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HONORING THE PURSUIT OF WISDOM

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- In finding _____.
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- The fruit of wisdom brings blessings.

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- Not exercising wisdom could make us vulnerable to sinful temptations.

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PROVERBS

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

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

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

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16 ¹⁶How much better to get wisdom than gold!
And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

19 ⁸He who gets wisdom loves his own soul;
he who keeps understanding will find good.

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