

Proverbs 18:15 – “The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.”

Principle: Wisdom searches and listens for knowledge.

You will not acquire what you do not seek. Prudent is another word for wise, but it has a specific application to careful decision-making. It means to distinguish or separate mentally. Sometimes it is translated understand. It has to do with diligent care and preparation before making decisions that may affect our well-being for a long time. Knowledge is the key to making prudent decisions. To make an important decision without knowledge is a crap shoot. The odds of winning in Vegas are slim. It is careless to turn your life into a gamble, because you aren't diligent. The “ear” of the wise suggests he listens to wise counsel. He may need to make a number of inquiries. And finally, he should pray and wait to hear from the Lord. Prudence takes time. It is better to take the time than to roll the dice.