

Wise Up...Walking in Wisdom or Folly Scriptures Lesson 5

Summary Page "Mirror, Mirror, on the Wall"

NIV Proverbs 27:19 "As water reflects the face, so a man's heart reflects the man."

The Message 27:19 "Just as water mirrors your face, so your face mirrors your heart."

DJB Proverbs 27:19 "As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart."

1) A face that is reflected in a pool of water says very little about a person.

2) A glimpse into the heart discerns what a person loves and values-reflects his or her true character.

Proverbs 12:4 A wife of noble character is her husband's crown, but a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones." Decay crept into his bones, meaning his whole body.

Proverbs 14:1 The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down." A wise woman is a source of strength and an example of diligence for her family.

Her house is built on wisdom. Builds not on sand but on solid rock. On the love of the Lord.

Proverbs 11:16 "A kindhearted woman gains honor, (respect) but ruthless men gain only wealth." Assumes a "good name is more valuable than riches". She has more respect than...

Proverbs 31:30 "Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." **Pr 1:7** "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline." Meaning submission to His lordship and to the commands of His Word.

Proverbs 31:20 "She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy."

Proverbs 31:10-12 "A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value." She brings him good, not harm all the days of her life." **31:23, 26** "Her husband is respected at the city gates." "She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue."

Proverbs 18:22 "He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord."

This woman is rare and valued by her husband and the Lord. Her husband trusts her and knows she will follow through on anything she attempts. His commitment to her grows out of his confidence in her strength, abilities, and resourcefulness. **A woman should be praised not for her appearance but for her spiritual maturity. This is what truly lasts.** Read DJB p844 Pr 31 Wo

Proverbs 19:13 "A foolish son is his father's ruin, and a quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping." Both stirring up dissension (trouble) which is condemned throughout Proverbs.

Proverbs 21:9 "Better to live on the corner off the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife." The point is sparse conditions with peace are better than physical comforts with strife.

Proverbs 21:19 "Better to live in a desert than with a quarrelsome and ill-tempered wife."

"Mirror, Mirror, on the Wall" Lesson 5 page 1 Proverbs 18:22, 12:4, 14:1 See above.

"Mirror, Mirror, on the Wall" Lesson 5 page 2 Proverbs 19:13, 21:9, 21:19, 31:30, 31:10-12 above Isaiah 53:2 "He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. Jesus was a common, ordinary man. Born into an ordinary family.

"Mirror, Mirror, on the Wall" Lesson 5 page 3 All Scripture are above or provided in lesson.

Memory Verse: Proverbs 27:19 "As water reflects a face, so a man's heart reflects the man." "Just as water mirrors your face, so your face mirrors your heart." The Message

What **warning** (information to help us know right from wrong) did God show us? Proverbs 12:4 "husband's _____" or "_____ in his bones" Pr 14:1 "_____ her house" or "tears it _____"

What **instructions** (actions we should take) did God give to us? Proverbs 11:16 "a kindhearted woman gains _____" Pr 31:30 "...a woman who _____ the Lord is to be praised" 31:20 "...opens her arms to the _____ and extends her _____ to the needy."

What **benefits** (the results of choosing wisely) did God tell us about? Proverbs 31:10 "a wife of _____ character..worth more than _____." v11 "husband has full confidence in _____" v12 "brings him good not _____" v24 has many abilities v26 "speaks with _____ and faithful instruction is on her _____" v29, 23 she gets his _____ and gives her husband respectability. Pr 18:22 he "receives favor..Lord."

What are the **consequences** (results) for not choosing God's wisdom? Proverbs 19:13 she's like "a constant _____" 21:9 better to live "on the corner of the _____" or 21:19 "in the desert" than live with a _____ wife! Pr. 14:1 she "tears her _____ down"

Word Study:

1. **Complimentary:** an addition that brings completeness, oneness, perfection. A wife brings completeness as a compliment to her husband.
2. **Demean:** belittle, cut-down, condemn, degrade another.
3. **Disciplinarian:** makes others work hard, authoritative, a trainer, commands respect. She was the disciplinarian in the family.
4. **Disgraceful:** shameful, unworthy, dishonored, unrespectable. To disgrace your husband is to dishonor him.
5. **Plunder:** something taken, loot, a prize, winnings. She plundered the sales racks and shelves for great deals for her family.
6. **Reverse:** opposite, flip-flop, other side, turn around. A wife can be a compliment to her husband or the reverse, degrade him.

I grew up in a small town in Missouri. My home was a typical, traditional one. My mother never worked outside our home. She kept the house, did laundry and raised four children. She was a hard worker and took her duties as a wife and mother very seriously. She went to the corner drugstore with her neighbor across the street for a "fountain cherry coke" late in the afternoon to talk and take a break from her day.

My father had his own business and worked long days and sometimes traveled for a day or two at a time. He came home to a hot meal ready and eager children waiting for him at the family supper table. My mother was a **disciplinarian** and did not leave this task for my father to do when he got home. On Sunday we went to a small Baptist church where my father was a deacon. Very much a typical, traditional American home. Just like the ones shown on TV in the days of the 40's and 50's.

As I grew up I thought my life would be much the same but it became much different. I was a stay at home mom for about 10 years with 3 young daughters but decided to go to college as times were changing and women's roles were too. By the 80's my culture told women they could and indeed should have it all. We were told we could be an adoring wife, the perfect mom and have a successful **career**. So I tried, and became a stressed college student, a tired wife and a grouchy mom.

mirror cracks! A few flaws average almost perfect Barbie

WOW!! Yes, it is difficult! Let's see how the Bible describes the role of a woman and a wife.

Proverbs 18:22 He who finds a _____ finds what is _____ and receives favor from _____. A wife is from the Lord. I know your husband's appreciate that! Let's read some Proverbs that tell about the good and bad traits of a wife.

Proverbs

Good traits

Not so good traits

12:4 A wife of **noble** character is a _____ a **disgraceful** wife is _____

14:1 wise woman _____ foolish one _____

As women and wife's we can build up our homes or tear them down with foolish behaviors. If we allow God to instill godly character in us as women, it will benefit our husband's and children. But the **reverse** is also true. If we disgrace our husbands with our words or actions, decay may creep into the marriage. We have the ability to build up or to destroy our marriages. How about a quarrelsome wife?

Proverbs: 19:13 ..is like _____

Proverbs: 21:9 Better to live _____

Proverbs: 21:19 Better to live in a _____. Or we can be as Pr. 11:16 says "A kindhearted woman gains _____. She is an encourager, a giver of praise. But a priceless wife, more valuable than rubies, is described in Proverbs 31:

v30 She has _____ of the Lord and is to be _____! The Holy Spirit lives in her. -
v10 She is _____. Which means she has valor and is a noble warrior. She is described by Longman as "a woman engaged in the battle of life". She fights for her family when times are hard financially or difficulties arise that challenge the wellbeing of her marriage or children. She is not a sissy!

1 Corinthians 7:28 tells us "...those who marry will face many troubles in this life..". Not maybe, but "will" have trials in their marriages. Satan will do everything he can to destroy marriages with fleshly temptations, addictions and lies. As women be brave and determined claiming victory in Him who loves you.

v11 Her husband has full _____ in her. He trusts her with his heart. Can your man do that? Trust you with his deepest emotion? Or do you use it as a weapon when you argue? One commentator says, "What does a woman want in her man? Another woman!" If we had the kind of man we think we want—then we need a girlfriend. v12 A good warrior brings home **plunder**! You do what you have to do!! Do you also tell him in a loving and caring way what is for his "good"? Just as important as bringing home "good" for him. In Pr. 14:1 "The wise woman _____ her house." v14 Like the merchant ships she brings food from afar! Not necessarily cooks it but brings it from afar. Anyone the "take-out Queen"? How about the battle for the special at Kroger's meat counter for chickens priced 2 for 1 ?!

This is a warrior bringing home plunder for her family ! But the good is when the whole has 2 **complimentary** parts, not parts that are the same or one of the parts isn't necessary. Speak good in love. I've always told my husband if the two of us always agree one of us isn't necessary.

v24 She dresses well and decorates her home with pride but is not frivolous..

v26 She lives and speaks words of kindness. She does not **demean** others.

v29, v23 She wins his _____ and wins him _____. Not a woman that surpasses *all other* women to *all* men. Just mine!

Proverbs 14:1 tells us "...but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down." An aggressive man lets you know where he stands. A passive man is a ticking time bomb. Suddenly he is done with it all.

Our tongues can make or break a marriage. To bring good into our house—watch the tongue. Proverbs 19:11 says, "A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense." Don't stay in the "thorns" and "briars" of your marriage living in punishing with coldness and ignoring. We don't have to have a chip on our shoulder. Walk away, laugh it off ! 80% of what we argue about doesn't make any difference. Choose your battles. Abuse is not OK!

The first 30 Proverbs lessons were what a wise father wanted his son to know about how to conduct his life. He wanted this young man to learn 3 specific things:

1) Fear the Lord 2) Listen to his parents advice 3) Find a good woman to marry

Proverbs 31 is about how a woman should conduct her life in marriage and family relationships. We are to be more than a decoration on our husband's arm. We are to be a fulfilling helpmate for him. Men are not attracted to hysterical needy women. We are to be competent in the Spirit. And he is to be trusted because he made a good choice in his wife. Crossover to the promised land in your marriage.