

PROVERBS (affirming actions) FOR SINGLE MEN “God’s Word for Wise Guys about Women”

OPEN YOUR HEART TO HEAR AND OBEY GOD Proverbs 1:1-7 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: ² To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding, ³ To receive the instruction of **wisdom** (knowledge with focus on right and wrong and its application), Justice, judgment, and equity; ⁴ To give **prudence** (wisdom and shrewdness in the management of affairs showing a capacity of understanding) to the **simple** (person easily persuaded yet shows capacity to change their condition), To the young man knowledge (understanding with continual attention) and **discretion** (the ability to make proper decisions) — ⁵ A wise *man* will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, ⁶ To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles. ⁷ **The fear** (the highest respect esteem honor worship value and regard) **of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.** - Proverbs 23:26 My son, give me your heart, And let your eyes observe my ways.

OPEN YOUR HEART TO HEAR AND OBEY GOD SO YOU WON’T BE DECEIVED BY A WOMAN’S LOOKS OR LIPS - Proverbs 2:10-16 When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul, ¹¹ Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you, ¹² To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things, ¹³ From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness; ¹⁴ Who rejoice in doing evil, *And* delight in the perversity of the wicked; ¹⁵ Whose ways *are* crooked, And *who are* devious in their paths; ¹⁶ **To deliver you from the immoral woman, From the seductress who flatters with her words.** Proverbs 6:20-24 My son, keep your father’s command, And do not forsake the law of your mother. ²¹ Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck. ²² When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And *when* you awake, they will speak with you. ²³ For the commandment *is* a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life, ²⁴ **To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattering tongue of a seductress.**

Proverbs 7 My son, keep my words, And treasure my commands within you. ² Keep my commands and live, And my law as the apple of your eye. ³ Bind them on your fingers; **Write them** on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ Say to wisdom, “You *are* my sister,” And call understanding *your* nearest kin, ⁵ **That they may keep you from the immoral woman, From the seductress who flatters with her words.** ⁶ For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice, ⁷ And saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, A young man devoid of understanding, ⁸ Passing along the street near her corner; And he took the path to her house ⁹ In the twilight, in the evening, In the black and dark night. ¹⁰ And there a woman met him, *With* the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart. ¹¹ She *was* loud and rebellious, Her feet would not stay at home. ¹² At times *she was* outside, at times in the open square, Lurking at every corner. ¹³ So she caught him and kissed him; With an impudent face she said to him: ¹⁴ “*I have* peace offerings with me; Today I have paid my vows. ¹⁵ So I came out to meet you, Diligently to seek your face, And I

have found you. ¹⁶ I have spread my bed with tapestry, Colored coverings of Egyptian linen. ¹⁷ I have perfumed my bed With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. ¹⁸ Come, let us take our fill of love until morning; Let us delight ourselves with love. ¹⁹ For my husband *is* not at home; He has gone on a long journey; ²⁰ He has taken a bag of money with him, *And* will come home on the appointed day.” ²¹ With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, With her flattering lips she seduced him. ²² Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks, ²³ Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, He did not know it *would cost* his life. ²⁴ Now therefore, listen to me, *my* children; Pay attention to the words of my mouth: ²⁵ Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, Do not stray into her paths; ²⁶ For she has cast down many wounded, And all who were slain by her were strong *men*. ²⁷ Her house *is* the way to hell, Descending to the chambers of death.

OPEN YOUR HEART TO HEAR AND OBEY GOD SO YOU KNOW WHAT TO AVOID IN A WOMAN

Proverbs 9:13-18 **A foolish woman is clamorous; *She is simple, and knows nothing.*** ¹⁴ For she sits at the door of her house, On a seat *by* the highest places of the city, ¹⁵ To call to those who pass by, Who go straight on their way: ¹⁶ “Whoever *is* simple, let him turn in here”; And *as for* him who lacks understanding, she says to him, ¹⁷ “Stolen water is sweet, And bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.” ¹⁸ But he does not know that the dead *are* there, *That* her guests *are* in the depths of hell. Proverbs 11:22 *As* a ring of gold in a swine’s snout, *So is* **a lovely woman who lacks discretion.** Proverbs 30:20 *This is* the way of **an adulterous woman:** She eats and wipes her mouth, And says, “I have done no wickedness.”

OPEN YOUR HEART TO HEAR AND OBEY GOD SO YOU CAN REALIZE WHY IT’S BETTER TO BE SINGLE

Proverbs 21:9 Better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, Than in a house shared with a **contentious woman.** Proverbs 21:19 Better to dwell in the wilderness, Than with a **contentious and angry woman.** Proverbs 25:24 *It is* better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, Than in a house shared with a **contentious woman.** Proverbs 27:15 A continual dripping on a very rainy day And a **contentious woman** are alike; Proverbs 30:23 A **hateful woman** when she is married, And a maidservant who succeeds her mistress.

OPEN YOUR HEART TO HEAR AND OBEY GOD SO YOU KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A WOMAN

- Proverbs 11:16 **A gracious woman retains honor,** But ruthless *men* retain riches. Proverbs 14:1 **The wise woman builds her house,** But the foolish pulls it down with her hands. Proverbs 31:30 Charm *is* deceitful and beauty *is* passing, But a **woman who fears the LORD,** she shall be praised.

Fear

Terror = Jonah 1:10 Then **the men were exceedingly afraid**, and said to him, “Why have you done this?” For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

Psalms 55:6 **Fearfulness and trembling** have come upon me, And horror has overwhelmed me.

Deuteronomy 2:25 This day I will begin to put **the dread and fear of you upon the nations** under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of you, and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.’

Reverence = Nehemiah 1:11 O Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants **who desire to fear Your name**; and let Your servant prosper this day, I pray, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.” For I was the king’s cupbearer.

Job 28:28 And to man He said, ‘Behold, **the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom**, And to depart from evil *is* understanding.’ ”

Psalms 2:11 **Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.**

Psalms 5:8 But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; **In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.**

Psalms 19:9 The **fear of the LORD is clean**, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether.

Psalms 34:11 **Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

Psalms 111:10 The **fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom**; A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*. His praise endures forever.

Isaiah 11:2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, **The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.**

Proverbs 27:13 Take the garment of him who is surety for a stranger, And hold it in pledge *when* he is surety for a seductress.

Proverbs 6:30-31 *People* do not despise a thief If he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving.
³¹ Yet *when* he is found, he must restore sevenfold; He may have to give up all the substance of his house. Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He *who* does so destroys his own soul.