**Word Study: EVIL, FOOLISHNESS**

**E'VIL**, *adjective* e'vl. [Heb. to be unjust or injurious, to defraud.]

**1.** Having bad qualities of a natural kind; mischievous; having qualities which tend to injury, or to produce mischief.

**2.** Having bad qualities of a moral kind; wicked; corrupt; perverse; wrong; as *evil* thoughts; *evil* deeds; *evil* speaking; an *evil* generation.

**3.** Unfortunate; unhappy; producing sorrow, distress, injury or calamity;

**E'VIL**, *noun*

any thing which produces pain, distress, loss or calamity, or which in any way disturbs the peace, impairs the happiness, or destroys the perfection of natural beings.

Moral *evil* is any deviation of a moral agent from the rules of conduct prescribed to him by God, or by legitimate human authority; or it is any violation of the plain principles of justice and rectitude.

There are also evils called civil, which affect injuriously the peace or prosperity of a city or state; and political evils, which injure a nation, in its public capacity.

All wickedness, all crimes, all violations of law and right are moral evils. Diseases are natural evils, but they often proceed from moral evils.

**3.** Depravity; corruption of heart, or disposition to commit wickedness; malignity.

**From the Lesson:**

Evil is contrary to good; is unreal; and is not a product of God

Evil is the awful deception and unreality of existence

Evil is not supreme

Evil is a negation; nothing; unreal

No power nor reality in evil

Evil is self-assertive: I am a real entity overmastering good

Only power of evil is to destroy itself

Overcome evil with good

FOOLISHNESS:

**1.** Void of understanding or sound judgment; weak in intellect; applied to general character.

**2.** Unwise; imprudent; acting without judgment or discretion in particular things.

**3.** Proceeding from folly, or marked with folly; silly; vain; trifling.

**4.** Ridiculous; despicable.

**5.** In scripture, wicked; sinful; acting without regard to the divine law and glory, or to one's own eternal happiness.

**6.** Proceeding from depravity; sinful; as *foolish* lusts. [**1 Timothy 6:9**](http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/foolish).