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*Proverbs 26:11 (NCV)*

**Don't expect a non-Christian  
to act like a Christian.**

*The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.*

*1 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV)*

*The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?*

*Jeremiah 17:9*

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*Proverbs 26:17 (NET)*

**“Dogs were not domestic pets in the ancient Near East; they were scavengers that ran in packs like jackals.”**

**NET Commentary**



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*Proverbs 26:17 (NET)*

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***Who's like a madman?***

**(vv. 18 - 19)**

*A person shouldn't trick his neighbor and then say, "I was just joking!" That is like a madman shooting deadly, burning arrows.*

*Proverbs 26:18-19 (ICB)*

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***Who's like a madman?***

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***Why avoid the contentious?***

**(v. 21)**

*Like charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire,  
so is a contentious person to kindle strife.*

*Proverbs 26:21*



*...self-controlled...not a bully...not contentious...*

*1 Timothy 2:2, 3*

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