**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:**

**Obstinately:** stubbornly adhering to an opinion, purpose, or course in spite of reason, arguments, or persuasion.  (Websters Dictionary)

**Proverbs 28:14:** [Blessed is the one who always trembles before God](https://biblereasons.com/being-blessed/), but whoever hardens their heart falls into trouble

**James 1:22:** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

**Quote:**

“Not to act rashly or to cling obstinately to one's opinion, not to believe everything people say or to spread abroad the gossip one has heard, is great wisdom.”

**Discussion:**

Do you believe that people are formed according to God’s will or according to their own desires?

What’s the difference between God’s plan and living life on our own terms?