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DENMARK

1761 K W 12M MS61



Frederick V was King of Denmark–Norway and Duke of Schleswig-Holstein from 6 August 1746 until his death in 1766. He was the son of Christian VI of Denmark and Sophie Magdalene of Brandenburg-Kulmbach.

Although the personal influence of Frederick was limited, his reign was marked by the progress of commerce and trade, and art and science prospered under his reign.

Unlike his parents who were deeply devoted to Pietism, Frederick grew into a hedonist. As regent, he took part in the conduct of government by attending council meetings, but he was afflicted by alcoholism and most of his rule was dominated by able ministers who were influenced by the ideas of the Age of Enlightenment. His ministers marked his reign by the progress of commerce and the emerging industry. They also avoided involving Denmark-Norway in the European wars of his time.

Obverse: Bare head of King facing right, curl below. Lettering: FRIDERICVS • V • D • G • DAN • NOR • VAN • GOT • REX • W.

Translation: Frederik V Dei Gratia King of Denmark, Norway, the Wends and the Goths.

Reverse: Large crown above value (in roman numbers) and date, divided in two parts by mintmark. King's motto above crown. Lettering: PRUDENTIA ET CONSTANTIA • XII • MARK •

• 17 • V • H • 59 •

Translation: With Prudence and Perseverance

Additional Rarity: Frederick III gold "Ebenezer" 4 Ducat 1659 UNC Details (Bent) NGC sold in 2022 at auction for \$57,600

