

THE VIRTUE OF PRUDENCE

PRUDENCE IN ITSELF

RECTA RATIO AGIBILIIUM = RIGHT REASON APPLIED TO ACTION

PROPER ACT = **IMPERIUM** - COMMAND

VICE OF DEFECT

Imprudence

QUASI-INTEGRAL PARTS

(COMPONENTS)

memory	}	intellective
understanding		
docility		
<i>solertia</i> / alertness		
reasoning	}	operative
farsightedness / <i>providentia</i>		
circumspection		
caution		

VICES OF IMPRUDENCE*

praecipitatio
 negligence / inconstancy
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inconsideratio
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MIMICKING VICIES

False or carnal prudence
 Craftiness / *astutia*
 Guile - Fraud
 Worry - temporal
 Worry – *de futuris*

SUBJECTIVE PARTS

(SPECIES / KINDS)

- 1) Personal Prudence
- 2) Governance of multitude
 - a. Regnative
 - b. Political
 - c. Domestic
 - d. Military

*Thomas sees these four vices as contrary to more than one integral virtue, and they are also opposed to the quasi-potential (allied) parts list below. Also, the integral virtues may have more than one opposing vice.

QUASI-POTENTIAL PARTS

(ALLIED VIRTUES)

<i>eubulia</i>	good counsel / deliberation
} <i>synesis</i>	—————> common sense
	good judgment / decision
} <i>gnome</i>	—————> beyond common sense – keenness

VICES OF Imprudence*

praecipitatio and temerity
inconsideratio

inconsideratio

Gift of the Holy Spirit: Counsel

Beatitude: Blessed are the merciful; they shall obtain mercy

Fruits: Goodness, Benignity