

The Personalities of Proverbs

The Prudent

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- =One who gives attention to, considers, and ponders wisdom, knowledge, and understanding
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The Biblical Description of the Prudent

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2. Prudence seeks to possess knowledge and discreet counsel ('witty inventions') (8:12)
3. A Prudent person will choose to ignore an insult (12:16)
4. A Prudent person is cautious and discreet with shared information (12:23)
5. A Prudent person acts according to knowledge. (13:16)
6. A Prudent person carefully considers his/her conduct and lifestyle to perform it honestly (14:8)
7. A Prudent person thinks before he/she acts (14:15)
8. A Prudent person will be blessed with more knowledge (14:18)
9. A Prudent person will honestly and carefully regard reproof (15:5)
10. A Prudent person has an inward depth of wisdom (16:21)
11. A Prudent person will genuinely seek knowledge (18:15)
12. A Prudent wife is a blessing from God (19:14)
13. A Prudent person perceives evil and avoids it (22:3; 27:12)

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