

## WISDOM IS BETTER

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*The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: for attaining wisdom and discipline; for understanding words of insight; for acquiring a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair; for giving prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young — let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance — for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.*

Proverbs 1:1-8

*“Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?” 2 Chronicles 1:10*

*How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver! Proverbs 16:16*

*Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Proverbs 4:7*

### FOOLISH VS. WISE

*So I said, "Wisdom is better than strength." But the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are no longer heeded. The quiet words of the wise are more to be heeded than the shouts of a ruler of fools. Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good. Ecclesiastes 9:16-18*

- **FOOLS ACT BEFORE THEY THINK.**

*Wise people think before they act; fools don't—and even brag about their foolishness. Proverbs 13:16 NLT*

- **FOOLS SPEND ALL THEY EARN.**

*In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has. Proverbs 21:20*

- **FOOLS HURT THOSE THEY LOVE.**

*The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down. Proverbs 14:1*

- **FOOLS THINK THEY KNOW IT ALL.**

*Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others. Proverbs 12:15 NLT*

*The wise are cautious and avoid danger; fools plunge ahead with reckless confidence. Proverbs 14:16 NLT*

*Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions. Proverbs 18:2 NLT*

### HOW DO I GET WISDOM?

- **FEAR GOD.**

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10*

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.*

Psalm 111:10

*The fear of the Lord teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor. Proverbs 15:33*

- **ASK GOD.**

*If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. James 1:5*

- **HANG OUT WITH WISE PEOPLE.**

*He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm. Proverbs 13:20*

*25 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4 The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. 5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' 7 "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' 9 "No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' 10 "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. 11 "Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' 12 "But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' 13 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matt 25:1-13*

*Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, 14 for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. 15 (Wisdom) is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Prov 3:13-15*