



OF PRUDENCE

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ABSTRACT:

Knowledge is power. It is merely an inventory. This inventory is quite useless if someone does not know its use thereby cannot apply it properly and timely. A child does not know how to exchange a promissory note. To acquire this exchange capacity certain age is required. Maturity helps to invest judiciously. Here prudence confirms best investment.

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INTRODUCTION

Creative writing is based more on manifestation rather than on expression. It does not inform, rather it reveals. So it bears no reference. The best creative writing is critical, and the best critical writing is creative. This article is an outcome of thinking about creative writing meant for a general readership. As such, I have adopted a free style methodology so that everyone can enjoy the pleasure of reading. As you might know, Francis Bacon (1561-1626), the immortal essayist, wrote many essays namely 'Of Love', 'Of Friendship', 'Of Ambition', 'Of Studies', and so on. The multiple-minded genius correctly pointed out that all the words of the dictionary can be used as themes for essays. But little has been done since his death to continue or finish his monumental task. Bacon's unique individual style of presentation ignited my imagination and encouraged me to write creative essays as a method of relieving a wide range of emotions through catharsis.

ARTICLE

Prudent is capable of exercising sound judgement in practical matters, especially as concerns one's own interests. It is cautious or discreet in conduct. It is circumspect. It is not rash. It is managing carefully and with economy.

Prudent is judicious or wisely cautious in practical affairs. It is careful in providing for the future. It is provident. It is characterized by or proceeding from prudence. It is characterized by, behaving, showing, having, or dictated by forethought.

Prudent is careful to avoid undesired consequences of person or conduct. It is of cognition. It is sensible. It is acting with or showing care and thought for the future. It is showing good judgement e.g. make a prudent investment; a prudent guardian. Instead of moving house it must be more prudent to stay where we are. It would be prudent to consult a doctor first.

Careful, sensible, economical, thrifty, saving are synonyms of prudent.

Foolish and prodigal are antonyms of prudent.

Prudence is wisdom applied to practice e.g., exercise prudence in balancing expenditure against income. It is the quality or fact of being prudent. It is attention to self-interest. It is caution with regard to practical matters. It is provident care in the management of resources. It is careful management. It is a feminine name e.g. dim, Prue.

Prudence, foresight, forethought imply attempted provision against possible contingencies.

Prudence is care, caution, and good judgement, as well as wisdom in looking ahead e.g. sober prudence in handling one's affairs. Prudence prevented him from investing the whole amount.

Foresight implies a prudent looking ahead rather far into the future e.g. admirable foresight in planning.

Forethought emphasizes the adequacy of preparation for the future e.g. careful forethought prepared him for the emergency.

Rashness is antonym of prudence.

Prudential is of, pertaining to, characterized by, or resulting from prudence e.g. prudential motives, policy, habits, considerations. It is having discretionary or advisory authority, as in business matters. It is exercising prudence, or sound judgement. In U.S. it is concerned with minor administrative or financial matters. Generally, it is a matter or consideration of prudence. It is a prudent maxim.

Prudentialism is a system based on prudence alone.

Through prudence a person can solve mundane problems but cannot conquer luck. Luck cannot be tamed. If human flaw causes problem then one can solve it seldom can it

conquer fate. Everything or every theory has its limitation. Prudence is no exception. Two persons of equal merit may not earn money equally. It is fate or luck that directs, dictates and determines eminence thereby earning.

A prudent person is always ahead. He attains success in early life than others. He also gets success always early for his judicious preparedness. He acts prudently in a crisis. Common people become nervous in danger. They cannot take judicious decision in time. This failure is responsible to create difference between a fool and a wise.

A river reaches the sea after flowing many a weary mile. Similarly, a prudent person gathers much experience facing numerous facts and figures of life both good and bad. He applies his knowledge thus gathered from past events. Someone is prudent in comparison with others. Someone attains it in early life. He is respected by all. He is calm by nature. As such he is teased by his naughty friends of school and college life.

Sly is clever who is a cheater. Intelligent is mundane. Prudence is divine. All are not prudent. All cannot be prudent. Only a blessed soul is prudent. He possesses immense mental capacity. He possesses enriched faculty of mind.

Dangerously brilliant or brilliantly dangerous coupled with prudence renders a person unparalleled. Coolness with prudence differs remarkably than swiftness with prudence. Slow but steady wins the race.

Prudence paves the way to pay less but gets more. A prudent person works less gains more. Thus he gains both ways. He purchases in less price, but sells in higher price. He knows what to tell. He knows better what not to tell. A prudent business man knows well when to purchase, where to purchase, how much to purchase. He knows better when to sell, where to sell, how much to sell and to whom to sell for better return. Thus he wins both ways. In the competitive market of business if a businessman cannot purchase in a cheaper rate he can never compete with his rivals while selling. A novice businessman discovers that his purchasing price is equal to the selling price of his experienced opponent. All these are the outcome of prudence or no prudence.

A novice driver enjoys rash driving. A prudent driver enjoys safe driving. To the former speed gets priority. To the latter safety gets priority. To him safety is first and last word. Both are diagonally opposite with each other regarding their philosophy towards life. Maturity offers prudence.

Prudence is an asset. A thief cannot steal it. It sharpens intellect with the passage of time. Also it is enriched with its use. It becomes sharp more the more it is sharpened like a sharp sword.

A prudent person is respected everywhere. He has much demand everywhere in every age. He does not run after employment, rather employment runs after him. He is noted for his expertise. Very few people are prudent and more few are expert of any field. In this present era of

unemployment crisis there is no scarcity of employment but scarcity of prudent experts.

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CONCLUSION

Prudence is alias and akin to judgement. It helps to decide. Its outcome grades a person. This gradation is very important in real life. It is all and everything. It determines rise and fall of any person. From the judgement offered by any person the status of intellect of the concerned person can be ascertained. Here lies the importance of prudence.

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No reference, since the present article is an outcome of Creative Writing