WWT Board of Directors Devotion—Proverbs 16:18 Brandon K. Mann February 27, 2025

Among the many interesting people in the Bible, King Solomon stands out for being known as one of the wisest men to ever live. His deep wisdom is captured in various books of the Bible: Proverbs, Song of Solomon, and Ecclesiastes.

However, in spite of all of his wisdom and accomplishments, he did not finish his leadership journey well. Toward the end of his reign, Solomon drifted from his faithcentered wisdom. He lost his desire for heavenly wisdom which led him, and his nation, away from prosperity. His own pride certainly led to this downfall. Ironically, he foretold this in Proverbs 16:18. "First pride, then the crash—the bigger the ego, the harder the fall" (Message Translation).

The third chapter of James offers us this reminder:

"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such 'wisdom' does not come down from heaven...

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace, reap a harvest of righteousness."

Please join me in prayer: Heavenly Father, please help us to navigate our way through 2025 with your heavenly wisdom. Thank you for guiding our acquisition of Softchoice. Please bless this, and all of WWT's work, so that 2025 is another amazing year for your glory and for the good of all the families and communities represented by WWT. I pray this in the name of Jesus with humble respect for all faiths and backgrounds. AMEN.