

FOOLPROOF

LIVING A WISE LIFE

SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday March 5th, 2017

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- WHOSE STANDARDS DO YOU LIVE BY?

- WHO YOU ARE COMES FIRST

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. 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 139:13-16, ESV)

"Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."" (Jeremiah 1:4-5, ESV)



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- You are Acceptable and Accepted

- Embrace You

- Not Finished Yet

"my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!" (Galatians 4:19, ESV)

"But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand." (Isaiah 64:8, ESV)

- TWO PATHS

- Lady Wisdom
- Woman Folly

- THE BAD WIFE

- i) Lacking Discretion

"Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman without discretion." (Proverbs 11:22, ESV)

- ii) Shameful Behavior

"An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rottenness in his bones." (Proverbs 12:4, ESV)



iii) Being Contentious

"It is better to live in a corner of the housetop than in a house shared with a quarrelsome wife." (Proverbs 21:9, Proverbs 25:24, ESV)

"It is better to live in a desert land than with a quarrelsome and fretful woman." (Proverbs 21:19, ESV)

"A quarrelsome wife is as annoying as constant dripping on a rainy day. Stopping her complaints is like trying to stop the wind or trying to hold something with greased hands." (Proverbs 27:15-16, NLT)

- **The Good Wife**

i) Loves God First

"Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." (Proverbs 31:30, ESV)

ii) The Heart of a Warrior

"The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain." (Proverbs 31:11, ESV)

iii) She's All In

"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come." (Proverbs 31:25, ESV)



SERMON STUDY GUIDE 3/5/17

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Icebreaker: Share a special memory about a woman in your life (mother, wife, mentor, friend). What makes this memory special to you?

This Week:

1. How would you describe the biblical ideal of wifely devotion to her husband? What about this topic challenges you? What affirms you?
2. How can the biblical metaphor of Israel as wife to God shed light on our understanding of God's divine love for us? (Jer. 2:2; 3:14; 31:32; Hos. 11:8; 14:4; Is. 52:4)
3. How can the biblical metaphor of the church as the bride of Christ help us grasp hold of Jesus' love for us? (Eph. 5:25-27, 32; Rev. 21:2, 9)
4. What do Prov. 31:10-31 and 1 Pet. 3:1-6 say about what really matters to God?

Proverbs 31 communicates the breadth, depth and beauty of what it means to be a woman and wife. Beauty is inward as well as outward. However, Proverbs tells us that a lack of discretion can spoil a woman's true beauty. Lack of discretion can lead to all kinds of problems, such as illegitimate relationships or misuse of resources—things that undermine wise living in a difficult world.

5. Character goes beyond a list of traits. What standard of measure are you using for yourself? Who are you comparing yourself to?
6. What will help you fully pursue who God created you to be? (Rom. 7:22; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; Eph. 3:16)

Being a good wife is not a checklist that we must measure up to. It is not a formula by which we must live... rather, it is a relationship. We are acceptable to God.

Through God's grace and power within us, we have the freedom to be fully who He created us to be. We are uniquely and wonderfully made (Ps. 139:14).

Women's Event

Join us for our annual **Spring Into Beauty** on Mar. 25th. This is an amazing time where women come together to learn practical skills and hear inspirational talks to enhance our lives. For info. and registration visit: www.coldspringschurch.net.



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