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Proverbs 31:10-31 (NLT) **Who can find a virtuous and capable wife?**

She is **worth more than** precious rubies.

[11] Her husband **can trust** her, And she will **greatly enrich** his life.

[12] She **will not** hinder him **but help him all her life**.

[13] She **finds** wool and flax and **busily spins** it.

[14] She **is like** a merchant's ship; She **brings** her food **from afar**.

[15] **She gets up before dawn to prepare** breakfast for her household

And **plan** the day's work for her servant girls.

[16] She **goes out to inspect** a field and **buys** it; **with her earnings** she **plants** a vineyard.

[17] **She is energetic and strong**, a **hard worker**.

[18] She **watches** for bargains; her lights **burn late** into the night.

[19] Her hands **are busy** spinning thread, Her fingers twisting fiber.

[20] She **extends a helping hand** to the **poor** and **opens** her arms to the **needy**.

[21] She **has no** fear of winter

For her household **because all of them have** warm clothes.

[22] She **quilts** her own bedspreads. She dresses **like royalty** in gowns of finest cloth.

[23] **Her husband is well known**,

For he **sits in** the council meeting **with** the other civic leaders.

[24] She **makes** belted linen garments and **sashes to sell** to the merchants.

[25] She is **clothed with strength** and **dignity**, and she **laughs** with **no** fear of the future.

[26] **When she speaks, her words are wise**, and **kindness is the rule**

**When she gives instructions**.

[27] **She carefully watches** all that **goes on** in her household

And **does not** have to bear **the consequences of laziness**.

[28] Her children stand and **bless** her.

Her husband **praises** her:

[29] "There are many virtuous (good) and capable women in the world,

But you **surpass** them all!"

[30] Charm is **deceptive**, and beauty does **not** last;

But a woman who **fears the Lord will be greatly praised**.

[31] **Reward her for all she has done**. Let her **deeds** publicly declare her **praise**.

Eccles. 9:9 (NLT) **Live happily with the woman you love**

**Through all the meaningless** days of life

That **God has given** you in this world.

The wife **God gives** you is your **reward for all your earthly toil**.

Eccles. 9:9 (KJV) **Live joyfully with the wife whom you love**

All the days of the life of your **vanity** (having no real value),

Which **He has given** you under the sun, **all** the days of your **vanity**:

**For that is your portion** in this life,

And in your **labor** which you take under the sun.

Col. 3:19 (KJV) **Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.**

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Proverbs 5:18-19 (NLT) **Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you.**

**Rejoice** in the wife of your youth.

[19] She is a **loving** doe, a **graceful** deer. **Let her breasts satisfy you always.**

May you **always** be **captivated** by her **love**.

Proverbs 5:18-19 (KJV) **Let your fountain be blessed:**

And **rejoice with** the wife of your youth.

[19] **Let** her be as the **loving** hind and pleasant roe;

**Let** her breasts **satisfy** you **at all** times;

**And you be ravished** always **with her love**.

Proverbs 31:10-12 (NLT) **Who can find a virtuous and capable wife?**

She is **worth more** than precious rubies.

[11] Her husband **can trust her**, and she **will greatly enrich** his life.

[12] She **will not** hinder him **but help him all her life**.

Proverbs 31:10-12 (KJV) **Who can find a virtuous woman?**

For her **price** is **far above** rubies.

[11] The heart of her husband

Does **safely trust** in her, **so that he shall have no need of spoil**.

[12] She **will do** him **good** and **not evil** **all the days** of her life.

Genesis 2:15-24 (NLT) **The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden**

To **tend** and **care** for it.

[16] **But the Lord God gave him this warning:**

"You **may** freely **eat** any fruit in the garden

[17] **Except** fruit **from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**. If you **eat of** its fruit,

You **will** surely **die**."

[18] **And the Lord God said,**

"**It is not** good for the man **to be alone**.

**I will make** a **companion** who **will help** him."

[19] **So the Lord God formed from** the soil every kind of animal and bird.

**He brought** them to Adam **to see what** he would **call** them,

And Adam **chose** a name **for** each one.

[20] He **gave** names to all the livestock, birds, and wild animals.

But still there was **no companion suitable** for him.

[21] **So the Lord God caused** Adam to **fall into** a deep sleep.

**He took** one of Adam's ribs

**And closed up** the place from which **He had taken** it.

[22] **Then the Lord God made** a woman **from the rib** **and brought** her to Adam.

[23] "At last!" Adam **exclaimed**. "She is **part** of my own **flesh** and **bone**!"

She **will** be **called** 'woman,' **because she was taken out of a man**."

[24] **This explains** why a man **leaves** his father and mother

And is **joined** to his wife, and the **two are united into one**.

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Ephes. 5:25 (KJV) **Husbands, love your wives,**  
**Even as Christ also loved** the church, **and gave himself for** it;

Proverbs 18:22 (KJV) **Whoso finds a wife finds a good thing,**  
**And obtains favor of the Lord.**

Proverbs 18:22 (NLT) **The man who finds a wife finds a treasure**  
And **receives favor from the Lord.**

Proverbs 25:24 (KJV) **It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop,**  
**Than with a brawling** woman and in a wide house.

Proverbs 27:15 (NLT) **A nagging wife**  
**Is as annoying as the constant dripping on a rainy day.**

Matthew 19:4-9 (NLT) **"Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied.**  
**"They record that from the beginning**  
**'God made** them male and female.'

[5] **And He said,** **This explains why a man leaves** his father and mother  
And **is joined** to his wife, **and the two are united** into **one.**'

[6] Since they **are no longer** two but **one,**  
Let **no** one separate them, **for God has joined** them together."

[7] **"Then why did Moses say** a man could **merely write** an official letter of **divorce**  
And send her **away?"** they asked.

[8] **Jesus replied,** **"Moses permitted divorce** as a concession  
To your **hard-hearted wickedness,**  
**But it was not what God had originally intended.**

[9] **And I tell** you **this,** a man  
Who **divorces** his wife and **marries another** commits **adultery** —  
Unless his wife **has been unfaithful.**"

Ephes. 5:24-29 (NLT) **As the church submits to Christ,**  
So you **wives must submit** to your husbands **in everything.**

[25] And you husbands **must love** your wives **with**  
**The same love Christ showed** the church.  
**He gave up his life for** her

[26] To **make** her (the church) **holy and clean,** washed by **baptism** and **God's Word.**

[27] **He did this to present** her (the church) **to himself**  
As a **glorious church without** a spot or wrinkle **or any** other blemish.  
**Instead, she will be holy and without fault.**

[28] **In the same way,** husbands **ought to love** their wives **as they love** their own bodies.  
For a man **is actually loving** himself **when he loves his wife.**

[29] No one **hates** his own body **but lovingly cares** for it,  
**Just as Christ cares for his body, which is** the church.

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Matthew 19:4-9 (KJV) And He answered and said unto them, have you not read,

That He which made them at the beginning

Made them male and female,

[5] And said, for this cause shall a man leave father and mother,

And shall cleave to his wife: and the two of them shall be one flesh?

[6] Wherefore they are no more two, but one flesh.

What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder.

[7] They say unto Him, why did Moses then command

To give a writing of divorcement? And to put her away?

[8] He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you

To put away your wives: But from the beginning it was not so.

[9] And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife,

Except it be for fornication,

And shall marry another, commits adultery:

And whoever marries her which is put away does commit adultery.

Proverbs 27:15 (KJV) A continual dropping in a very rainy day

And a contentious woman are alike.

Ephes. 5:24-29 (KJV) Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ,

So let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

[25] Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church,

And gave Himself for it;

[26] That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word,

[27] That He might present it to himself a glorious church,

Not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing;

But that it should be holy and without blemish.

[28] So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies.

He that loves his wife loves himself.

[29] For no man ever yet hated his own flesh;

But nourishes and cherishes it, even as the Lord the church:

1 Cor. 7:13-17 (KJV) And the woman which has a husband that believes not,

And if he be pleased to dwell with her let her not leave him.

[14] For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife,

And the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband:

Else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

[15] But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart.

A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases:

But God has called us to peace.

[16] For what do you know, O wife, whether you shall save your husband?

Or how do you know, O man, whether you shall save your wife?

[17] But as God has distributed to every man, as the Lord has called every one,

So let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.

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Luke 16:18 (NLT) "Anyone who divorces his wife

And marries someone else commits adultery,

And anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery."

Proverbs 21:19 (KJV) It is better to dwell in the wilderness,

Than with a contentious and an angry woman.

1 Cor. 7:4 (KJV) The wife has not power of her own body, but the husband:

And likewise also

The husband has not power of his own body, **But** the wife.

1 Cor. 7:7 (KJV) For I would that all men were even as I myself.

But every man has his proper gift of God,

One **after** this manner, **and** another **after that**.

Luke 20:34-36 (NLT) Jesus replied, "Marriage is for people here on earth.

[35] But that is not the way it will be in the age to come.

For those worthy of being raised from the dead

**Won't** be married then.

[36] And they will never die again. in these respects they are like angels.

They are children of God raised up to new life.

Ephes. 5:23 (KJV) For the husband is the head of the wife,

Even as Christ is the head of the church:

And He is the Savior of the body.

Ephes. 5:23 (NLT) For a husband is the head of his wife

As Christ is the head of his body the church;

He gave his life to be her Savior.

Romans 7:2-3 (ESV) For a married woman is bound by law to her husband

**While** he lives, but **if** her husband dies

She is released from the law of marriage.

<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress

If she lives with another man while her husband is **alive**.

**But if** her husband **dies**, she **is free** from that law,

And **if** she marries **another** man she **is not** an adulteress.

Proverbs 21:19 (NLT) It is better to live alone in the desert

Than with a crabby, complaining wife.

Luke 14:26 (ESV) "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father

And mother and **wife** And children and brothers and sisters,

Yes, and even his own life, He cannot be My disciple.

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Proverbs 31:10-31 (ESV) **An excellent wife who can find?**

**She is far more precious** than jewels.

<sup>11</sup> The heart of her husband **trusts in her**, and **he will have no lack of gain**.

<sup>12</sup> She **does him good**, and **not harm**, all the days of her life.

<sup>13</sup> She seeks wool and flax, and **works with willing hands**.

<sup>14</sup> She is **like** the ships of the merchant; she **brings** her food from afar.

<sup>15</sup> She **risers while** it is yet night and **provides** food for her household

**And portions for her maidens.**

<sup>16</sup> She **considers** a field and **buys it**; **With** the fruit of her hands she **plants a vineyard**.

<sup>17</sup> She **dresses** herself **with strength** and **makes** her arms **strong**.

<sup>18</sup> She **perceives** that her merchandise **is profitable**.

Her lamp **does not** go out at night.

<sup>19</sup> She **puts** her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.

<sup>20</sup> She **opens** her **hand** to the poor and **reaches out** her hands to the needy.

<sup>21</sup> **She is not afraid of snow** for her household,

**For all her household are clothed** in scarlet.

<sup>22</sup> She **makes** bed coverings for herself; her clothing **is fine linen** and purple.

<sup>23</sup> Her husband **is known** in the gates

**When he sits among the elders of the land.**

<sup>24</sup> She **makes** linen garments and **sells** them; she **delivers** sashes to the merchant.

<sup>25</sup> **Strength** and **dignity are** her clothing,

**And she laughs at the time to come.**

<sup>26</sup> She **opens** her mouth **with wisdom**, and the **teaching of kindness** is **on** her tongue.

<sup>27</sup> She **looks well** to the ways of her household

And **does not** eat the bread of idleness.

<sup>28</sup> Her children rise up and **call her blessed**; **her husband also, and he praises her**:

<sup>29</sup> "Many women have done excellently, but you **surpass them all**."

<sup>30</sup> Charm is **deceitful**, and beauty is **vain**,

**But a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.**

<sup>31</sup> **Give** her of the **fruit of her hands**, and **let her works praise her in the gates**.

1 Cor. 7:2 (KJV) Nevertheless, **to avoid fornication**,

Let every man **have** his own wife,

**And let every woman have her own husband.**

Luke 16:18 (KJV) Whosoever **puts away his wife**, And marries another

Commits **adultery**:

And whosoever marries her **that is put away** from her husband

Commits **adultery**.

Proverbs 19:13-14 (KJV) A foolish son is the **calamity of his father**:

And the **contentions of a wife are a continual dropping**.

[14] House and riches **are** the inheritance of fathers

And a **prudent** (ability to govern and discipline oneself) wife **is from the Lord**.

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Genesis 2:18-24 (KJV) And the Lord God said, it is not good

That the man should be alone;

I will make him a help meet for him.

[19] And out of the ground The Lord God formed every beast of the field,

And every fowl of the air;

And brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them:

And whatsoever Adam called every living creature,

That was the name thereof.

[20] And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air,

And to every beast of the field;

But for Adam there was not found a help meet for him.

[21] And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept:

And He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

[22] And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man,

Made him a woman, And brought her unto the man.

[23] And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones,

And flesh of my flesh: She shall be called Woman,

Because she was taken out of Man.

[24] Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother,

And shall cleave unto his wife: And they shall be one flesh.

1 Cor. 7:13-17 (NLT) And if a Christian woman has a husband

Who is an unbeliever, and he is willing to continue living with her,

She must not leave him.

[14] For the Christian wife brings holiness to her marriage,

And the Christian husband brings holiness to his marriage.

Otherwise, your children would not have a godly influence,

But now they are set apart for Him.

[15] (But if the husband or wife who isn't a Christian insists on leaving, let them go.

In such cases the Christian husband or wife

Is not required to stay with them,

For God wants his children to live in peace.)

[16] You wives must remember that your husbands might be converted because of you.

And you husbands must remember

That your wives might be converted because of you.

[17] You must accept whatever situation The Lord has put you in,

And continue on as you were when God first called you.

This is my rule for all the churches.

Proverbs 12:4 (ESV) An excellent wife is the crown of her husband,

But she who brings shame is like rottenness in his bones.

Proverbs 21:9 (ESV) It is better to live in a corner of the housetop

Than in a house shared with a quarrelsome wife.

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Genesis 2:15-25 (ESV) **The Lord God took the man**

**And put** him in the garden of Eden to **work it** and **keep** (care for) it.

<sup>16</sup> **And the Lord God commanded** the man, **saying**,

"You **may surely eat** of every tree of the garden,

<sup>17</sup> **But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat**,

For in the **day** that you **eat of it** you shall **surely die**.

<sup>18</sup> **"Then the Lord God said**,

"It is **not good that the man should be alone**;

**I will make** him a **helper fit** for him."

<sup>19</sup> Now **out of** the ground **the Lord God had formed** every beast of the field

And every bird of the Heavens **and brought** them to the man

**To see what** he would **call** them.

And **whatever** the man **called** every living creature, **that was** its name.

<sup>20</sup> The man **gave names** to all livestock **and to** the birds of the Heavens

**And to** every beast of the field.

**But for** Adam **there was not found a helper** fit for him.

<sup>21</sup> **So the Lord God caused** a deep **sleep** to **fall upon** the man, **And** while he **slept took**

One of his ribs **and closed up** its place **with** flesh.

<sup>22</sup> And the rib that **the Lord God had taken from** the man

**He made into** a woman

**And brought** her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> **Then** the man **said**, "**This at last is bone of my bones** and **flesh of my flesh**;

She shall **be called** Woman, **because** she was **taken out** of Man."

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man **shall leave** his father **and** his mother **and hold fast** (to be faithful)

**To his wife**, **And they shall become one** flesh.

<sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife **were both naked** and **were not** ashamed.

Proverbs 31:3 (NLT) **Do not spend your strength on women, on those who ruin kings.**

Proverbs 6:27-35 (KJV) **Can a man take fire in his bosom,**

And his clothes not **be burned**?

[28] Can one go upon **hot** coals, and his feet not **be burned**?

[29] **So he that goes in to his neighbor's wife**; Whosoever **touches** her

**Shall not** be innocent.

[30] Men **do not** despise a thief, **if** he steals to **satisfy** his soul **when** he is **hungry**;

[31] **But if** he be **found**, **he shall restore** sevenfold;

He shall **give all** the **substance** of his house.

[32] **But** whoso **commits adultery** with a woman **lacks understanding**;

He that does it **destroys** his own soul.

[33] A **wound** and **dishonor** shall he **get**; And his **reproach** shall **not** be wiped away.

[34] For **jealousy** is the **rage** of a man:

Therefore he **will not** spare **in the day of vengeance**.

[35] He **will not** regard any ransom;

**Neither will** he rest content, **though** you **give** many gifts.



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Proverbs 7:6-27 (KJV) **For at the window of my house**

I **looked** through my casement,

[7] And **beheld** **among the simple ones**,

I **discerned** among the youths, a young man **void of understanding**,

[8] Passing through the street **near** her corner; And he **went** the **way** to her house,

[9] In the twilight, **in the evening**, **in the black and dark** night:

[10] And, behold, **there met him a woman with** the **attire** of an **harlot**,

And **subtle** (skillfully hides her intentions) of heart.

[11] (She is **loud** and **stubborn**; her feet **abide not** in her house:

[12] **Now is** she **without**, now in the streets, And **lies in wait** at every corner.)

[13] So she **caught** him, and kissed him, **and with an impudent face said** unto him,

[14] I have peace offerings with me; This day have I payed my vows.

[15] **Therefore came I forth** to **meet** you,

Diligently to **seek** your face, And I **have found** you.

[16] I **have** decked my bed **with** coverings of tapestry,

**With** carved works, with fine linen of Egypt.

[17] I **have** perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

[18] Come, let us **take** our fill of love until the morning:

**Let us solace** ourselves with loves.

[19] For **the goodman is not at home**, He is **gone** a long **journey**:

[20] He has taken a bag of money with him, and **will come home** **at the day appointed**.

[21] **With** her **much** fair speech she **caused** him to **yield**,

**With** the **flattering** of her lips she **forced** him.

[22] **He goes after her straightway**, **as** an ox **goes to the slaughter**,

**Or as a fool** to the **correction of the stocks**;

[23] **Till a dart strike through** his liver;

As a bird **hastens to the snare**, And **knows not** that it is **for** his life.

[24] **Listen unto Me now** therefore,

O you children, and **attend** to **the Words of My mouth**.

[25] **Let not** your heart **decline to** her **ways**, Go **not astray in her paths**.

[26] For she has **cast down** many wounded:

Yes, **many strong men have been slain** by her.

[27] **Her house is the way to hell**, going **down to the chambers of death**.

Proverbs 31:3 (ESV) **Do not give your strength to women,**

Your ways **to** those who **destroy** kings.

Ecclesiastes 9:9 (ESV) **Enjoy life with the wife whom you love,**

All the days of your **vain life that He has given** you under the sun,

**Because that is your portion in life**

And **in your toil** (continued laborious effort) **at which** you **toil** under the sun.

Proverbs 31:3 (KJV) **Give not your strength unto women,**

**Or your ways to that which destroys** kings.

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Proverbs 21:9 (NLT) **It is better to live alone in the corner of an attic**  
**Than with a contentious wife in a lovely home.**

Proverbs 21:9 (KJV) **It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop,**  
**Than with a brawling woman in a wide house.**

Proverbs 6:27-35 (NLT) **Can a man scoop fire into his lap and not be burned?**

[28] Can he walk on **hot** coals? And not **blister** his feet?

[29] **So it is** with the man **who sleeps with another man's wife.**

He who **embraces** her **will not** go unpunished.

[30] Excuses **might** be found **for** a thief who steals **because** he is **starving.**

[31] **But if he is caught,** he **will be fined** seven times **as much** as he **stole,**

**Even if** it means **selling** everything in his house **to pay it back.**

[32] **But the man who commits adultery**

**Is** an **utter fool,** for he **destroys** his own soul.

[33] **Wounds** and **constant disgrace** are his lot. His **shame** **will never** be erased.

[34] For the woman's husband **will be furious** in his **jealousy,**

And he **will have no** mercy **in** his day of **vengeance.**

[35] There **is no** compensation or bribe **that** will satisfy him.

Romans 7:2 (NLT) **Let me illustrate. When a woman marries,**

**The law binds** her to her husband **as long as he is alive.**

But **if he dies,** **the laws of marriage** **no longer apply** to her.

Romans 7:2 (KJV) **For the woman which has a husband**

Is **bound by the law** to her husband **so long as he lives;**

But **if** the husband **be dead,** she **is loosed** from **the law** of her husband.

Mark 10:29-30 (KJV) **And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you,**

There is no man **that has left** house, or brethren, or sisters, or father,

**Or mother, or wife,** or children, or lands, for **My sake, and the Gospel's,**

[30] But he **shall receive** an hundredfold **now in this time,**

Houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children,

And lands, **with persecutions;** and **in the world** to come **eternal life.**

Hebrews 13:4 (ESV) **Let marriage be held in honor** among all,

And let the marriage bed be **undefiled,**

**For God will judge** the sexually **immoral** and **adulterous.**

Hebrews 13:4 (KJV) **Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled:**

But **whoremongers** and **adulterers** **God will judge.**

Proverbs 21:9 (ESV) **It is better to live** in a corner of the housetop

**Than** in a house shared **with** a **quarrelsome** wife.

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Proverbs 7:6-27 (NLT) I was looking out the window of my house one day

[7] And saw a **simpleminded** young man **who lacked common sense**.

[8] He was **crossing** the street **near** the house **of an immoral** woman.

He was **strolling down** the path **by** her **house**

[9] At twilight, **as** the day **was fading**,

**As the dark of night set in.**

[10] The woman **approached** him, dressed **seductively** and **sly** of heart.

[11] She **was** the **brash**,

**Rebellious type** who **never** stays at home.

[12] She is **often seen** in the streets and markets, **soliciting at every corner**.

[13] She threw her arms **around** him and **kissed** him,

And with a brazen (confident rather than ashamed) look she **said**,

[14] "I've **offered** my sacrifices and just finished my vows.

[15] **It's you I was looking for!**

I **came out to find** you, and here you are!

[16] My **bed** is spread with colored sheets of finest linen imported from Egypt.

[17] I've perfumed my **bed** with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

[18] **Come**, let's drink our fill of love until morning.

**Let's enjoy each other's caresses**,

[19] For my **husband is not** home.

He's **away** on a long trip.

[20] He has taken a wallet full of money with him,

And he **won't return until later** in the month."

[21] **So** she **seduced** him **with her pretty speech**.

**With her flattery** she **enticed** him.

[22] He **followed** her at once,

**Like an ox going** to the **slaughter** or **like a trapped stag**,

[23] **Awaiting** the **arrow that would pierce** its heart.

He **was like** a bird flying **into** a **snare**,

Little knowing it **would cost** him his life.

[24] **Listen** to **Me, my** sons, and pay **attention** to **my words**.

[25] **Don't** let your hearts **stray** away **toward** her.

**Don't wander** down her **wayward path**.

[26] **For she has been the ruin of many**; **numerous men have been** her **victims**.

[27] Her house **is** the **road to the grave**.

Her bedroom **is** the **den** of **death**.

Hebrews 13:4 (NLT) Give **honor to marriage**,

And **remain faithful** to one another **in marriage**.

**God will surely judge** people who are **immoral**

And those who **commit adultery**.

Hebrews 13:4 (KJV) Marriage is **honorable in all**, **and the bed undefiled**:

But **whoremongers** and **adulterers** **God will judge**.

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Proverbs 31:10-31 (KJV) **Who can find a virtuous woman?**

For her **price** is far above rubies.

[11] The heart of her husband **does safely trust in her**,

So that he **shall have no need** of spoil.

[12] She **will do** him **good** and **not evil** **all the days of her life**.

[13] She **seeks** wool, and flax, And **works willingly** with her hands.

[14] She **is like** the merchants' ships; She **brings** her food from afar.

[15] **She rises also while it is yet night**, and **gives** meat to her household,

And a **portion** to her maidens.

[16] She **considers** a field, and **buys** it: **with** the fruit of her hands she **plants** a vineyard.

[17] She girds her loins **with strength**, and **strengthens** her arms.

[18] She **perceives** that her merchandise **is good**: Her candle **goes not out** by night.

[19] She **lays** her hands **to** the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

[20] She **stretches** out her hand **to** the poor;

Yes, she **reaches forth** her hands **to** the needy.

[21] She **is not** afraid of the snow for her household:

**For all** her household **are clothed** with scarlet.

[22] She **makes** herself coverings of tapestry; Her clothing **is silk** and purple.

[23] **Her husband is known in the gates**, **when** he sits among the elders of the land.

[24] She **makes** fine linen, **and sells** it; And **delivers** girdles unto the merchant.

[25] **Strength** and **honor** are her clothing; And she **shall rejoice** in **time to come**.

[26] She **opens** her mouth **with wisdom**; And in her tongue is **the law of kindness**.

[27] She **looks well** to the ways of her household, and **eats not** the bread of idleness.

[28] Her children arise up, and **call** her **blessed**; Her husband also, and he **praises** her.

[29] Many daughters **have done virtuously**, **but you excel them all**.

[30] Favor **is deceitful**, and beauty **is vain**:

But a woman **that fears the Lord**, **she shall be praised**.

[31] **Give** her of the **fruit** of her hands; And let her own works **praise** her **in the gates**.

Genesis 3:14-17 (KJV) **And the Lord God said unto the serpent**,

**Because you have done this**, you are **cursed above** all cattle,

**And above** every beast of the field; **upon** your belly shall **you go**,

And **dust shall** you **eat** all the days **of your** life:

[15] **And I will put enmity** (def.: heavy ill will) **between you** and the woman,

**And between** your **seed** and her seed;

It shall **bruise** your head, and **you** shall **bruise** his heel.

[16] Unto the woman **He said, I will greatly multiply** your **sorrow** and your conception;

**In sorrow** you shall bring forth children;

And your **desire shall be to** your husband, **and he shall rule over you**.

[17] And unto Adam **He said**,

**Because you have listened to the voice of** your wife, and **have eaten** of

The **Tree, of which I commanded** you, **saying**,

You **shall not** eat of it: **cursed** is the ground **for** your sake;

**In sorrow** shall you **eat of it** all the days of your life;

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Mark 10:2-12 (KJV) And the Pharisees came to Him, and asked him,

Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? Tempting Him.

[3] And He answered and said unto them,

What did Moses command you?

[4] And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement,

And to put her away.

[5] And Jesus answered and said unto them,

For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.

[6] But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

[7] For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

[8] And the two of them shall be one flesh:

So then they are no more two, but one flesh.

[9] What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder.

[10] And in the house his disciples asked Him again of the same matter.

[11] And He says unto them, whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another,

Commits adultery against her.

[12] And if a woman shall put away her husband,

And be married to another, she commits adultery.

Mark 10:2-12 (NLT) Some Pharisees came and tried to trap Him with this question:

"Should a man be allowed to divorce his wife?"

[3] "What did Moses say about divorce?" Jesus asked them.

[4] "Well, he permitted it," they replied. "He said a man merely has to write his wife

An official letter of divorce and send her away."

[5] But Jesus responded, "He wrote those instructions

Only as a concession to your hard-hearted wickedness.

[6] But God's plan was seen from the beginning of creation,

For 'He made them male and female.'

[7] This explains why a man leaves his father and mother

And is joined to his wife,

[8] And the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one,

[9] Let no one separate them, for God has joined them together."

[10] Later, when He was alone with his disciples in the house,

They brought up the subject again.

[11] He told them, "Whoever divorces his wife

And marries someone else commits adultery against her.

[12] And if a woman divorces her husband and remarries, she commits adultery."

Proverbs 12:4 (NLT) A worthy wife is her husband's joy and crown;

A shameful wife saps his strength.

2 Samuel 12:24-25 (NLT) Then David comforted Bathsheba, his wife,

And slept with her. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son,

And they named him Solomon. The Lord loved the child

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Proverbs 19:13-14 (NLT) A **foolish child is a calamity to a father;**

A **nagging wife annoys like a constant dripping.**

[14] Parents **can** provide their sons **with** an inheritance of houses and wealth,  
**But only the Lord can give** an **understanding wife.**

Luke 20:34-36 (KJV) **And Jesus answering said unto them,**

The children of this world **marry, and are given** in marriage:

[35] **But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world,**

And the **resurrection from the dead,**

**Neither** marry, **nor** are given in marriage:

[36] **Neither** can they **die** any more: **For they are equal** unto the **angels;**

And **are** the **children of God,** being the **children of the resurrection.**

1 Peter 3:7 (KJV) **Likewise, you husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge,**

**Giving honor unto** the wife, **as unto** the weaker vessel,

**And as being heirs together** of the **grace** (given by Jesus) of **life;**

That your **prayers be not hindered.**

1 Peter 3:1-7 (NLT) **In the same way, you wives**

**Must accept the authority of your husbands,**

**Even those who refuse** to accept **the Good News.**

**Your godly lives will speak** to them **better than** any words.

They will **be won** over

[2] **By watching your pure, godly** behavior.

[3] **Don't** be concerned **about** the **outward** beauty **that depends** on fancy hairstyles,

Expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes.

[4] You **should** be **known for** the beauty **that comes from within,**

The **unfading** beauty of a **gentle** and **quiet spirit,**

Which is **so precious** to **God.**

[5] **That is** the **way** the **holy** women of old **made** themselves **beautiful.**

They **trusted God** and **accepted** the **authority of their husbands.**

[6] **For instance,** Sarah **obeyed** her husband, Abraham, when she **called** him her **master.**

You **are** her daughters **when you do what is right**

**Without** fear of **what** your husbands might do.

[7] **In the same way,** you husbands **must give honor to your wives.**

**Treat her with understanding** as you live together.

She **may** be **weaker** than you are,

But she **is** your **equal** partner **in God's gift of new life.**

**If you don't** treat her as you **should,** your prayers **will not** be heard.

Matthew 19:29 (KJV) **And every one that has forsaken houses,**

Or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, **or wife,** or children, or lands,

For **My Name's sake,** shall **receive** an hundredfold,

And **shall inherit** everlasting **life.**

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1 Peter 3:1-7 (KJV) Likewise, you wives, be **in subjection to your own husbands**;

That, **if** any obey **not the Word**,

They also may **without the Word** be **won**

**By the conversation of the wives**;

[2] While they **behold** your **chaste** conversation **coupled** with **fear**.

[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**.

[5] **For after this manner** in the **old** time the **holy** women also, who **trusted in God**,

Adorned themselves, **being in subjection unto their own husbands**:

[6] Even as Sarah **obeyed** Abraham, **calling** him **lord**:

Whose daughters you **are**, **as long as you do well**,

And **are not** afraid with any amazement.

[7] Likewise, you husbands, **dwelt with them according to knowledge**,

**Giving honor unto** the wife, **as unto** the **weaker** vessel,

**And as being heirs together of the grace** (*grace from Jesus* by faith) of **life**;

That your prayers **be not** hindered.

Proverbs 12: 4 (ESV) **An excellent wife is the crown of her husband,**

**But she who brings shame** is like **rottenness** in his bones.

Proverbs 19:14 (ESV) **House and wealth are inherited from fathers,**

But a **prudent** (sensible, disciplined, practical) wife **is from the Lord**.

1 Peter 3:1-7 (ESV) Likewise, wives, **be subject to your own husbands**,

So that even if some **do not** obey **the Word**,

**They may be won** without **a Word** by the **conduct** of their wives,

<sup>2</sup> **When they see your respectful and pure conduct**.

<sup>3</sup> **Do not** let your adorning **be external**---the braiding of hair

And the **putting on** of gold jewelry, **or** the clothing you wear---

<sup>4</sup> But **let** your **adorning** be the **hidden** person of the heart

**With the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit,**

**Which in God's sight is very precious**.

<sup>5</sup> For **this** is **how** the **holy** women who hoped **in God** used to adorn themselves,

**By submitting to their own husbands**,

<sup>6</sup> As Sarah **obeyed** Abraham, **calling** him **lord**. And you **are** her children,

**If you do good**

And **do not** fear anything **that is** frightening.

<sup>7</sup> Likewise, husbands, **live with** your wives **in an understanding way**,

**Showing honor** to the woman **as the weaker** vessel,

**Since they are heirs with you of the grace** (Salvation *from Jesus*) of **life**,

So that your prayers **may not** be hindered.

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Luke 14:26 (NLT) "If you want to be My follower you must love me  
More than your own father and mother, wife and children,  
Brothers and sisters—yes, more than your own life.  
Otherwise, you cannot be My disciple.

Genesis 3:6-18 (ESV) So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food,  
And that it was a delight to the eyes,  
And that the tree was to be desired to make one wise,  
She took of its fruit and ate,  
And she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.  
<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked.  
And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.  
<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden  
In the cool of the day, And the man and his wife hid themselves  
From the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.  
<sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"  
<sup>10</sup> And he said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid,  
Because I was naked, and I hid myself."  
<sup>11</sup> He said, "Who told you that you were naked?  
Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"  
<sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me,  
She gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."  
<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?"  
The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."  
<sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,  
Cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field;  
On your belly you shall go,  
And dust you shall eat all the days of your life.  
<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity (def: deep seated ill will) between you and the woman,  
And between your offspring and her offspring;  
He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."  
<sup>16</sup> To the woman He said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
In pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."  
<sup>17</sup> And to Adam He said, "Because  
You have listened to the voice of your wife  
And have eaten of the Tree of which I commanded you,  
'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you;  
In pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
<sup>18</sup> Thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
<sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread,  
Till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken;  
For you are dust, And to dust you shall return."  
<sup>20</sup> The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.



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Colossians 3:18-19 (ESV) Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

<sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

Genesis 3:1-18 (NLT) Now the serpent was the shrewdest of all the creatures

The Lord God had made. "Really?" he asked the woman.

"Did God really say you must not eat any of the fruit in the garden?"

[2] "Of course we may eat it," the woman told him.

[3] "It's only the fruit from the tree at the center of the garden

That we are not allowed to eat.

God says we must not eat it or even touch it, or we will die."

[4] "You won't die!" the serpent hissed.

[5] "God knows that your eyes will be opened when you eat it. You will become

Just like God, knowing everything, both good and evil."

[6] The woman was convinced. The fruit looked so fresh and delicious,

And it would make her so wise! So she ate some of the fruit. She also

Gave some to her husband, who was with her. Then he ate it, too.

[7] At that moment, their eyes were opened,

And they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness.

So they strung fig leaves together around their hips to cover themselves.

[8] Toward evening they heard the Lord God walking about in the garden,

So they hid themselves among the trees.

[9] The Lord God called to Adam, "Where are you?"

[10] He replied, "I heard You, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked."

[11] "Who told you that you were naked?" the Lord God asked.

"Have you eaten the Fruit I commanded you not to eat?"

[12] "Yes," Adam admitted, "But it was the woman You gave me

Who brought me the fruit, and I ate it."

[13] Then the Lord God asked the woman, "How could you do such a thing?"

"The serpent tricked me," she replied. "That's why I ate it."

[14] So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

You will be punished. You are singled out from all the domestic

And wild animals of the whole earth to be cursed. You will grovel

In the dust as long as you live, crawling along on your belly.

[15] From now on, you and the woman will be enemies,

And your offspring and her offspring will be enemies.

He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

[16] Then He said to the woman,

"You will bear children with intense pain and suffering.

And though your desire will be for your husband,

He will be your master."

[17] And to Adam He said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate the fruit

I told you not to eat, I have placed a curse on the ground.

All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it.

[18] It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains.

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Ephesians 5:23-27 (ESV) For **the husband is the head** of the wife

*Even as Christ is the head of* the church, *his body,*  
*And is Himself its Savior.*

<sup>24</sup> Now as the church **submits** to *Christ,*

**So also** wives **should submit** in **everything** to their husbands.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, **love** your wives, *as Christ loved* the church *and gave himself up* for her,

<sup>26</sup> *That He might sanctify* her, having **cleansed** her

By the **washing of water with the Word,**

<sup>27</sup> *So that He might present* the church to *himself* in **splendor,**

**Without** spot or wrinkle or any such thing, **that she might be holy**

And **without** blemish.

<sup>28</sup> **In the same way** husbands **should love** their wives **as** their own bodies.

He who **loves** his wife **loves** himself.

<sup>29</sup> For **no one** ever **hated** his own flesh, but **nourishes** and **cherishes** it,

*Just as Christ does* the church,

<sup>30</sup> **Because we are members** of *His body.*

<sup>31</sup> "Therefore a man **shall leave** his father and mother and **hold fast** to his wife,

And the **two** shall **become one** flesh."

<sup>32</sup> **This mystery is profound,** and I am **saying** that it **refers** to *Christ* and the church.

<sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you **love** his wife **as** himself,

And let the **wife see that she respects** her husband.

1 Cor. 7:10-11 (KJV) **And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord,**

**Let not** the wife **depart** from her husband:

[11] But and **if** she **depart,** let her **remain unmarried,** or **be reconciled** to her husband:

And **let not** the husband **put away** his wife.

1 Corinthians 7:10-16 (ESV) **To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord):**

**The wife should not** separate from her husband

<sup>11</sup> (But **if** she **does,** she **should remain** unmarried **or else be reconciled** to her husband),

And the husband **should not** divorce his wife.

<sup>12</sup> To the rest I say (I, **not the Lord**)

That **if any brother has** a wife who **is an unbeliever,**

And she **consents** to live **with** him, he **should not** divorce her.

<sup>13</sup> If any woman **has** a husband who **is an unbeliever,** and he **consents** to live **with** her,

**She should not** divorce him.

<sup>14</sup> For the **unbelieving** husband is **made holy** because **of** his wife,

And the **unbelieving** wife is **made holy** because **of** her husband.

**Otherwise** your children **would be** unclean, but **as it is,** they **are holy.**

<sup>15</sup> **But if the unbelieving partner separates,** let it be so.

**In such cases** the brother or sister **is not** enslaved.

**God has called** you to **peace.**

<sup>16</sup> For **how** do you **know,** wife, **whether** you will **save** your husband?

Or **how** do you **know,** husband, **whether** you will **save** your wife?

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Mark 10:29-30 (ESV) Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you,

**There is no one** who **has left** house or brothers or sisters  
Or mother or father or children or lands,  
**For My sake** and **for the Gospel,**

<sup>30</sup> Who will **not** (translated: will receive ) **receive** a hundredfold **now in this time,**  
Houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands,  
**With persecutions,** and **in the age to come eternal life.**

Proverbs 12:4 (KJV) **A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband:**

**But she that makes ashamed** is as **rottenness** in his bones.

Genesis 19:15-26 (NLT) **At dawn the next morning the angels became insistent.**

**"Hurry," they said to Lot. "Take your wife**  
**And your two daughters who are here. Get out of here right now,**  
Or you **will be caught** in the **destruction** of the city."

[16] **When** Lot **still hesitated,** the angels **seized** his hand **and** the hands of his **wife**  
And two daughters **and rushed** them to **safety** outside the city,  
**For the Lord was merciful.**

[17] **"Run for your lives!"** the angels **warned. "Do not** stop anywhere in the valley.  
**And don't look back! Escape to the mountains, or you will die."**

[18] "Oh no, my lords, please," Lot **begged.**

[19] "You have **been so kind** to me and **saved** my life,  
And you **have granted** me such **mercy.**  
But I **cannot go** to the mountains. **Disaster would catch up** to me **there,**  
And I would **soon die.**

[20] See, **there is** a small village **nearby. Please let me go there instead;**  
Don't you see how small it is? **Then my life will be saved."**

[21] "All right," the angel **said, "I will grant your request.**  
I **will not** destroy that **little** village.

[22] But hurry! For I can do nothing until you are there." From that time on,  
That village was known as Zoar.

[23] The sun was rising as Lot **reached** the village.

[24] **Then the Lord rained down fire and burning sulfur from** the Heavens  
On Sodom and Gomorrah.

[25] **He utterly destroyed** them, **along with** the other cities and villages of the plain,  
**Eliminating** all life— people, plants, and animals alike.

[26] **But Lot's wife looked back** as she was **following** along **behind** him,  
And she **became** a **pillar** of salt.

Genesis 3:17 (ESV) **And to Adam He said,**

**"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten**  
Of the **Tree of which I commanded** you,  
'You shall not eat of it,' **cursed** is the ground **because of you;**  
**In pain** you shall eat of it **all the days of your life;**

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1 Cor. 7:10-11 (NLT) Now, for those who are married

I have **a command that comes not from me, but from the Lord.**

**A wife must not leave her husband.**

[11] But **if** she **does leave** him, let her **remain single** or else **go back** to him.

**And the husband must not leave his wife.**

Romans 7:2-3 (ESV) Accordingly, she will be called

**An adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive.**

But **if** her husband **dies**, she is **free** from **that law**,

And **if** she **marries another** man she **is not** an adulteress.

Proverbs 2:16-21 (NLT) **Wisdom** will **save you from the immoral woman,**

**From the flattery of the adulterous woman.**

[17] **She has abandoned her husband and ignores the covenant she made before God.**

[18] **Entering her house leads to death; it is the road to hell.**

[19] The man who **visits** her **is doomed**. He **will never** reach the **paths** of life.

[20] **Follow** the **steps** of **good** men instead,

And **stay on the paths of the righteous.**

[21] For **only** the **upright** will **live** in the land,

And those who **have integrity will remain in it.**

Matthew 5:31-32 (ESV) "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife,

Let him **give** her a **certificate of divorce.**'

<sup>32</sup> **But I say** to you that **everyone** who **divorces** his wife,

**Except on the ground of sexual immorality,**

**Makes her commit adultery,**

And whoever **marries** a **divorced** woman **commits adultery.**

Matthew 5:31-32 (KJV) It has been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife,

Let him **give** her a **writing of divorcement:**

[32] **But I say** unto you, that **whosoever shall put away** his wife,

**Saving for the cause of fornication, causes her to commit adultery:**

And **whosoever shall marry** her **that is divorced** **commits adultery.**

Matthew 5:31-32 (NLT) "You have heard that **the law** of Moses says,

'A man **can divorce** his wife by merely **giving** her a **letter of divorce.**'

[32] **But I say that** a man who **divorces** his wife, **unless she has been unfaithful,**

**Causes her to commit adultery.**

And **anyone** who **marries** a **divorced** woman **commits adultery.**

1 Kings 11:4 (KJV) For it came to pass, when Solomon was old,

**That his wives turned away** his heart **after other** gods: **And** his heart

Was **not perfect** with **the Lord** his **God,**

**As was** the heart **of** David his father.

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Esther 1:1-22 (ESV) Now in the days of Ahasuerus, the **Ahasuerus who reigned**

From India to Ethiopia over 127 provinces,

<sup>2</sup> In those **days** when King Ahasuerus **sat on his royal throne** in Susa, the capital,

<sup>3</sup> In the third year of his reign **he gave a feast for all** his officials and servants.

The army of Persia and Media

And the nobles and governors of the provinces **were before him**,

<sup>4</sup> While **he showed the riches** of his royal glory and the splendor

And pomp of his greatness **for many days**, 180 days.

<sup>5</sup> And **when these days were completed**,

**The king gave for all the people** present in Susa, the citadel,

Both great and small, a **feast**

**Lasting for seven days** in the **court of the garden of the king's palace**.

<sup>6</sup> **There were** white cotton curtains and violet hangings

Fastened with cords of fine linen **and** purple to silver rods

**And** marble pillars, **and also** couches of gold **And** silver on a mosaic

Pavement of porphyry, marble, mother-of-pearl **and** precious stones.

<sup>7</sup> **Drinks were served in golden vessels**, vessels of different kinds,

And the **royal wine** was **lavished** according to the **bounty** of the king.

<sup>8</sup> And **drinking was** according to **this edict**: "**There is no compulsion**."

For the king **had given orders**

**To all** the staff of his palace **to do as each man desired**.

<sup>9</sup> **Queen Vashti also gave a feast** for the women

**In the palace** that **belonged** to King Ahasuerus.

<sup>10</sup> **On the seventh day**, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, **he commanded**

Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha and Abagtha, Zethar and Carkas,

The **seven** eunuchs who **served** in the presence of King Ahasuerus,

<sup>11</sup> **To bring Queen Vashti before** the king **with** her royal crown,

**In order to show** the peoples and the princes her **beauty**,

For she **was lovely to look at**.

<sup>12</sup> But **Queen Vashti refused to come** at the king's **command** delivered by the eunuchs.

At this the king **became enraged**, and his **anger burned** within him.

<sup>13</sup> **Then** the king **said** to the wise men who **knew** the times

(for **this was** the king's procedure

**Toward all** who were **versed in law and judgment**,

<sup>14</sup> The men next to him being Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena,

And Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media,

Who saw the king's face, and sat first in the kingdom):

<sup>15</sup> "**According to** the law, **what is to be done to Queen Vashti**,

**Because she has not** performed the **command** of King Ahasuerus

**Delivered by** the eunuchs?"

<sup>16</sup> Then Memucan said in the presence of the king and the officials,

"**Not only against** the king **has Queen Vashti done wrong**, but also

**Against all** the officials **and all** the peoples

Who **are in all** the provinces of King Ahasuerus. (Story continued on pg39v)

## Page # 39v / What is God's will in marriage?

Esther 1:17-22 (ESV) (Continuation from page 39u) For the queen's behavior

**Will be made known** to all women,

**Causing** them to **look** at their husbands **with contempt**,

**Since** they **will say**, 'King Ahasuerus **commanded** Queen Vashti

**To be brought before him, and she did not come.**'

<sup>18</sup> **This very day** the noble women of Persia

And Media who **have heard** of the queen's behavior

**Will say** the same to all the king's officials,

And **there will be contempt** and wrath in plenty.

<sup>19</sup> If it please the king, **let a royal order go out from him**,

And **let it be written** among the laws of the Persians and the Medes

So that it **may not** be repealed,

**That Vashti is never again to come** before King Ahasuerus.

And **let** the king **give** her royal **position**

**To another** who is **better than** she.

<sup>20</sup> So **when** the **decree made by the king is proclaimed** throughout all his kingdom,

For it is vast, all women **will give honor** to their husbands,

High and low alike."

<sup>21</sup> **This advice pleased the king** and the princes, **and** the king **did** as Memucan **proposed**.

<sup>22</sup> He **sent letters** to **all** the royal provinces,

**To every province** in its own script

And **to every people** in its own language,

**That every man be master** in his own **household**

And **speak according to the language** of his people.

Esther 5:1-4 (ESV) **On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood**

**In the inner court** of the king's palace, **in front** of the king's quarters,

**While** the king **was sitting on** his royal **throne**

Inside the throne room opposite the entrance to the palace.

<sup>2</sup> And **when the king saw Queen** Esther **standing in the court**,

She **won favor** in his **sight**,

**And** he **held out** to Esther the **golden scepter** that was in his hand.

Then Esther **approached** and **touched** the tip of the **scepter**.

<sup>3</sup> And the king **said** to her, "**What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request?**

It shall be **given** you, **even to the half of my kingdom.**"

Proverbs 25:24 (NLT) **It is better to live alone** in the corner of an attic

Than **with** a contentious wife in a lovely home.

Ephes. 5:25 (NLT) **And you husbands must love your wives with the same love**

Christ showed the church he gave up his life for her.

Proverbs 31:30 (NLT) **Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last;**

But a woman who fears the Lord will be **greatly praised**.

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Judges 14:1-15 (ESV) **Samson went down to Timnah,**

And at Timnah he saw one of the daughters of the Philistines.

<sup>2</sup> **Then he came up and told** his father and mother,

"I saw one of the daughters of the Philistines at Timnah.

**Now get her for me as my wife."**

<sup>3</sup> But his father and mother said to him, "**Is there not a woman**

**Among the daughters of your relatives,** or among all our people,

That you **must go to take a wife from** the uncircumcised Philistines?"

But Samson said to his father,

"**Get her for me, for she is right in my eyes.**"

<sup>4</sup> His father and mother **did not know** that it was from the Lord,

For He was seeking an opportunity against the Philistines.

**At that time** the Philistines **ruled over** Israel.

<sup>5</sup> **Then Samson went down** with his father and mother **to Timnah,**

And they **came to the vineyards of Timnah.**

And behold, a young **lion** came **toward** him roaring.

<sup>6</sup> Then the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon him,

And although he **had nothing** in his hand,

**He tore the lion in pieces** as one **tears** a young goat.

But he **did not tell** his father **or** his mother **what he had done.**

<sup>7</sup> **Then he went down and talked with** the woman, **and she was right in Samson's eyes.**

<sup>8</sup> **After** some days he **returned** to take her.

And he **turned aside** to **see** the carcass of the lion, and behold,

**There was** a swarm of **bees** in the body of the lion, **and honey.**

<sup>9</sup> He **scraped it out** into his hands and **went on,** eating as he went.

And he **came** to his father and mother and **gave some** to them,

And they ate. **But he did not tell them**

**That he had scraped the honey from** the carcass of the lion.

<sup>10</sup> His father **went down to** the woman, and Samson **prepared a feast** there,

**For so** the young men **used to do.**

<sup>11</sup> **As soon** as the people saw him, they **brought** thirty companions to be **with** him.

<sup>12</sup> And Samson **said** to them, "**Let me now put a riddle to you.**

**If you can tell me what it is, within** the seven days of the feast,

And **find it out, then I will give you** thirty linen garments

And **thirty** changes of clothes,

<sup>13</sup> **But if you cannot tell me what it is, then you shall give me** thirty linen garments

And **thirty** changes of clothes."

And they **said** to him, "**Put your riddle, that we may hear it.**"

<sup>14</sup> And he **said** to them, "**Out of the eater came something to eat.**

**Out of the strong came something sweet."**

And **in three days they could not solve the riddle.**

<sup>15</sup> **On** the fourth day they **said** to Samson's wife, "**Entice** your husband to **tell us**

**What the riddle is,** lest we **burn** you and your father's house **with fire.**

**Have you invited us here to impoverish us?"** (story continued on page 39x)

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Judges 14:16-20 (ESV) (Story continuation from 39w) **And Samson's wife wept over him**

And **said**, "You **only** hate me; you **do not** love me.

You **have put** a riddle to my people,

And **you have not told me what it is**." And he **said to** her,

"Behold, I **have not told** my father nor my mother,

And **shall I tell** you?"

<sup>17</sup> **She wept before him** the seven days **that** their feast **lasted**,

And **on the seventh** day he **told** her, **because** she **pressed** him **hard**.

**Then she told the riddle** to her people.

<sup>18</sup> And the men of the city **said to** him **on the seventh** day **before** the sun went **down**,

"**What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger than a lion?**"

And he **said to** them, "**If you had not plowed** with my **heifer**,

You **would not** have **found out** my riddle."

<sup>19</sup> **And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon** him, and he **went down** to Ashkelon

**And struck down thirty men** of the town **and took** their spoil

And **gave** the **garments** to those who **had told** the riddle.

**In hot anger** he **went back to** his father's house.

<sup>20</sup> And **Samson's wife was given** to his companion, who **had been** his best man.

Judges 15:1-8 (ESV) **After some days, at the time of wheat harvest,**

Samson **went to visit his wife with** a young goat.

And he **said**, "I **will go in to** my wife in the chamber."

But her father **would not** allow him to go in.

<sup>2</sup> And her father **said**, "I **really thought** that you utterly hated her,

So **I gave her to your companion**.

**Is not** her younger sister **more beautiful** than she?

Please take her **instead**."

<sup>3</sup> And Samson **said to them**, "**This time** I shall be **innocent in regard to** the Philistines,

**When I do** them harm."

<sup>4</sup> So Samson **went** and **caught** 300 foxes and **took torches**. And he **turned** them

**Tail to tail** and **put a torch** between each pair of tails.

<sup>5</sup> And **when** he had **set fire** to the **torches**,

He **let** the foxes go **into** the standing grain of the Philistines

**And set fire to the stacked grain** and the standing grain,

As well as the olive orchards.

<sup>6</sup> Then the Philistines **said**, "**Who has done this?**" And they **said**, "Samson,

The son-in-law of the Timnite, **because he has taken** his wife

And **given** her to his companion."

And the Philistines **came up** and **burned** her and her father **with fire**.

<sup>7</sup> And Samson **said to** them, "**If this is what you do**,

I swear **I will be avenged on you**,

And **after that** I will quit."

<sup>8</sup> And he **struck** them hip and thigh **with** a great **blow**, and he went down

And stayed in the cleft of the rock of Etam. (Story continued on Page 39y)



## Page # 39y / What is God's will in marriage?

Judges 15:9-20 (ESV) (Continuation from page 39x) **The Philistines came up**

And **encamped** in Judah and **made** a **raid** on Lehi.

<sup>10</sup> And the men of Judah said, "**Why have you come up against** us?"

They said, "**We have come up to bind Samson,**

**To do to him as he did to us.**"

<sup>11</sup> Then 3,000 men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam,

**And said** to Samson,

"Do you **not know** that the Philistines **are rulers** over us?"

**What then** is this that you **have done** to us?"

And he **said to** them, "As they **did to** me, **so have I done to them.**"

<sup>12</sup> And they **said to** him, "We **have come down to bind** you,

That we **may give you into** the hands of the Philistines."

And Samson **said to** them,

"**Swear to me that you will not** attack me yourselves."

<sup>13</sup> They **said to** him, "No; **we will only bind you and give you** into their hands.

We **will surely not** kill you."

So they **bound him with two new ropes**

And **brought him up** from the rock.

<sup>14</sup> **When he came to Lehi**, the Philistines **came shouting** to meet him.

**Then the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon** him,

**And the ropes that were on** his arms **became** as flax that has caught fire,

And his bonds **melted off** his hands.

<sup>15</sup> And he **found** a fresh **jawbone of** a donkey, and **put out** his hand and **took it**,

And **with it he struck** 1,000 men.

<sup>16</sup> And Samson **said**, "With the **jawbone of a donkey**, heaps upon heaps,

**With the jawbone of a donkey**

**Have I struck down** a thousand men."

<sup>17</sup> **As soon as he had finished speaking**, he threw **away** the jawbone out of his hand.

And that **place was called** Ramath-lehi.

<sup>18</sup> **And he was very thirsty**, and he **called upon the Lord** and **said**,

"**You have granted** this **great salvation** by the hand **of your** servant,

And **shall I now die** of thirst

And **fall into** the hands of the uncircumcised?"

<sup>19</sup> **And God split open** the hollow place that is at Lehi, and **water came out** from it.

And **when he drank**, his spirit **returned**, and he **revived**.

Therefore the name of it was called En-hakkore; it is at Lehi **to this day**.

<sup>20</sup> **And he judged** Israel in the **days of** the Philistines twenty years.

Col. 3:19 (NLT) **And you husbands must love your wives**

And **never** treat them harshly.

Matthew 12:25 (ESV) **Knowing their thoughts, He said to them,**

"Every kingdom **divided against** itself is **laid waste**,

And **no city or house divided** against itself will stand.

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Luke 11:17 (NLT) **He knew their thoughts, so he said,**

"Any kingdom **at war** with **itself** is **doomed**.

A **divided** home **is also doomed**.

1 Corinthians 7:25-40 (ESV) **Now concerning the betrothed,**

**I have no command** from **the Lord**, but I **give my judgment**

As one who **by the Lord's mercy** is **trustworthy**.

<sup>26</sup> **I think that in view of the present distress** it is **good** for a person **to remain** as he is.

<sup>27</sup> **Are you bound to a wife?** Do **not** seek **to be free**. **Are you free from a wife?**

**Do not** seek a wife.

<sup>28</sup> **But if you do marry, you have not sinned, and if a betrothed woman marries,**

She **has not sinned**. Yet those who marry **will have** worldly **troubles**,

And I **would spare you that**.

<sup>29</sup> This is what I mean, brothers: **the appointed time has grown very short**.

**From now on**, let those who **have wives**

**Live as though they had none**,

<sup>30</sup> And those who **mourn** as though they **were not** mourning,

And those who **rejoice** as though they **were not** rejoicing,

And those who **buy** as though they **had no** goods,

<sup>31</sup> And those who **deal with** the world **as though** they **had no** dealings **with it**.

For the **present form** of this world **is passing away**.

<sup>32</sup> I **want you to be free** from anxieties. The unmarried man **is anxious**

**About the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord**.

<sup>33</sup> But the married man **is anxious** about **worldly things**, how **to please** his wife,

<sup>34</sup> **And his interests are divided**. And the unmarried **or** betrothed woman **is anxious**

**About the things of the Lord, how to be** holy **in body** and **Spirit**.

But the married woman **is anxious** about **worldly things**,

**How to please** her husband.

<sup>35</sup> I **say this** for your own **benefit, not to lay** any restraint upon you,

But **to promote good order**

And **to secure your undivided devotion** to **the Lord**.

<sup>36</sup> **If anyone thinks that he is not behaving properly toward his betrothed,**

**If his passions are strong, and it has to be,**

**Let him do as he wishes: let them marry---it is no sin**.

<sup>37</sup> But whoever is **firmly established** in his heart, being under **no necessity**

But **having** his desire **under control**,

And **has determined** this in his heart, **to keep** her as his **betrothed**,

He **will do well**.

<sup>38</sup> **So then** he who **marries** his betrothed **does well**,

And he who **refrains from marriage will do even better**.

<sup>39</sup> A wife **is bound** to her husband **as long as he lives**. But **if her husband dies**,

She **is free** to be married to whom she **wishes, only in the Lord**.

<sup>40</sup> Yet in my judgment she **is happier** if she **remains** as she is.

And I **think that I too have the Spirit of God**.

## Page # 39ba / What is God's will in marriage?

1 Cor. 7:25-40 (NLT) Now, about the young women who are not yet married.

**I do not have a command** from the Lord for them.

**But the Lord in his kindness has given** me wisdom **that can be trusted,**  
And I will share it with you.

[26] **Because of the present crisis,** I think it is best to remain just as you are.

[27] If you **have** a wife, **do not** end the marriage. If you **do not** have a wife,  
**Do not** get married.

[28] But if you **do get** married, **it is not a sin.** And if a young woman gets married,  
**It is not** a sin. However,

I am **trying to spare** you the extra problems **that come with marriage.**

[29] Now let me say this, dear brothers and sisters:

The **time that remains** is very short,

So husbands **should not** let marriage **be their major concern.**

[30] Happiness **or** sadness **or** wealth **should not** keep anyone from **doing** God's work.

[31] Those **in frequent contact** with the **things** of the world

**Should** make **good use of them** without becoming **attached to them,**  
For **this world** and **all it contains** **will pass away.**

[32] In **everything** you do,

I want you to **be free** **from the concerns of this life.**

An **unmarried** man **can spend** his time **doing** the Lord's work

And **thinking** how to **please** Him.

[33] But **a married man can't do that** so well. He **has to think** about

His earthly **responsibilities** and **how to please** his wife.

[34] His **interests are divided.** In the same way,

A woman who **is no longer** married or **has never been** married

**Can be more** devoted to the Lord in body and in Spirit,

**While** the married woman **must be concerned**

**About her earthly responsibilities** and **how to please** her husband.

[35] **I am saying this for your benefit,**

**Not** to place restrictions on you.

I want you to **do** **whatever will help you** serve the Lord best,

**With as few distractions** as possible.

[36] But if a man **thinks** he **ought to** marry his fiancée

**Because he has trouble** controlling his passions **and time is passing,**

**It is all right; it is not a sin.** Let them marry.

[37] But if he **has decided** firmly **not to** marry and **there is** no urgency

And he **can control** his passion, **he does well** not to marry.

[38] So the person who marries **does well,**

And the person who **doesn't** marry **does even better.**

[39] A wife **is married to** her husband **as long** as he **lives.** If her husband **dies,**

She **is free** to marry whomever she **wishes,**

But **this** **must be a marriage acceptable** to the Lord.

[40] **But in my opinion** it will **be better** for her if she **doesn't** marry again,

And I think I am **giving** you **counsel** **from** God's Spirit when I say **this.**

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1 Cor. 7:27-29 (KJV) Are you bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed.

Are you released from a wife? seek not a wife.

[28] But and if you marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marry, She has not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: But I spare you.

[29] But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remains, That both they that have wives be as though they had none;

Luke 11:17 (KJV) But He, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; And a house divided against a house falls.

Luke 11:17 (ESV) But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, And a divided household falls.

1 Kings 21:25-29 (NLT) No one else so completely sold himself To what was evil in the Lord's sight As did Ahab, For his wife, Jezebel, influenced him.

[26] He was especially guilty Because he worshiped idols just as the Amorites had done— The people whom the Lord had driven from the land Ahead of the Israelites.

[27] When Ahab heard this message, He tore his clothing, dressed in sackcloth, And fasted. He even slept in sackcloth and went about in deep mourning.

[28] Then another message from the Lord came to Elijah, Who was from Tishbe:

[29] "Do you see how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has done this, I will not do what I promised during his lifetime. It will happen to his sons; I will destroy all his descendants."