

BUILD YOUR HOUSE – Part 1

Proverbs 14:1

1 Every wise woman BUILDETH HER HOUSE: But the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

We might expect to read, “A wise MAN builds his house.” Instead, we read, “A wise WOMAN builds her house.”

Proverbs 9:1

1 Wisdom hath BUILDED HER HOUSE, She hath hewn out her seven pillars:

This verse says essentially the same thing as the previous verse, only “wisdom” is used in place of “woman.” Here the idea is that wisdom is a good partner to have in any endeavor. Well, we might say the same concerning women. Women (or a wife) is a good partner to have when building a family. In fact, a man would be foolish to attempt to build a family without a woman, particularly a WISE one!

Proverbs 31:30

³⁰ FAVOUR is deceitful, and BEAUTY is vain: But a woman that FEARETH THE LORD, she shall be praised.

The number one quality a man should look for in a wife is NOT “beauty” or “favor” (i.e. charm or likability). The number one quality a man should look for in a wife is *wisdom*. Now, I realize that this passage says, “...A woman that fears the Lord,” but that’s essentially what wisdom boils down to!

Proverbs 31:30 *Lexham English Septuagint*

⁴⁸ Desires to please are false, and a woman’s beauty is to no avail, for an INTELLIGENT WOMAN is blessed, and may she praise the fear of the Lord.

True *intelligence* or wisdom isn’t determined by examining a person’s college degree. True intelligence or wisdom is determined by examining if he or she truly *fears* the Lord (or committed to obeying God).

Proverbs 12:4

4 A virtuous woman is A CROWN TO HER HUSBAND: But she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

The word “virtuous” means *having worth or value*. Moreover, a *virtuous* woman is one who is a CROWN to her husband. Meaning, she is a woman who brings *glory* to her husband!

1 Corinthians 11:7

7 For a man indeed ought not to cover *his* head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but THE WOMAN IS THE GLORY OF THE MAN.

What does the Bible mean when it says that a woman is the “glory of the man”? First of all, we should understand that being the “glory of the man” is less about *beauty and ability*, and more about *duty and responsibility*!

John 17:4

4 I have GLORIFIED THEE on the earth: I have FINISHED THE WORK which thou gavest me to do.

Therefore, the way a wife brings “glory” to her husband is, not by looking attractive, but by helping to *finish the work assigned to him*.

1 Peter 3:3–4

3 Whose adorning LET IT NOT BE THAT OUTWARD ADORNING of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ORNAMENT OF A MEEK* and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of GREAT PRICE.

What work has God assigned to man?

Genesis 1:27–28

27 So God created man IN HIS OWN IMAGE, in the image of God created he him; MALE AND FEMALE created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and MULTIPLY, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

According to this verse, God made men and women in His image, and then He commanded them to be fruitful and *multiply* that image. Understand, man’s job is not only to form a child *physically* in the image of God. He’s also called to form a child psychologically and emotionally in the image of God. Moreover, a man can’t accomplish this by himself. Neither can he accomplish this with another *man*. It takes a woman to accomplish this! In fact, this is how a woman helps to “build” a man’s house.

Ruth 4:11

¹¹ ...The Lord make the WOMAN that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did BUILD THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be FAMOUS in Beth-lehem:

But, a wife's job doesn't end with helping her husband "build" a house or family. Meaning, her role isn't confined to simply bearing children. Childbearing is simply a *small* part of a woman's job or duty to her husband.

Genesis 2:18

¹⁸ And the Lord God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an HELP MEET for him.

In what *other* way(s) is the woman called to "help" the man? To answer this, let's examine this command *in context* to the surrounding verses!

Genesis 2:15–18

¹⁵ And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord GOD COMMANDED THE MAN, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: ¹⁷ But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, THOU SHALT NOT EAT OF IT: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. ¹⁸ And the Lord God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an HELP MEET for him.

Notice that the woman was called be the man's "helper" immediately *after* God commanded man not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Therefore, it seems that the woman was given to help *deliver* (or keep) *the man from sin or evil*. In fact, the *same* word that is used to describe the *woman's* role as helper to the man, is used to describe *God's* role as helper His people!

Psalm 54:4

⁴ Behold, God *is* mine HELPER: The Lord *is* with them that UPHOLD my soul.

Psalm 121:1–2

¹ I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, From whence cometh my HELP. ² MY HELP COMETH FROM THE LORD, Which made heaven and earth.

Therefore, the woman was created with certain, we might say, *abilities* to enable her, like God, to have a special sway with the man.

This may be why Israel was forbidden to marry *foreign* wives. It wasn't because God wanted to discourage interracial marriage. It was because God knows innate ability or *power* a woman has to influence men. And this ability was deliberately given to the woman to help her carry out her duty, which is to help deliver the man from evil or disobedience.

Unfortunately, godless or *foolish* women use their power to do the opposite!

Genesis 3:6

⁶ And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and GAVE ALSO UNTO HER HUSBAND with her; AND HE DID EAT.

This demonstrates just how *crafty* the serpent was. Apparently, in an attempt to reverse God's plan, the serpent convinced the woman, who was created to help deliver the man *from* sin, to be a different kind of helper—one that delivered him *into* sin!