

WisDumb – 5 Discretion

[7 Pillars of Wisdom]

1. Knowledge
2. Understanding
3. Judgment
4. Justice
5. Equity
6. Discretion
7. Subtilty

#6) DISCRETION = to be circumspect
(calculating / prudent / cautious / discreet)

1. Acuteness of mental discernment and soundness of judgment
2. Able to make responsible decisions
3. Having good taste and good sense
(i.e., a good feel or sense for things around you)

Example: “You don’t wear a bathing suit to a wedding.”

Proverbs 11:22 (KJV) “As a jewel of gold in a swine’s snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.”

(NLT) “A beautiful woman who lacks discretion is like a gold ring in a pig’s snout.”

(MSG) “Like a gold ring in a pig’s snout is a beautiful face on an empty head.”

4. Plans and prepares for things ahead
(i.e., processes consequences, good or bad, ahead of time)

Prudent: judicious in practical affairs

Careful in preparing for the future

Sober (I Peter 5:8 / Titus 2:2, 4, 6)

Example: Luke 14:26-33 (ref)

Becoming a disciple

- Count the cost before building a tower
- Count the cost before going to war

Psalm 112:5 (KJV) “A good man showeth favor and lendeth; he will guide his affairs with discretion.”

Proverbs 2:6-13 (Ampl.)

(NLT) vs. 11 “Wise choices will watch over you....”

5. Caution in speech and attire

Proverbs 25:11 (KJV) “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pitchers of silver.”
(NLT) “Timely advice is lovely, like golden apples in a silver basket.”

Proverbs 19:11 (KJV) “The discretion of a man deferreth his anger and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.”

(NLT) “Sensible people control their temper; they earn respect by overlooking wrongs.”

(Ampl.) “.... overlook a transgression or an offense...”

- Proverbs 10:12 “... love covers all transgressions.”
- I Peter 4:8 “... love covers the multitude of sins.”

* Some things are better left alone.

* Others must be lovingly confronted.

* Discretion decides = prays and thinks it out!

[Sound Counsel] (discretion)

Proverbs 11:14 (KJV) “Where no counsel is, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors, there is safety.”

Proverbs 24:6 “For by wise counsel thou shalt make war and in the multitude of counselors, there is safety.”

Proverbs 13:20 (KJV) “He that walks with wise men shall be wise; the companion of fools shall be destroyed.”

- Learn to listen to the wisdom around you.
- Humble yourself and receive.
- Seek out wisdom.