

A (New?) Reason to Worship God

Grace that prevents our sin

And David said to Abigail, “Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me!”

A reflection on God’s providential care in our lives

Psalm 139:16	Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.
Psalm 23:3, 6	He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake... goodness will follow me all the days of my life
John 17:12	While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. <u>I have guarded them</u> , and not one of them has been lost...

Two Warnings

A warning against love of self and money

Nabal’s self-centered, money loving speech (1 Sam 25:11)

The Bible often connects love of riches with love of self

The rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)
Ananias and Saphira (Acts 5:1-11)
The misused Lord’s table (1 Corinthians 11:21)
The rich young ruler (Mark 10:17-22)

“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” – Jesus

It is good to have money; it is terrible to let money have you!

(more on back)

A warning against responding to sin with sin

Be a thermostat, not a thermometer

Proverbs 12:18 There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Learn your triggers (Compare to 2 Samuel 16:5-13)

1 Corinthians 10:12-14 “Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, **but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape**, that you may be able to endure it.”

The Power of a Godly Woman

Abigail’s scandalous plan

Meets another man without telling Nabal

Defies her husband’s decision concerning David

Calls David “Lord” which is the same word for husband

Her incredible character

A woman of action and intelligence

Letting all of Scripture interpret Scripture, getting a more robust sense of what it teaches

Hardline and simple approaches to following Jesus are often a result of too little Bible, not too much

A true helper

Speaks truth

Speaks of his destiny

Questions for Study and Reflection

1. When you’re having a bad day, what temptations are most likely to get at you?
2. How does your heart respond to God’s providence in your life?
3. What would it mean for you to live in a way worthy of your destiny in Christ?
4. What does this passage teach us about biblical womanhood? Why might this be important for you?