**The Imitation of Christ by Thomas A. Kempis**

**BOOK ONE:** THOUGHTS HELPFUL IN THE LIFE OF THE SOUL

**Chapter 4:** Prudence in Action

**Definition and Scriptures:**

**Prudence:** Prudence is the perfection of reason, or, the perfection of the natural capacity of the soul to see reality as it is. ... As a result, prudence is discernment and action in conformity to reality as it is revealed in creation and in scripture. <https://scholeacademy.com>

**Luke 14:28-32:** “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.

**Proverbs 14:15:** The simple believe anything, but the prudent give thought to their steps.

**Quote:**

"A good life makes a man wise according to God and gives him experience in many things, for the more humble he is and the more subject to God, the wiser and the more at peace he will be in all things."

**Discussion:**

Why do you believe that the creator of the universe spoke through the bible?

How does what you worship (reverence) impact your circumstances?