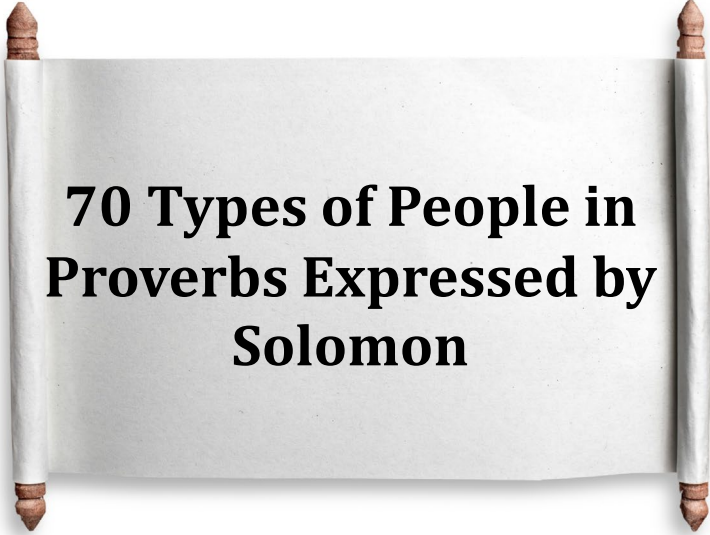


# ***Proverbs 3:5***

***Trust in the LORD with all  
your heart and lean not on  
your own understanding***



**70 Types of People in  
Proverbs Expressed by  
Solomon**

**This Outline Gives Insights about:  
A Prudent Person**

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# INSIGHTS FROM PROVERBS

## *A Prudent Person*

### 70 TYPES OF PEOPLE IN PROVERBS EXPRESSED BY SOLOMON

1. Simple Person
2. Wise Person
3. Man of Understanding
4. Fool
5. Innocent
6. Scornor
7. Evil Person
8. Froward Person
9. Wicked
10. Strange Woman
11. Upright
12. Transgressor
13. Cruel Person
14. Sluggard
15. Naughty Person
16. False Witness
17. Whorish woman
18. Adulteress
19. Thief
20. Harlot
21. Poor Person
22. Diligent Person
23. Rich Person
24. Unjust
25. Hypocrite
26. Talebearer
27. Faithful Person
28. Gracious Person
29. Brutish Person
30. Virtuous Person
31. Perverse Person
32. Vain Person
33. **PRUDENT PERSON**
34. Slothful Person
35. Backslider
36. Angry Person
37. Deceiver
38. Hasty of Spirit
39. Envious Person
40. Wrathful Person
41. Proud Person
42. Pure Person
43. Prideful Person
44. Haughty Person
45. Humble Person
46. Lowly Person
47. Whisperer
48. Violent Person
49. Liar
50. Waster
51. Brother
52. Ungodly
53. Mocker
54. Brawling Woman
55. Contentious Person
56. Furious Person
57. Riotous Eaters of Flesh
58. Drunkard
59. Glutton
60. Mischievous Person
61. Reprover
62. Unfaithful Person
63. Backbiter
64. Conceited Person
65. Flatterer
66. Destroyer
67. Bloodthirsty
68. Odious Woman
69. Greedy Person
70. Borrower, Buyer, Lender

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Each study for the 70 types of people presented in “Solomon” has a corresponding short verbal introduction page. Likewise a full **Hebrew** and **Greek** study will follow.

### **Proverbs 8:12**

I wisdom dwell **with *prudence***, and find out knowledge of **witty inventions**. (doing the right thing)

### **Proverbs 12:16**

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

### **Proverbs 12:23**

A ***prudent* man concealeth knowledge**: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

### **Proverbs 13:16**

Every ***prudent* man dealeth with knowledge**: but a fool layeth open his folly.

### **Proverbs 14:8**

The wisdom of ***the prudent*** is to “understand” his way: but the folly of fools is deceit.

### **Proverbs 14:15**

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

### **Proverbs 14:18**

The simple inherit folly: but **the *prudent* are crowned with knowledge**.

### **Proverbs 16:21**

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

### **Proverbs 18:15**

The heart of the ***prudent* getteth knowledge**; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

### **Proverbs 22:3**

A ***prudent* man foreseeth the evil**, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

### **Proverbs 27:12**

A ***prudent* man foreseeth the evil**, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.

### **Amos 5:13**

Therefore ***the prudent* shall keep silence** in that time; for it is an evil time.

### **Matthew 11:25**

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast **hid these things from the wise and *prudent***, and hast revealed them unto babes.

### **I Corinthians 1:19**

For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing **the understanding of the *prudent***.

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Visible Signs of a <i>Prudent</i> Person				
“Thoughts” that lead to actions of a <i>prudent</i> person	Hebrew Word	Insights into that word or tense of that word	Visible signs of a <i>prudent</i> person	Visible signs of a <i>non-prudent</i> person
1. A <i>prudent</i> person is sensitive to what the Lord is doing in his life.	<b>biyn</b> (bene)  <b>Kal and Hiphil (future).</b>	<b>The word is for wisely perceiving and marking the events of life to grasp what is happening to us that is bigger than us.</b>	He watches or considers the thoughts and events of life as a leading.  <b>I Samuel 3:8</b> And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli <i>perceived</i> that the LORD had called the child.	His idea’s rule. He may be religious but does not look for the obvious leading.
2. A <i>prudent</i> person puts a sense of direction as primary.	<b>biyn</b> (bene)  <b>Kal and Hiphil (future).</b>	<b>The word is for understanding or regarding the need to focus on a sense of direction.</b>	He sets his heart on accomplishing precise goals.  <b>Proverbs 28:5</b> Evil men <i>understand</i> not judgment: but they that seek the LORD <i>understand</i> all things.	His focus (if any) is mostly on personal goals.
3. A <i>prudent</i> person evaluates the details of what is before him.	<b>biyn</b> (bene)  <b>Kal and Hiphil (future).</b>	<b>This tense of the word is to consider diligently the details.</b>	He sets his thoughts on the details of an issue.  <b>Proverbs 23:1</b> When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider <i>diligently</i> what is before thee:	The details they pursue if any are on a questionable pathway.

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## *A Prudent Person*

### Insights

A **Prudent** person has visible signs as to how they think:

1

**A PRUDENT PERSON IS SENSITIVE TO WHAT THE LORD IS DOING IN THEIR LIFE.**

**I Samuel 3:8**

And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli **perceived** that the LORD had called the child.

2

**A PRUDENT PERSON PUTS A SENSE OF DIRECTION AS PRIMARY.**

**Proverbs 28:5**

Evil men **understand** not judgment: but they that seek the LORD **understand** all things.

**Isaiah 10:13**

For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am **prudent**: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man:

3

**EVALUATES THE DETAILS OF WHAT IS BEFORE HIM.**

**Proverbs 23:1**

When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider **diligently** what is before thee:

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4. A <i>prudent</i> person is careful to understand the issue.	<b>biyn</b> (bene) <b>Kal. - (Imperative).</b>	<b>A word that thinks about understanding.</b>	This person’s thought pattern is to consider the details to drive beyond knowledge into understanding.  <b>Daniel 9:23</b> At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: <i>therefore understand</i> the matter, and consider the vision.	The thoughts of a <i>non-prudent</i> person tends to be brutish (i.e.) digging their heels in on their way through life.
5. A <i>prudent</i> person investigates fully before moving ahead.	<b>biyn</b> (bene) <b>Kal and Hiphil (future).</b>	<b>A tense of the word to discern.</b>	The person’s thoughts move to discover or investigate details.  <b>Proverbs 14:15</b> The simple believeth every word: but the <i>prudent</i> man <i>looketh well</i> to his going.  <b>Proverbs 23:1</b> When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, <i>consider</i> diligently what is before thee:	The thoughts of a <i>non-prudent</i> person are to get limited details and supplement the rest with opinion.
6. A <i>prudent</i> person is able to grasp the real issues on a subject.	<b>biyn</b> (bene) <b>Niphal – Participle</b>	<b>A word for being discreet and to make wise choices.</b>	The person is now able to make wise choices.  <b>Proverbs 14:6</b> A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but knowledge is easy <i>unto him that understandeth.</i>	The thoughts of a <i>non-diligent</i> person is to choose at random and maybe get part right— huge risk.

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### Insights

A **Prudent** person has visible signs as to how they think:

4

**A PRUDENT PERSON IS CAREFUL TO UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE.**

**Daniel 9:23**

At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: **therefore understand** the matter, and consider the

5

**A PRUDENT PERSON INVESTIGATES FULLY BEFORE ACTING.**

**Proverbs 14:15**

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

**Proverbs 23:1**

When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, **consider** diligently what is before thee:

6

**A PRUDENT PERSON IS ABLE TO GRASP THE REAL ISSUES ON A SUBJECT.**

**Proverbs 14:6**

A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but knowledge is easy **unto him that understandeth.**

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7. A <i>prudent</i> person addresses an issue well informed.	Gāh-room'	<b>A word for being careful in thoughts or actions and to be subtle or crafty.</b>	This person thinks about how to carefully address the issue at hand to subtly and craftily be <i>prudent</i> .  <b>Proverbs 13:16</b> Every <i>prudent</i> man dealeth with knowledge; but a fool layeth open his folly.	The person who is generally <i>not prudent</i> just pushes ahead with their ideas (right or wrong).
8. A <i>prudent</i> person really likes to know the details.	biyn (bene) Niphal	<b>The tense is to focus on understanding details.</b>	The person not moved to only "know" details but likes to understand details.  <b>Proverbs 15:14</b> The heart <i>of him that hath understanding</i> seeketh knowledge; but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.	Happy with a partial degree of detail.
9. A <i>prudent</i> person is also wise in a subtle way.	`ormah	<b>A word for being subtle. A form of being crafty in finding a solution.</b>	The thoughts of the person move towards finding a creative solution to issues.  <b>Proverbs 8:12</b> I wisdom dwell with <i>prudence</i> , and find out knowledge of witty inventions.	This person can get frustrated and at times stubborn to get their way that may be marginally correct.



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## *A Prudent Person*

### Insights

A **Prudent** person has visible signs as to how they think:

7

**“EVERY” PRUDENT PERSON ADDRESSES AN ISSUE WELL INFORMED.**

**Proverbs 13:16**

Every **prudent** man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly.

8

**A PRUDENT PERSON REALLY LIKES TO KNOW THE DETAILS.**

**Proverbs 15:14**

The heart of **him that hath understanding** seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

9

**A PRUDENT PERSON IS WISE IN A SUBTLE WAY.**

**Proverbs 8:12**

I wisdom dwell with **prudence**, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

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Visible Signs of a <i>Prudent</i> Person				
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10. A <i>prudent</i> person is discreet (i.e.) makes careful choices.	<b>biyn</b> (bene)  <b>Niphal – Participle</b>	<b>A tense for the word to understand an issue to make a good choice.</b>	The cautions of this person move to discover details to understand to make wise choices.  <b>Genesis 41:33</b> Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man <i>discreet</i> and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.	A <i>non-prudent</i> person’s choices are at risk.
11. A <i>prudent</i> person looks carefully into the current reality of facts versus daily dreaming of unrealistic objectives.	<b>biyn</b> (bene)  <b>Niphal – Participle</b>	<b>A word to understand the reality of facts and details.</b>	The person works hard to understand the details of the project at hand.  <b>Proverbs 17:24</b> Wisdom is before <i>him that hath understanding</i> ; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.	A <i>non-diligent</i> person does not know all they should know to make wise decisions.
12. A <i>prudent</i> person plays by the rules and avoids friendships with those who do not, including those who go around authority to make money or get their way.	<b>biyn</b> (bene)  <b>Niphal – Participle</b>	<b>A tense of the word to understand the rules.</b>	The person works to understand the rules, process, and law.  <b>Proverbs 28:7</b> Whoso keepeth the law is a <i>wise</i> son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father.	The <i>non-prudent</i> person just presses ahead and hits bumps or can hit the wall and is at risk for loss.

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## *A Prudent Person*

### Insights

A **Prudent** person has visible signs as to how they think:

10

**A PRUDENT PERSON IS DISCREET (I.E.) MAKES CAREFUL CHOICES.**

**Genesis 41:33**

Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man **discreet** and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

**Genesis 41:39**

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so **discreet** and wise as thou art:

11

**A PRUDENT PERSON LOOKS CAREFULLY INTO THE CURRENT REALITY OF FACTS “VERSUS” DAY DREAMING OF UNREALISTIC OBJECTIVES. DEALS IN REALITY**

**Proverbs 17:24**

Wisdom is before **him that hath understanding**; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.

12

**A PRUDENT PERSON PLAYS BY THE RULES AND AVOIDS FRIENDSHIPS WITH THOSE WHO DO NOT.**

**Proverbs 28:7**

Whoso keepeth the law is a **wise** son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father.

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13. A <i>prudent</i> person will be careful to conceal knowledge in business and personal issues to avoid competition and /or conflict.	<b>`aruwm</b>	<b>A word to be quiet as to telling people who do not need to know of projects being worked on.</b>	The thoughts of the <i>prudent</i> person are concealed.  <b>Proverbs 12:23</b> A <i>prudent</i> man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.	A <i>non-prudent</i> person hardly keeps things concealed as they are pushing their program that is bumping along.
14. A <i>prudent</i> person handles business and personal matters with care.	<b>biyn</b> (bene)  <b>Niphal - Participle</b>	<b>A tense of the word to be careful.</b>	The person is careful with implementing details.  <b>I Samuel 16:18</b> Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, <i>and prudent</i> in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him.  <b>Proverbs 1:5</b> A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and <i>a man of understanding</i> shall attain unto wise counsels:	A <i>non-prudent</i> person does what they want. Many times using false concepts.

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### Insights

A **Prudent** person has visible signs as to how they think:

13

**A PRUDENT PERSON WILL BE CAREFUL TO CONCEAL KNOWLEDGE IN BUSINESS AND PERSONAL ISSUES TO AVOID COMPETITION AND/OR CONFLICT**

**Proverbs 12:23**

A **prudent** man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

14

**A PRUDENT PERSON HANDLES BUSINESS AND PERSONAL MATTERS WITH CARE**

**I Samuel 16:18**

Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, 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.

**Proverbs 1:5**

A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; **and a man of understanding** shall attain unto wise counsels:

**Proverbs 10:13**

In the lips of **him that hath understanding** wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.

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<p>15. A <i>Prudent</i> person first is wise in heart. (Two types of wisdom).</p> <p><b>James 3:14-17</b> But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. <b>15</b> This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. <b>16</b> For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. <b>17</b> But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.</p>	<p><b>biyn</b> (bene)</p> <p><b>Hiphal - Participle</b></p>	<p><b>The tense of the word reflects how people perceive this person. One of being wise in choices and actions.</b></p>	<p>They are cautiously deliberate in details, decisions and directions.</p> <p><b>Proverbs 16:21</b> The wise in heart shall be called <i>prudent</i>; and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.</p>	<p>People may like this person but after they are known people do not call them <i>prudent</i>.</p>
<p>16. A true <i>prudent</i> person is not trying to prove he is <i>prudent</i>.</p>	<p><b>biyn</b> (bene)</p> <p><b>Niphal - Participle</b></p>	<p><b>A word tense to show a <i>prudent</i> person is not focused on showing they are <i>prudent</i>.</b></p>	<p>Their focus is on the issue or project or decisions at hand, not themselves.</p> <p><b>Isaiah 5:21</b> Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, <i>and prudent</i> in their own sight!</p>	<p>To much hassle to dig that deep in details or various perspectives presented by others.</p>

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## *A Prudent Person*

### Insights

A *Prudent* person has visible signs as to how they think:

15

**A PRUDENT PERSON FIRST IS WISE IN HEART. THE CORRECT WISDOM IS GOD ORIENTED – NOT RELIGIOUS ORIENTED.**

**Proverbs 16:21**

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

16

**A TRUE PRUDENT PERSON DOES NOT TRY TO PROVE HE IS PRUDENT**

**Isaiah 5:21**

Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and *prudent* in their own sight!

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17. A <i>prudent</i> person is careful to deal wisely with people.	<b>biyn</b> (bene)  <b>Kal and Hiphil (future).</b>	<b>The tense of the word is to consider an issue, idea or item with a focus to perceive the underlying truth.</b>	The focus is to consider wisely how to perceive the best way to deal with a person.  <b>II Chronicles 11:23</b> <i>And he dealt wisely,</i> and dispersed of all his children throughout all the countries of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city: and he gave them victual in abundance. And he desired many wives.	The <i>non-prudent</i> person tends to not take the time first to perceive the right way to deal with others but just acts many times out of reaction.
18. A <i>prudent</i> person will stabilize a business over the long term.	<b>biyn</b> (bene)  <b>Hiphal – Participle</b>	<b>It is to not only know an issue but to understand it. Example: I know the sun is in the sky but I do not understand how it is there.</b>	A <i>prudent</i> person’s focus of thinking is to go through knowledge into understanding the detail.  <b>Proverbs 28:2</b> For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: but by a man <i>of understanding</i> and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged.	This person generally is happy with knowledge and not to pay the price to understand. To be OK to settle with knowledge will lead to pride. “Knowledge puffs up.”



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A **Prudent** person has visible signs as to how they think:

17

**A PRUDENT PERSON IS CAREFUL TO DEAL WISELY WITH PEOPLE.**

**II Chronicles 11:23**

**And he dealt wisely**, and dispersed of all his children throughout all the countries of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city: and he gave them victual in abundance. And he desired many wives.

18

**A PRUDENT PERSON WILL STABILIZE A BUSINESS OVER THE LONG TERM.**

**Proverbs 28:2**

For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: but by a man of **understanding** and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged.

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19. A <i>prudent</i> person charts their steps of action before acting.	<b>biyn</b> (bene)  <b>Kal and Hiphil (future).</b>	<b>The Hebrew word here is rendered “looketh well.” A tense for not only considering the implication today but later.</b>	The focus is not only to think on today’s implications but to see the decision or choices made as to how they play out over time.  <b>Proverbs 14:8</b> The wisdom of <i>the prudent</i> is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit.  <b>Proverbs 14:15</b> The simple believeth every word: <i>but the prudent</i> man looketh well to his going.	A <i>non-prudent</i> person’s focus is generally on today and takes little time to understand an issue for the future.
20. A <i>prudent</i> person hears when someone shows them they are wrong and deeply thinks on it.	<b>biyn</b> (bene)  <b>Hiphal - Participle</b>	<b>The Hebrew word here is rendered “into a wise man:” The tense is that a reproof (not rebuke) will trouble the person deeply and they will respond.</b>	When reproofed for an issue a <i>prudent</i> person hears, considers and responds.  <b>Proverbs 17:10</b> A reproof entereth more into a <i>wise man</i> than an hundred stripes into a fool.	A <i>non-prudent</i> person may hear and consider but may change just to gain favor or get out of trouble or to get their way.

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### Insights

A **Prudent** person has visible signs as to how they think:

19

**A PRUDENT PERSON CHARTS THEIR STEPS OF ACTION BEFORE ACTING. LOOKS AHEAD.**

**Proverbs 14:8**

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

**Proverbs 14:15**

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

20

**A PRUDENT PERSON HEARS WHEN SOMEONE SHOWS THEM THEY ARE WRONG  
AND DEEPLY THINKS ON IT. HEARS REPROOF.**

**Proverbs 17:10**

A reproof entereth more into a **wise man** than an hundred stripes into a fool.

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“Thoughts” that lead to actions of a <i>prudent</i> person	Hebrew Word	Insights into that word or tense of that word	Visible signs of a <i>prudent</i> person	Visible signs of a <i>non-prudent</i> person
21. A <i>prudent</i> person will be careful to conceal knowledge in business and personal issues to avoid competition and /or conflict.	Arum	<b>A tense of the word: to not reveal to others who do not need to know the details of a current issue.</b>	The <i>Prudent</i> person’s focus is on doing the right thing not primarily to impress people. For this reason they are careful who knows details.  <b>Proverbs 12:23</b> A <i>prudent</i> man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.	A <i>non-prudent</i> person dealing with knowledge sees power in knowledge. They share details out of pride. Knowledge apart from understanding always creates <i>pride</i> .
22. A <i>prudent</i> person defers his anger to get results.	Sekel	<b>A Hebrew word expressing a choice or discretion or decision to defer being uptight.</b>	A <i>prudent</i> person tends to be greatly misunderstood by <i>non-prudent</i> people. They can be accused of getting into excess detail, not acting quickly and too secretive. To be falsely accused if committed. To get angry would seem reasonable. Generally they defer anger however to get the job done.  <b>Proverbs 19:11</b> <i>The discretion (prudence)</i> of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.	A <i>non-prudent</i> person tends to grow in reaction to a <i>prudent</i> person. They can create “real” issues their pride demands. Time creates a larger and larger gulf with others. The good news is a <i>prudent</i> person defers anger.

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## *A Prudent Person*

### Insights

A **Prudent** person has visible signs as to how they think:

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**A PRUDENT PERSON CAN SEE A PROBLEM IN ADVANCE AND DOES ALL THEY CAN TO AVOID TROUBLE**

**Proverbs 22:3**

A **prudent** man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

**Proverbs 27:12**

A **prudent** man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.

22

**A PRUDENT PERSON WILL AT TIMES, WHEN SOMEONE MAKES A MISTAKE, COVER THE PERSON'S SHAME BY STEPPING IN TO HELP THEM. HELPS SOMEONE IN TROUBLE.**

**Proverbs 12:16**

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

**Proverbs 15:5**

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

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Visible Signs of a <i>Prudent</i> Person				
“Thoughts” that lead to actions of a <i>prudent</i> person	Hebrew Word	Insights into that word or tense of that word	Visible signs of a <i>prudent</i> person	Visible signs of a <i>non-prudent</i> person
23. The end of a <i>prudent</i> person is to prosper and gravitate to a position of leading others.	Sekel	<b>A word that expresses what will happen to a <i>prudent</i> person later.</b>	If a person who is <i>prudent</i> does not give in to anger but is persistent in being <i>prudent</i> the end will see solid results and a prosperous end.  <b>Proverbs 19:11</b> <i>The discretion</i> of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.	A <i>non-prudent</i> person is at risk of failing. A greater chance to fail than to succeed.
24. A <i>prudent</i> person knows that God decides when to reveal things. He decides the timing.	Sakal	<b>A tense of the word that shows God holds the final say over wisdom and <i>prudence</i>.</b>	A <i>prudent</i> person is always vigilant to realize that no matter the money or power God is bigger.  <b>Isaiah 52:13</b> Behold, my servant shall deal <i>prudently</i> , he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.	A <i>non-prudent</i> person tends to forget who is really in charge.
25. A <i>prudent</i> person can be open to new ideas but can gather wrong friends or associates.	Arum	<b><i>Prudence</i> always keeps looking for truth.</b>	Even when a <i>prudent</i> person is in the midst of wrong friends or associates who would lead them astray they still seek the truth.  <b>Proverbs 14:18</b> The simple inherit folly: but the <i>prudent</i> are crowned with knowledge.	A <i>non-prudent</i> person if surrounded with wrong friends or associates or employees will struggle with being deceived (Truth is not always the issue).

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## *A Prudent Person*

### Insights

A **Prudent** person has visible signs as to how they think:

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**A PRUDENT PERSON DEFERS HIS ANGER TO GET RESULTS**

**Proverbs 19:11**

**The discretion** of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

24

**THE END OF A PRUDENT PERSON IS TO PROSPER AND GRAVITATE  
TO A POSITION OF LEADING OTHERS.**

**Isaiah 52:13**

Behold, my servant shall deal **prudently**, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

25

**THE PRUDENT ARE LOOKED AT IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEIR KNOWLEDGE CREATES WHAT  
AMOUNTS TO A CROWN.**

**Proverbs 14:18**

The simple inherit folly: but the **prudent** are crowned with knowledge.

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## *A Prudent Person*

### Hebrew Word Study

biyn (bene); to separate mentally (or distinguish), i.e.(generally) understand:

**KJV** - attend, consider, be cunning, diligently, direct, discern, eloquent, feel, inform, instruct, have intelligence, know, look well to, mark, perceive, be prudent, regard, (can) skill (-full), teach, think, (cause, make to, get, give, have) understand (-ing), view, (deal) wise (-ly, man).

The word was translated 171 times. Eight of the 171 times it was rendered *prudent*. Ninety-four times it was rendered *understanding*. Other words that the Hebrews word been were rendered are: diligently; consider; perceived; dealt wisely; viewed; caused to understand; discern; mark; should now; they regard; can feel; he directed; regarded; and have intelligence; shall instruct; discreet; that were envying; the teacher; that taught; should I think; attended.

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ʿormah (or-maw'); trickery; or (in a good sense) discretion:

**KJV** - guile, prudence, subtilty, wily, wisdom.

#### **I Samuel 23:22**

Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his haunt is, and who hath seen him there: for it is told me that he dealeth **very** subtilly. (Literally: dealing subtilly).

#### **I Samuel 23:22**

Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his haunt is, and who hath seen him there: for it is told me that **he dealeth** very **subtilly**. (\*hiphīl –future tense.\*).

#### **Psalms 83:3**

**They have taken crafty** counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

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#### **Proverbs 19:25**

Smite a scorner, and the simple **will beware**: and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge.



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ˈaruwɪm (aw-room');cunning (usually in a bad sense):

*KJV* - crafty, prudent, subtil.

### **Genesis 3:1**

Now the serpent was more *subtil* than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

### **Job 5:12**

He disappointeth the devices of *the crafty*, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise.

### **Job 15:5**

For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou chooseth the tongue of *the crafty*.

### **Proverbs 12:16**

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

### **Proverbs 12:23**

A *prudent* man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

### **Proverbs 13:16**

Every *prudent* man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly.

### **Proverbs 14:8**

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

### **Proverbs 14:15**

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

### **Proverbs 14:18**

The simple inherit folly: *but the prudent* are crowned with knowledge.

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**sekel (seh'-kel); or sekel (say'-kel); intelligence; by implication, success:**

**KJV - discretion, knowledge, policy, prudence, sense, understanding, wisdom, wise.**

(rendered 16 times) Once it is rendered **prudence**. The balance of the 15 verses it is rendered understanding; wisdom; wise; the sense; from understanding; his policy

### **Exodus 21:14**

But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him **with guile**; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.

### **Joshua 9:4**

They did work **wily**, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;

### **Proverbs 1:4**

To give **subtilty** to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

### **Proverbs 8:5**

O ye simple, understand **wisdom**: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.

### **Proverbs 8:12**

I wisdom dwell with **prudence**, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.  
(Marginal/subtlety).

### **II Chronicles 2:12**

Huram 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.

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**Qacam (kaw-sam'); properly, to distribute, i.e. determine by lot or magical scroll; by implication, to divine:**

**KJV - divine (-r, -ation), prudent, soothsayer, use [divination].**

20 times the Hebrew word is rendered: to use; divination; that shall not devine; the soothsayer; For the context of this study on prudence this Hebrew word is not in the context we can use. I insert it here however to not exclude any Hebrew word rendered.

### **Isaiah 3:2**

The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, **and the prudent**, and the ancient,

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sakal (saw-kal'); to be (causatively, make or act) circumspect and hence, intelligent:

**KJV - consider, expert, instruct, prosper, (deal) prudent (-ly), (give) skill (-ful), have good success, teach, (have, make to) understand (-ing), wisdom, (be, behaveself, consider, make) wise (-ly), guide wittingly.**

(rendered 75 times) only used as **prudent** 3 times. Also rendered: behaved himself wisely; guiding wittingly; made understand; would consider; wisely consider; understood; they shall prosper; to make wise; even to understand; to instruct them; wisdom to be wise; understanding; and skill; thou mayest prosper; thou shalt have good success; it prospereth maschil (or giving instruction);

### **Isaiah 52:13**

Behold, my servant **shall deal prudently**, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.  
(Marginal: prosper)

### **Proverbs 19:14**

House and riches are the inheritance of fathers and a **prudent** wife is from the LORD.

### **Amos 5:13**

Therefore **the prudent** shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.

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### Visible Signs of a *Prudent* Person

"Thoughts" that lead to actions of a <i>prudent</i> person	Greek Word	Insights into that word or tense of that word	Visible signs of a <i>prudent</i> person	Visible signs of a <i>non-prudent</i> person
26. A <i>prudent</i> person must realize that in the end it is God and not their <i>prudence</i> .	<b>Sunetos</b>	<p><i>Prudence to be successful must see that all true wisdom starts with God.</i></p> <p><b>James 1:5</b> If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.</p>	<p>A <i>prudent</i> person must see that true wisdom in business, family and other personal issues starts and finishes with God.</p> <p><b>I Corinthians 1:19</b> For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the <i>prudent</i>.</p>	Decisions begin and end with them.
27. The end of all is that God is wanting and will abound to the redeemed with wisdom and <i>prudence</i> .	<b>Phroneesis</b>	<p><i>A tense of the Greek word that shows that God will find a way to help with wisdom and prudence.</i></p>	<p>A <i>prudent</i> person who is saved will realize it is God who abounds to us in wisdom and <i>prudence</i>.</p> <p><b>Ephesians 1:8</b> Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and <i>prudence</i>;</p>	A <i>non-prudent</i> non-Christian needs help.

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### Insights

A *Prudent* person has visible signs as to how they think:

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**GOD'S WAYS ARE SUPERIOR TO A PRUDENT PERSON AND THEY RECOGNIZE THIS.**

**Matthew 11:25**

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and *prudent*, and hast revealed them unto babes.

**Luke 10:21**

In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and *prudent*, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

**Acts 13:7**

Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a *prudent* man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

**I Corinthians 1:19**

For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the *prudent*.

27

**BUT TRUE WISDOM AND PRUDENCE SHOULD ORIGINATE FROM GOD.**

**Ephesians 1:8-14**

Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and *prudence*; 9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

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### Greek Word Study

**sunetos (soon-et'-os); mentally put (or putting) together, i.e. sagacious:**

**KJV - prudent.**

(a) **Sunesis** is a Greek word for understanding and knowledge (rendered 7 times).

(b) In 1 Corinthians 1:19 the Greek word **sunesis** is **understanding**. In the same verse the Greek word **sunetos** is **prudent**.

#### **Matthew 11:25**

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#### **I Corinthians 1:19**

For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the **understanding** of the **prudent**.

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**phronesis (fron'-ay-sis); mental action or activity, i.e. intellectual or moral insight:**

**KJV - prudence, wisdom.**

#### **Ephesians 1:8-14**

Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and **prudence**; **9** Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: **10** That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: **11** In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: **12** That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. **13** In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, **14** Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

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### Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words

#### A Prudent Person – Hebrew

##### TO UNDERSTAND

###### A. Verbs.

**sakal** "to be prudent, act wisely, give attention to, ponder, prosper." This word, which is common to both ancient and modern Hebrew, is found approximately 75 times in the text of the Hebrew Bible. Its first use in the text, in Gen 3:6, contributes to an interesting paradox, for while the forbidden fruit was "to be desired to make one wise," it was a very unwise thing to take it!

The basic meaning of **sakal** seems to be "to look at, to give attention to," as illustrated in this parallelism: "That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand..." Isa 41:20. From this develops the connotation of insight, intellectual comprehension: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom... But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me..." Jer 9:23-24. As here, it is frequently used along with and in parallelism to the Hebrew **yadaʿ**, "to know" (primarily experientially). As is true of **chakam**, "to be wise," **sakal** never concerns abstract prudence, but acting prudently: "Therefore the prudent shall keep silence..." Amos 5:13; "...he hath left off to be wise..." Ps 36:3.

**bin** "to understand, be able, deal wisely, consider, pay attention to, regard, notice, discern, perceive, inquire." This verb, which occurs 126 times in biblical Hebrew, has cognates in Ugaritic, Arabic, Ethiopic, late Aramaic, and Syriac. **Bin** appears in all periods of biblical Hebrew.

**Bin** appears in Jer 9:12 with the meaning "to understand": "Who is the wise man, that may understand this?" In Job 6:30 the word means "to discern," and in Deut 32:7 it means "to consider."

###### B. Nouns.

**binah** "understanding." **Binah** appears 37 times and in all periods of biblical Hebrew even though it belongs primarily to the sphere of wisdom and wisdom literature.

This noun represents the "act of understanding": "And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians..." Dan 1:20.

Elsewhere **binah** signifies the faculty "understanding": "...the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer" Job 20:3.

In other passages the object of knowledge, in the sense of what one desires to know, is indicated by **binah**: "Keep therefore and do them [God's laws]: for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes..." Deut 4:6; cf. 1 Chron 22:12. God's law, therefore, is wisdom and "understanding" — what one should know.

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This word is sometimes personified: "Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures..." Prov 2:3-4.

**tebunah**, "understanding." This word, which occurs 42 times, is also a wisdom term. Like **binah**, it represents the act Job 26:12, faculty Ex 31:3, object Prov 2:3, and personification of wisdom Prov 8:1.

**maskil**, "didactic psalm (?)." this noun form, derived from **sakal**, is found in the title of 13 psalms and also in Ps 47:7. Scholars are not agreed on the significance of this term, but on the basis of the general meaning of **sakal**, such psalms must have been considered didactic or teaching psalms.

## TO DIVINE, PRACTICE DIVINATION

**qacam** "to divine, practice divination." Cognates of this word appear in late Aramaic, Coptic, Syriac, Mandaean, Ethiopic, Palmyran, and Arabic. This root appears 31 times in biblical Hebrew: 11 times as a verb, 9 times as a participle, and 11 times as a noun.

Divination was a pagan parallel to prophesying: "There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination.... For those nations, which you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice witchcraft and to diviners, but as for you the Lord your God has not allowed you to do so. The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen; you shall listen to him" Deut 18:10,14-15 — first occurrence.

**Qacam** is a seeking after the will of the gods, in an effort to learn their future action or divine blessing on some proposed future action Josh 13:22. It seems probable that the diviners conversed with demons 1 Cor 10:20.

The practice of divination might involve offering sacrifices to the deity on an altar Num 23:1ff.. It might also involve the use of a hole in the ground, through which the diviner spoke to the spirits of the dead 1 Sam 28:8. At other times, a diviner might shake arrows, consult with household idols, or study the livers of dead animals Ezek 21:21.

Divination was one of man's attempts to know and control the world and the future, apart from the true God. It was the opposite of true prophecy, which essentially is submission to God's sovereignty Deut 18:14.

Perhaps the most perplexing uses of this word occur in Num 22-23 and Prov 16:10, where it seems to be an equivalent of prophecy. Balaam was well-known among the pagans as a diviner; at the same time, he recognized **Yahweh** as his God Num 22:18. He accepted money for his services and probably was not beyond adjusting the message to please his clients.



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#### PRUDENCE, PRUDENT

##### A. Nouns.

**1. phronesis** akin to **phroneo**, "to have understanding" (**phren**, "the mind"), denotes "practical wisdom, prudence in the management of affairs." It is translated "wisdom" in Luke 1:17; "prudence" in Eph 1:8. See WISDOM.

**2. sunesis** "understanding," is rendered "prudence" in 1 Cor 1:19, RV (KJV, "understanding"); it suggests quickness of apprehension, the penetrating consideration which precedes action. Cf. B, in the same verse. See KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING.

##### B. Adjective.

**sunetos** signifies "intelligent, sagacious, understanding" (akin to **suniem**, "to perceive"), translated "prudent" in Matt 11:25, KJV (RV, "understanding"); Luke 10:21 (ditto); Acts 13:7, RV, "(a man) of understanding"; in 1 Cor 1:19, "prudent," RV and KJV. Cf. **asunetos**, "without understanding."

#### WISDOM

**1. sophia** is used with reference to (a) God, Rom 11:33; 1 Cor 1:21,24; 2:7; Eph 3:10; Rev 7:12; (b) Christ, Matt 13:54; Mark 6:2; Luke 2:40,52; 1 Cor 1:30; Col 2:3; Rev 5:12; (c) "wisdom" personified, Matt 11:19; Luke 7:35; 11:49; (d) human "wisdom" (1) in spiritual things, Luke 21:15; Acts 6:3,10; 7:10; 1 Cor 2:6 (1st part); 12:8; 1:8,17; 1:9, RV, "(spiritual) wisdom," 28; 3:16; 4:5; 5; 3:13,17; 15; 18; 17:9; (2) in the natural sphere, Matt 12:42; Luke 11:31; Acts 7:22; 1 Cor 1:17,19,20,21 (twice), 22; 2:1,4,5,6 (2nd part), 13; 3:19; 12; 23; (3) in its most debased form, James 3:15, "earthly, sensual, devilish" (marg., "demoniacal").

**2. phronesis** "understanding, prudence," i. e., a right use of phren, "the mind," is translated "wisdom" in Luke 1:17. See PRUDENCE.

**Note:** "While **sophia** is the insight into the true nature of things, **phronesis** is the ability to discern modes of action with a view to their results; while **sophia** is theoretical, **phronesis** is practical" (Lightfoot). Sunesis, "understanding, intelligence," is the critical faculty; this and **phronesis** are particular applications of sophia.