

## *Better Than Rubies*

You see them everywhere – on billboards and in television commercials – establishments promising to pay the highest price to purchase gold. Why?

Well, gold and silver prices surged to record levels in the beginning of 2011, and then they hit a cooling trend leading many to wonder if it is smart to buy gold and silver at those prices. Experts say, looking at the fundamentals of the economy, it is a great time to buy.



But value is a matter of perspective. To a man whose basic needs are met, gold, silver, rubies and diamonds may seem to be of great worth. To a man stranded in the desert, water is more precious than all the gems the world can produce. It's all a matter of perspective.

God's perspective is always eternal. He tells us that wisdom is the most precious commodity we can ever desire. Wisdom pays a greater dividend than all the material wealth of the world. It isn't

subject to theft or corrosion; it can only be lost when we ignore it or fail to heed its advice.

In the work we are called to do in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, we readily acknowledge our need for wisdom. And if we want wisdom, He will give it to us if we seek it, according to James 1:5. What we seek depends on what we value, and what we value depends on our perspective. What we value *most* is what we spend the most time trying to obtain.

If we're spending the substance of our lives seeking material things, we need a fresh perspective on eternal values.

*For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it (Proverbs 8:11).*

– Beecher Hunter