

# The Prudent Woman

E.g. Mary sitting at Jesus' feet, Abigail

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

Prudent=to be circumspect and hence intelligent. A prudent wife puts wisdom into action.

Find some other ways this word prudent is used in the following verses.

Joshua 1:7 P \_\_\_\_\_ Joshua 1:8 G \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_

How can we obtain these results in our lives?

2 Kings 18:7. Hezekiah also p \_\_\_\_\_. Why?

Psalms 14:2 U \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 32:8 I \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel 1:17 S \_\_\_\_\_ Who gave these men this quality?

1 Samuel 18:1-16 David b \_\_\_\_\_ h \_\_\_\_\_ w \_\_\_\_\_.

What were some results of David's behaviour?

The word for prudent in this verse is used 63 times in the OT, but only 3 of these times is translated as prudent. Looking at some of the other ways it has been translated will help us to get a better idea of what a prudent woman is.

If there is one place where we are not so careful to behave ourselves wisely, it would be in our own homes. This is where prudence starts however. A prudent wife will show this quality whether she is inside or outside the home. She should be innocent. She should have nothing to hide from those outside her home. Her life should be transparent showing a heart that only wants to follow good and right.

Underline all the 'wills' and 'shalls' in the following Psalm which show the decisions that he made to walk prudently.

**Psalm 101 - A Psalm of David.** I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing. I will behave myself wisely in a perfect (entire) way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect (innocent) heart.

Where should a prudent life start?

I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

What are some wicked things we can set before our eyes?

We should not even want to know what wicked people around us are doing. When we do dwell on or look at these wicked things, they do tend to stick. A prudent woman will not spend her time informing herself of the world's latest crimes or gossip, rather she will be seeking the Lord.

What things should we be thinking about? **Philippians 4:8**

A froward (distorted, false) heart shall depart from me: I will not know (from 'to find out by seeing') a wicked person.

What does Ephesians 5:11,12 have to say about this?

Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

Pride is often the reason we speak of others in a negative way. Pride can get in the way of prudence.

What should our attitude be? **John 3:30**

**Matthew 5:16** Who should be glorified for our prudent living?

**1 Corinthians 15:10** Apart from the grace of God, we are nothing.

When we put down another person, it is usually so that the person we are speaking to will think of us more highly. Whether it is ourselves or others that we are with, this sort of behaviour should not be tolerated.

Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

We may not have people serving us like King David did, but when we need help, counsel or friendship, do we seek those who are walking with the Lord?

He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight. I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

How can a parent apply this verse?

See **Proverbs 13:24**, **Proverbs 22:15**, and **Proverbs 19:18**

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. (Ephesians 5:15-16)

