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## PROVERBS

**2** <sup>1</sup> My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, <sup>2</sup> so that you incline your ear to wisdom, *and* apply your heart to understanding; <sup>3</sup> yes, if you cry out for discernment, *and* lift up your voice for understanding, <sup>4</sup> if you seek her as silver, and search for her as *for* hidden treasures; <sup>5</sup> then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. <sup>6</sup> For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth *come* knowledge and under-standing; <sup>7</sup> He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to those who walk uprightly;

**3** <sup>13</sup> Happy *is* the man *who* finds wisdom, and the man *who* gains understanding; <sup>14</sup> for her proceeds *are* better than the profits of silver, and her gain than fine gold. <sup>15</sup> She *is* more precious than rubies, and all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.

**4** <sup>5</sup> Get wisdom! Get understanding!  
Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.  
<sup>6</sup> Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you;  
love her, and she will keep you.  
<sup>7</sup> Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom.  
And in all your getting, get understanding.  
<sup>8</sup> Exalt her, and she will promote you;  
she will bring you honor, when you embrace her.

**8** <sup>10</sup> Receive my instruction, and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; <sup>11</sup> for wisdom *is* better than rubies, and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.

**16** <sup>16</sup> How much better to get wisdom than gold!  
And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

**19** <sup>8</sup> He who gets wisdom loves his own soul;  
he who keeps understanding will find good.

**24** <sup>3</sup> Through wisdom a house is built,  
and by understanding it is established;  
<sup>4</sup> by knowledge the rooms are filled  
with all precious and pleasant riches.  
<sup>5</sup> A wise man *is* strong, yes,  
a man of knowledge increases strength;  
<sup>6</sup> For by wise counsel you will wage your own war,  
and in a multitude of counselors *there is* safety.