

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.

MONTHLY THEME: EMPOWERING FAMILIES FOR EXCELLENCE

### **HOW A WISE WOMAN BUILDS HER HOME**

There are a few Scriptures that send us chilling messages about foolish women:

1. **Prov. 14: 1:** Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.
2. A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.

#### **Proverbs 9:13-15 (King James Version)**

<sup>13</sup>A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing.

<sup>14</sup>For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,

<sup>15</sup>To call passengers who go right on their ways.

#### **Proverbs 19:13 (King James Version)**

<sup>13</sup>A foolish son is the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.

#### **Proverbs 21:9 (King James Version)**

<sup>9</sup>It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

<sup>19</sup> It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and angry woman.

### **1 Kings 16:31 (King James Version)**

<sup>31</sup>And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

### **1 Kings 21:24-25 (King James Version)**

<sup>24</sup>Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

<sup>25</sup>But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

### **2 Kings 11:1-3 (King James Version)**

<sup>1</sup>And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal.

<sup>2</sup>But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain.

<sup>3</sup>And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land.

### **1 Corinthians 14:34-36 (King James Version)**

<sup>34</sup>Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law.

<sup>35</sup>And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

<sup>36</sup>What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

**Thank God, the Bible also revealed some wise women:**

### **Proverbs 24:3-7 (King James Version)**

<sup>3</sup>Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:

<sup>4</sup>And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

<sup>5</sup>A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

<sup>6</sup>For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.

<sup>7</sup>Wisdom is too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.

### **Proverbs 31:10-31 (King James Version)**

<sup>10</sup>Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

<sup>11</sup>The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

<sup>12</sup>She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

<sup>13</sup>She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

<sup>14</sup>She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

<sup>15</sup>She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

<sup>16</sup>She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

<sup>17</sup>She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

<sup>18</sup>She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

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

<sup>20</sup>She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

<sup>21</sup>She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

<sup>22</sup>She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

<sup>23</sup>Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

<sup>24</sup>She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

<sup>25</sup>Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

<sup>26</sup>She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

<sup>27</sup>She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

<sup>28</sup>Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

<sup>29</sup>Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

<sup>30</sup>Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

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

### **Ruth 3:10-12:**

<sup>10</sup>And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.

<sup>11</sup>And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.

<sup>12</sup>And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.

### **Ruth 4:11:**

<sup>11</sup>And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come

into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem:

**Conclusion: This is our year of Joy to the Wise! I pray that all of us; not just our women would choose to be wise and be blessed as result.**