

# **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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