

thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

3. Prudence and _____.

Genesis 34:1-5 And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her. And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel. And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife. And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come.

2. Prudence and our _____

Amos 5:13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.

Proverbs 12:23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

2. Prudence and _____

2 Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

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Ephesians 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Say the word prudence to the ancients, and you would have named a virtue.

Say it to the faculties of American colleges in the nineteenth century, and you would have described part of the philosophy curriculum. Say it today, and you've made a joke.

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Prudence for Successful Living

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Proverbs 14:15 The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going.

Proverbs 22:3 A prudent man foreseeeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

Proverbs 27:12 A prudent man foreseeeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.

Proverbs 14:18 The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

- **Definition:** Foresight. discretion; caution; circumspection; judgment.
- **Webster's 1828 Dictionary:** Prudence implies caution in deliberating and consulting on the most suitable means to accomplish valuable purposes, and the exercise of sagacity in discerning and selecting them. Prudence... implies more caution and reserve than wisdom.
- **Someone said,** Prudence helps us to see what aids the vision and what hinders our progress towards it.

Why Prudence?

1. There are _____ of having and practicing prudence.

- Prudent people are _____.

1 Samuel 16:18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him.

- Prudent people are _____.

2 Chronicles 2:12 Hiram said moreover, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build an house for the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.

- ◆ They learn, they ask questions, they have the ability to see the end of a work, and the probability of its success.
- Prudent people know God's _____ in matters.

Hosea 14:9 Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.

- Prudent people deal with _____.

Proverbs 13:16 Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly.

Proverbs 18:15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

- Prudent people are _____ from the Lord

Proverbs 19:14 House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.

- Prudent people are _____.

Proverbs 8:12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

- Prudent people avoid _____ problems.

Proverbs 15:5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

- Prudent people have an understanding of the _____ they should walk .

Proverbs 14:8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit.

- Prudent people continually _____.

Proverbs 16:21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

2. There are _____ due to not having or practicing prudence.

- It's seen as a curse from the Lord

Isaiah 29:14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

- We become prudent in our own _____.

Isaiah 5:21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

- We repeat avoidable _____.

Proverbs 15:5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

- We get ourselves in trouble with our _____.

Proverbs 12:23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

- We have no _____

Proverbs 12:16 A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame.

Consider practically applied prudence.

1. Prudence regarding God's _____

Ruth 1:1-5 Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there. And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons. And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years. And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.

Ruth 1:13 And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters... nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD is gone out against me.

Ruth 1:19-21 ...And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, Is this Naomi? And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

2. Prudence and _____

Luke 12:15-21 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which