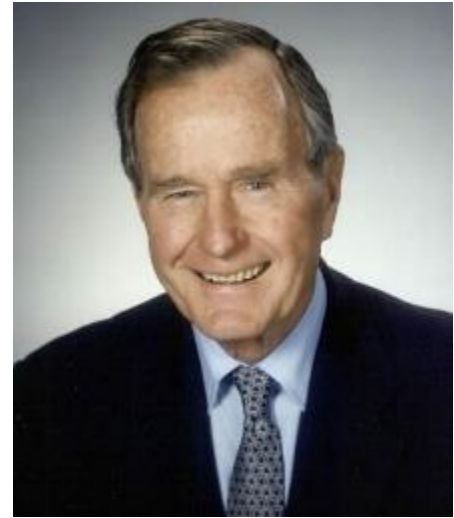


“Wouldn’t be
prudent”—
George H. W. Bush



Prudent

“Capable of exercising sound judgment in practical matters...cautious or discreet in conduct; circumspect; not rash...”
(Webster’s New World Dictionary)

“Using good judgment to consider consequences and to act accordingly”
(Encarta Online Dictionary).

Prudent

Synonyms: careful, cautious, sensible, practical, discreet, wise, farsighted.

Antonyms (opposites): reckless, foolish, simple.

Wouldn't be prudent...

**To lose my cool, pop off, or fly off the handle,
even when folks insult me.**

“Fools show their anger at once, but the prudent ignore an insult” (Prov. 12:16, NRSV).

“A fool vents all his feelings, but a wise *man* holds them back” (Prov. 29:11).

Wouldn't be prudent...

To talk (or post) all the time.

“A prudent man conceals knowledge (“keeps his knowledge to himself”—NIV), but the heart of fools proclaims foolishness” (Prov. 12:23).

“In the multitude of words, sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise” (Prov. 10:19).

“Do not be wise in your own opinion” (Rom. 12:16).

Wouldn't be prudent...

Especially in religious matters, to believe everything I hear—to direct my steps by what I think may be right, without checking to be sure.

“The simple believes every word, but the prudent considers well his steps” (Prov. 14:15).

“Beloved, do not believe every word, but test the spirits...” (1 John 4:1).

What WOULD be prudent...

Is to make certain that what I teach and practice is the TRUTH.

“The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, but the folly of fools is deceit” (Prov. 14:8).

“Do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is” (Eph. 5:17).

Wouldn't be prudent...

**To close my ears to rebuke and correction,
because I'll just keep making the same mistakes.**

“A fool despises his father's instruction, but he who receives correction is prudent” (Prov. 15:5).

“He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, but he who heeds rebuke gets understanding” (Prov. 15:32).

Wouldn't be prudent...

To ignore spiritual red flags—places, people, situations, activities that endanger my soul.

“A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished” (Prov. 22:3).

“Can a man take fire to his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? (Prov. 6:27).

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise” (Eph. 5:15).

Wouldn't be prudent...

To confuse prudence with inactivity.

“He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap” (Eccl. 1 1:4).