**BETTER Series**

**“Wisdom is BETTER than Gold”**

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**We make our decisions and our decisions make us.**

*Solomon replied to God, “You showed faithful love to David, my father, and now you have made me king in his place. O Lord God, please continue to keep your promise to David my father, for you have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth! Give me the wisdom and knowledge to lead them properly, for who could possibly govern this great people of yours?” 2 Chronicles 1:8-10*

*How much better to get wisdom than gold, and good judgment than silver! Proverbs 16:16*

*Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do. And whatever else you do, develop good judgment. Proverbs 4:7*

**Fools act before they think.**

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

**Fools spend all they earn.**

*The wise have wealth and luxury, but fools spend whatever they get. Proverbs 21:20*

**Fools hurt those they love.**

*A wise woman builds her home, but a foolish woman tears it down with her own hands. 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*

**How do I get Wisdom?**

1. **Fear God**

*Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment. Proverbs 9:10*

1. **Ask God**

*If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. James 1:5*

1. **Hang out with wise people**

*Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble. Proverbs 13:20*

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