

Moments of Inspiration

The Value of Wisdom! By Nicole Atherley

Proverbs 8:10&11

Receive instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

Many of us know of the perceived beauty of gemstones such as diamonds and rubies. Additionally, many of these gems are quite valuable. Over the centuries, precious gems and metals have been highly sought after. Persons have been willing to sacrifice time, effort, and yes, money, to possess these precious items. Whether it may be a sign of status or an appreciation for beautiful things, people see the value in things.

What of intangible possessions? Are they not also valuable? The Proverbs speak extensively about wisdom, and Proverbs 8: 10-11 compares wisdom to worldly items to which we ascribe much value. Indeed, possessing wisdom is much, much more valuable and important than mere earthly possessions. Why? Not only does wisdom tend to a more fulfilling time on this earth, it also causes us to secure our eternity. The New

Testament tells us to lay up our treasures in heaven (Matthew 6: 20; Colossians 3:2). It also states that our hearts will be where our treasure is (Matthew 6: 21). Our caution is that it is folly to direct our hearts to things that do not last forever. When we leave this earth, we cannot take the rubies, gold, platinum, and diamonds with us. They have absolutely no eternal value. Alternately, turning our hearts and ears towards wisdom has long-lasting and eternal benefits.

Prayer:

Father, I thank You for this reminder that Your wisdom and instruction are more valuable than anything that exists on this earth. Help me to turn my heart to You and seek things that have eternal benefit. Strengthen me so that I am not easily led away by the attractions this world has to offer. In Jesus' name. Amen.