

# Wisdom's Character – and Christ

God's Revolutionary Wisdom (Part 40)

Proverbs 8:10-21

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<sup>10</sup> “Take my discipline, and not silver;  
And knowledge, rather than choice gold.  
<sup>11</sup> “Because better is wisdom than corals,  
And all delights do not compare to her.  
<sup>12</sup> “I am Wisdom, I<sup>1</sup> inhabit<sup>2</sup> shrewdness,  
And knowledge of planning skill do I find.  
<sup>13</sup> “The fear of Yahweh is to hate evil;  
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil,  
And the mouth of perversities, I hate!  
<sup>14</sup> “Mine is counsel and practical wisdom,  
I am insight; mine is strength.

<sup>15</sup> “By me, kings reign,  
And dignitaries decree righteousness.  
<sup>16</sup> “By me, princes exercise princely rule,  
And nobles — all the righteous judges.  
<sup>17</sup> “I love those who love me,  
And those who seek me eagerly will find me.  
<sup>18</sup> “Riches and honor<sup>3</sup> are with me,  
Enduring wealth, and righteousness.  
<sup>19</sup> “Better is my fruit than gold — yes, fine gold;  
And my income than choice silver.  
<sup>20</sup> “In the path of righteousness I walk,  
In the midst of the pathways of justice.  
<sup>21</sup> “To cause those who love me to inherit property,  
And their storehouses will I fill.

## Introduction:

### I. Assessment: Superlative (vv. 10-11)

#### A. ...As Seen in the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 10)

1. Positively: *Take my discipline...and knowledge*
  - a. What is *provided*
  
  - b. What is demanded: *Take*
  
2. Negatively: *not silver; /...rather than choice gold*

#### B. ...As Seen in the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11)

#### C. Yet Christ Is Better

Luke 14:25-27

### II. Attributes (vv. 12-16)

#### A. Intellectual (v. 12)

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<sup>1</sup> Or “I, Wisdom,...”

<sup>2</sup> Or “dwell in.”

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup> Or “glory.”

**B. Spiritual (v. 13)**

**C. Strategic (vv. 14-16)**

**D. ...and Christ is Better**

1. He is better for \_\_\_\_ (John 8:31-32)

2. He is better for \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 11:1-9)

**III. Awards (vv. 17-21)**

**A. Availability (v. 17)**

**B. Fruit (vv. 18-21)**

**C. ...But No Match for Christ**

1. Philippians 3:8-10

2. 1 Peter 1:8-9, 18-19

3. Romans 5:6-10