

A Wise Woman Builds Her House

Mission Valley Christian Fellowship
Fall 2007 Women's Study
with Sandra Giovinetti

Lesson Two – Week Three

A Wise Woman's Role in the World and at Home

*Oh Lord, make me a wise woman
With you, my guiding light
Fearing not what lies on this side;
Depending on your might.*

*Design my Godly home,
With tools of love and kindness
Obedience to your Word alone
And protection from the darkness.*

*Instruct this wicked tongue of mine
and guard my fragile heart
Keep it close to you in times that try
And forevermore—how great thou art!*

Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.
Proverbs 14:1

Dear Ladies: Begin each lesson with prayer. Ask God to open your heart and mind. Be honest with yourself and with God.

Read Proverbs 14:1; Genesis 2:18-24; 1 Corinthians 11:3, 11:11; and Ephesians 2:10

1. From the Bible we can see God has specific things in mind when He created us. What are his definitions/intentions for woman?

1b. Write what comes to mind when you consider how this *differs* from how the world tells us to be.

Read Genesis 6:5, Proverbs 4:23, and Philippians 4:7

2. Why does the Lord instruct us to guard our hearts? *How* can we do this?

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–Romans 12:2

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Read Proverbs 14:2; John 15:18-20 and 16:1-4; and James 1:9-10

3. The Word tells us that people truly living for the Lord—who are DOERS of the word—will be treated differently. Describe what the above scriptures tell us.

3b. (*personal*) Do you find this to be true in your life? Do you feel *you* are persecuted? Are you living for the Lord in *all* areas of your life?

Read Daniel 1:8; Matthew 5:6; Luke 6:27-31; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Cor 3:12-14 and 7:29-31; 2 Cor 5:16-17, 6:14-17; Ephesians 2:1-3, 5:1-21 and 6:11-12; Galatians 6:9; Philippians 2:14-16; James 4:4; Titus 2:11-12; 1 Peter 1:14-15; and 1 John 2:15-17

4. How are we instructed to conduct ourselves in this world?

Read Isaiah 41:9-10; Mark 8:36 and 10:31; Matthew 5:3, 5:10, and 6:19-21; Luke 6:22-23; Romans 6:23 and 8:18-21; James 1:12 and 2:5

5. What is promised to us if we live for the Lord and “finish well?” What is our ultimate promise?

Read Proverbs 14:12, Galatians 5:19, and 2 Peter 2:20-22

5b. What is the alternative described here?

MORE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE LORD:

Read 1 Peter 3:3-4

6. How does the Lord show us we should dress/present ourselves?

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Read Proverbs 31:28 and Ecclesiastes 7:1

7. Why should we protect our reputation?

Read Proverbs 14:3-5, 18:21 and 31:26; Ephesians 4:29 and 5:4; James 1:19, 1:26, 3:3-12, and 4:11

8. We are also to protect the reputations of others by minding our tongues. After reading the above scriptures, how do you think God looks upon those who don't control their tongues? Describe.

Read Matthew 7:1-3; Romans 2:1-3 and 14:10-13; James 4:11-12; and 1 Corinthians 4:5

9. What do the scriptures say about passing judgment?

Read Proverbs 31:10-12

10. How valuable is a virtuous woman? How do you interpret these verses?

Read Proverbs 31:13-18, Luke 10:27, Ephesians 5:22, 1 Timothy 2:12-15, Titus 2:3, and James 2:8

11. What is God's intention for the woman...

a)...in the HOME?

b)...in SOCIETY?

c)...in the WORKPLACE?

Read Leviticus 19:18; Proverbs 14:21; Matthew 22:39; Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27; Romans 13:8-10; and Ephesians 4:25-27

12. Another important role for woman is that of *neighbor*. How do the scriptures describe this role? Are you a good neighbor?

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DIGGING DEEPER:

Read Ephesians 4:14-16

1. Why is it so important that we have a firm foundation in Christ?

1b: Can you think of ways when your "house" came crashing down before you had your firm foundation? Discuss, then pray and thank the Lord that He brought you into His marvelous light!

Read John 7:24

2. Earlier we looked at scriptures that advise us not to pass judgment on others. However, other scriptures tell us to "expel the immoral brother." How do you reconcile both sets of instructions? Does John 7:24 help clarify this for you?

Re-read the beginning of Proverbs 31

3. Lemuel writes of the virtuous woman. Who is "Lemuel?" Who is his mother? (hint: find a Concordance!)

Read Exodus 15:20, Judges 4:5, Acts 9:36, Philippians 4:2-3, and Romans 16:3-4

4. God intends also for women to have a role in the ministry. The Old Testament tells of the strong female leadership of Miriam, Deborah, and Huldah to name a few. Women like Tabitha (Dorcas), Euodias, Syntyche, Priscilla, and Phoebe, who were valuable in spreading the Gospel message.

A. What do you admire most about these women?

B. Have you prayed that the Lord would direct you to *your place* in the ministry?

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