A Thinking Person...

A thinking person is guided by the facts,
no matter how unpalatable they may be.
*One who is ruled by emotions often stumbles
before reaching the goal.*

A thinking person realizes that the right way
and the expedient way are not always the same.
*One who seeks short cuts does so at the expense of time,
trouble and conscience.*

A thinking person learns from the mistakes of others,
without rejoicing in their failures.
*One who finds fault but does not learn is likely to repeat others’ errors.*

A thinking person considers the personalities
and feelings of others in searching for solutions.
*One who is insensitive can be correct in theory but inept in practice.*

A thinking person knows when to speak and when to keep silent;
when to act and when to wait.
*One who is rash or impetuous plunges ahead without any sense of timing.*

A thinking person is humble enough to acknowledge wisdom in others.
*One who is merely clever feels he has nothing to learn from others.*

A thinking person is careful in the use of words.
*One who is careless relies on slogans, labels or half-formed opinions.*

A thinking person admits that reality is greater
than the sum total of his own experiences.
*The unthinking makes self the measure of the universe.*

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