

The Strange Woman

Many scriptures in Proverbs talk about the strange woman. See Proverbs 2:10-19; 5:3-6; 6:23-29; and 7:4-27.

These verses do not present a pretty picture but there are many lessons here for us to learn about our relationships with our husbands and our relationships with the Lord. These lessons are also good for the older women as Titus 2:3-5 instructs aged women to teach the younger women to love their husbands. Many times in the Old Testament, God uses the picture of a harlot to show how the Children of Israel left the one true God to serve and worship idols and other gods. See Jeremiah 3. This analogy is also used in the New Testament.

Who are called adulterers and adulteresses in James 4:4? _____

Let us look at some characteristics of the strange woman and be warned of the dangers to our relationships .

1. What is her speech like? _____ Read Proverbs 2:16; 5:3; 6:24 and 7:21

Psalm 12:1-4 What does God think of this kind of speech?

1 Thess. 2:3-5, Psalm 19:14 What should be our goal with our speech?

Not flattering. No double heart. Let's not be guilty of telling the praises of other men at the expense of our husband. Let's use our words to encourage, edify and love our husbands.

2. What has she forsaken? _____ Proverbs 2:17

Eph. 6:1-3, Prov 23:22 When should we honour our parents?

Jeremiah 2:27, 3:4, Ps. 32:8 Why should we let God guide us?

With your husband, seriously consider your parents' advice. Realise that they can have great positive input into your children's lives.

3. What has she forgotten? _____ Proverbs 2:17

Psalm 78:1-11, 34-37 What is the parents' responsibility here?

1 Corinthians 11:25 and 6:20, Psalm 103:17-18 How was God's covenant with us made?

4. What is she dressed in? _____ Proverbs 7:10

1 Tim. 2:9, Deut. 22:5 What are some requirements God gives for how we dress?

Isaiah 61:10, Revelation 3:4 How has God clothed us?

Husbands and wives should be continuously reflecting on God's goodness to them so they can share these things with their children.

Our clothing can cause men to stumble or sin. We need to be careful that we are not drawing attention to our body. Women's/men's clothing is different in different cultures. Modest=orderly

Modest feminine trousers & immodest dresses. Changed wardrobe to pleasing my husband. Not forced. Key—If husband doesn't like it, get rid of it.

5. What is her character like? _____ Proverbs 7:11a

1 Thess. 4:11, 1 Peter 3:4, Eph. 5:21,22 What should our character be like?

Psalm 46:10a What is a benefit of quietness?

6. Where does she spend her time? _____ Proverbs 7:11

Titus 2:5, Prov. 5:19 Where should we spend our time?

Psalm 122:1, Heb. 10:25 In what other place does God want us to spend time?

It is our job as women to make our houses into homes and to be there for our husbands.

In summary;

Our relationship with our husbands: Prov.31:11-12

Our relationship with our God: Titus 2:11-14, Psalm 73:25-28

I am my husband's help meet and I need to be careful to protect our relationship by doing things God's way and not letting other things get in the way of me fulfilling my God given role. We need to live a life of purity (chaste) that leaves others no excuse to blame us otherwise. Personal examples: Teaching piano to men. Feeding men when Dave isn't home.

Let us not be lovers of this world and adulteresses in the spiritual sense. Anything that we give more importance to than God is an idol. We need to give God his rightful first place in our lives.



Delilah—Judges 16:4-18—A woman's adulterous ways can destroy others' lives and even cause death.

Rahab—Joshua 2,6, Heb.11—There is hope for the adulterous woman. God is able to turn any life into a trophy of His love and grace. Also: Woman at well.