

Doctrine of Twenty Characteristics of Being Wise

1. The wise person will hear and increase in understanding.
 - *Proverbs 1:5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:*
2. The wise person will inherit glory.
 - *Proverbs 3:35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.*
3. The wise person will observe nature.
 - *Proverbs 6:6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:*
4. The wise person will receive instruction.
 - *Proverbs 8:33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.*
5. The wise person will receive correction.
 - *Proverbs 9:8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.*
6. The wise person will increase in knowledge.
 - *Proverbs 10:14 Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.*
7. The wise person will command others.
 - *Proverbs 11:29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.*
8. The wise person will win souls to Christ.
 - *Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.*
9. The wise person will listen to the counsel of others.
 - *Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.*

10. The wise person will speak good words.

- *Proverbs 12:18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.*

11. The wise person will honor parents.

- *Proverbs 13:1 A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.*

12. The wise person will flee from the snares of death.

- *Proverbs 13:14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.*

13. The wise person surrounds himself with other wise people.

- *Proverbs 13:20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.*

14. The wise woman is able to build a comfortable home.

- *Proverbs 14:1 Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.*

15. The wise man will depart from evil.

- *Proverbs 14:16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.*

16. The wise person is able to control his tongue.

- *Proverbs 17:28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.*

17. The wise person honors the law of God.

- *Proverbs 28:7 Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father.*

18. The wise person is not a transparent personality.

- *Proverbs 29:11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.*

19. The Supreme Wise Person is God.

- *Romans 16:27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. Jude 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.*

20. The wise person is humble.

- *1 Corinthians 3:18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.*