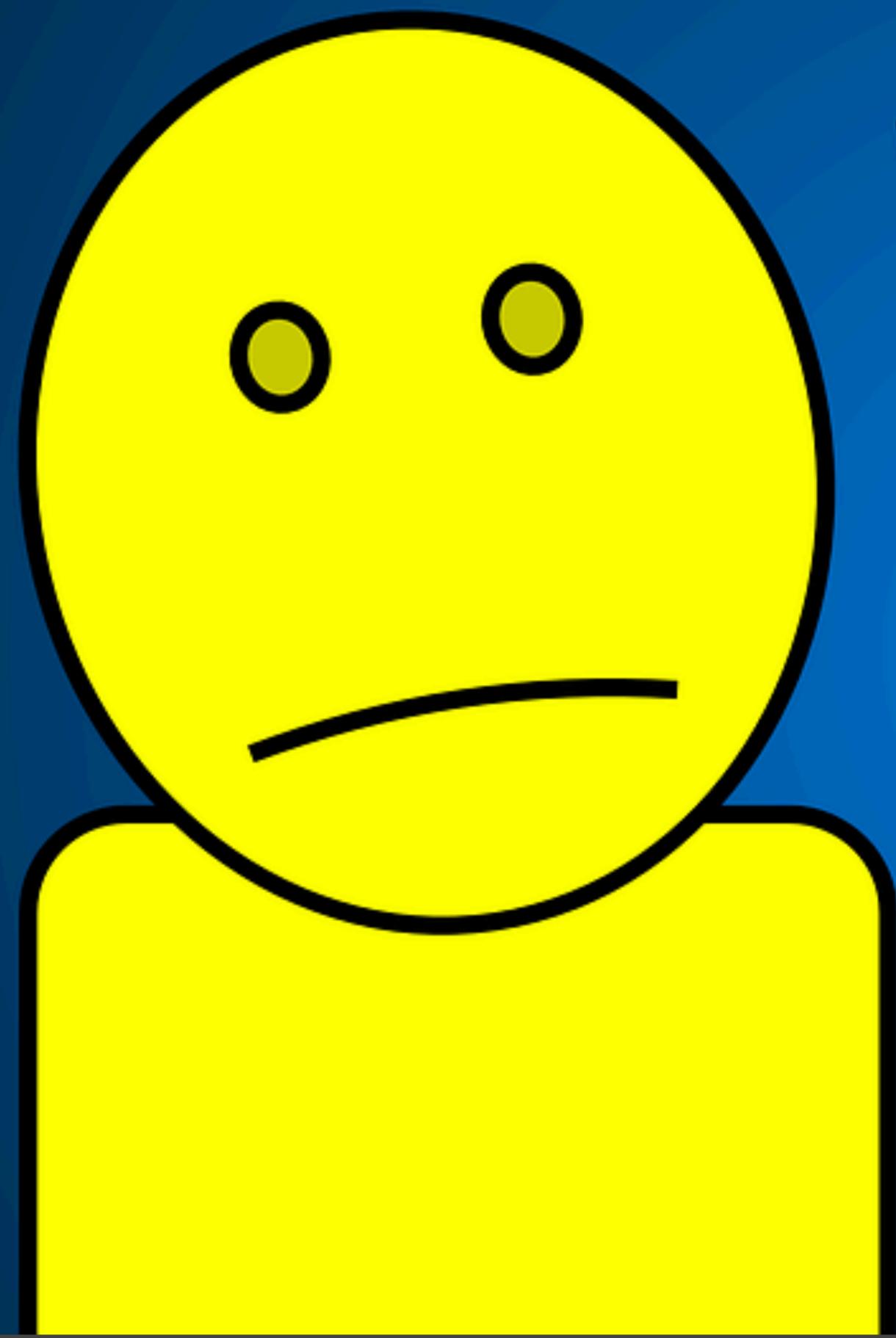
Joy is something grander than happiness. Joy is a fruit of the Spirit, and when we find joy it's infused with comfort and wrapped in peace. It's an attitude of the heart and spirit, **often synonymous with but not limited to following Christ Jesus and pursuing a Christian life.**

John 15:10–11

¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.



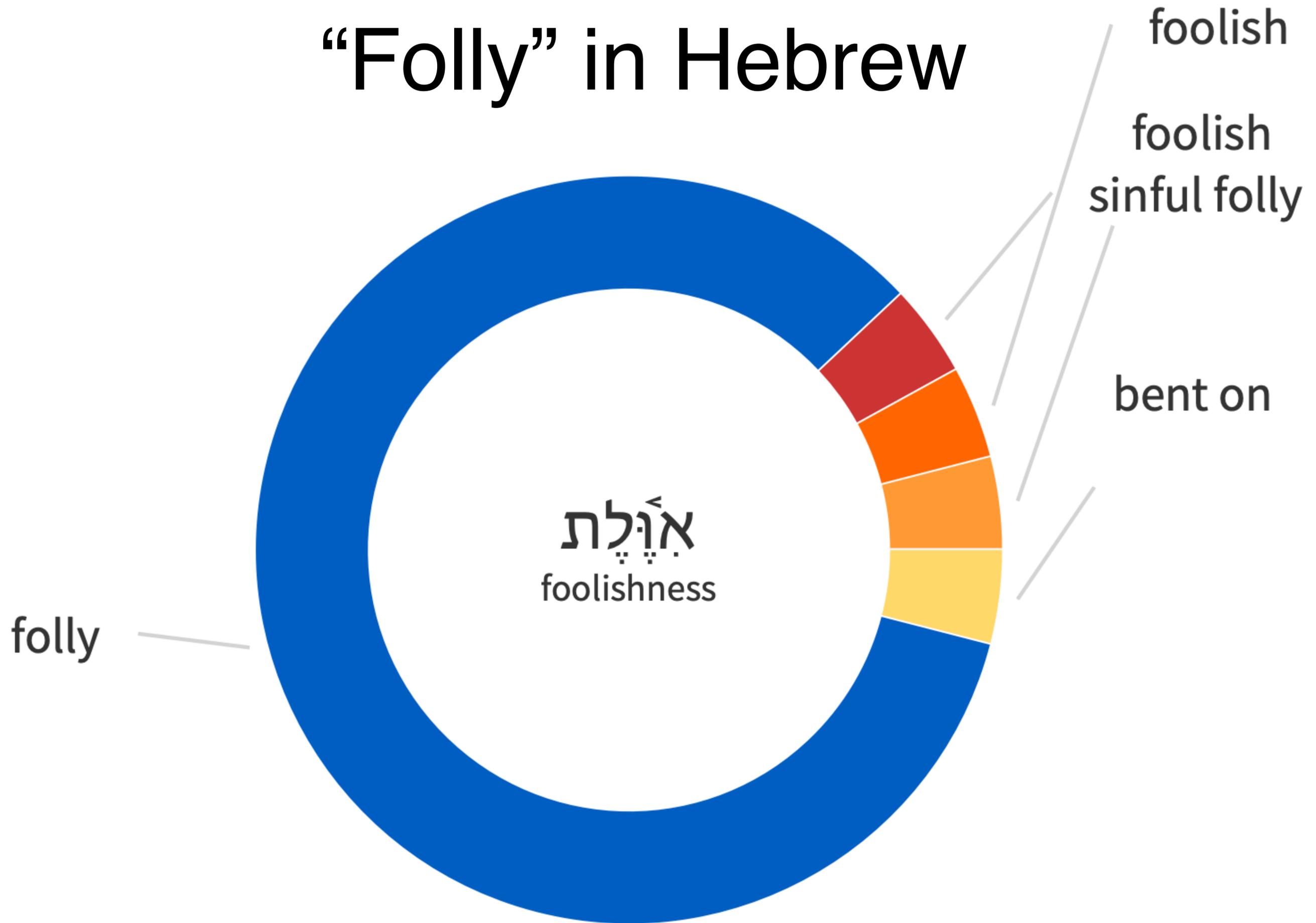


WHAT
WERE YOU
THINKING?

Proverbs 15:20-23

²⁰ A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish man despises his mother. ²¹ Folly brings joy to one who has no sense, but whoever has understanding keeps a straight course. ²² Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers, they succeed. ²³ A person finds joy in giving an apt reply— and how good is a timely word!

“Folly” in Hebrew





חָסֵר

(Hah-ser)

- Needy, lacking, in want of, deficit
- Translates as “no sense” in NIV & NRSV

One of the most foolish things
we do is to live as if we can have
complete Joy without God

Proverbs 15:21-23

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Proverbs 2:1-6

My child, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,² turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—³ indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,⁴ and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,

Proverbs 2:1-6

⁵ then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the Lord gives wisdom; **from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.**

Complete joy comes from **the**
mouth of the Lord

Communion Discussion

1. How have you pursued foolish joy over complete joy?
2. What do you think it will take for you to prioritize the pursuit of complete joy?

Foolish joy does not understand
Christian joy

1 Corinthians 1:18-31