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THE PRINCIPLES OF GODLY COURTSHIP

World's Wisdom = Eye to Body God's Wisdom = Eye to Quality
David & Bathsheba II Sam. 11:2 Boaz & Ruth Ruth 2:3-12

See 5 steps down

Samson Judges 14:1-3 Eleazer Gen. 24:13-14

And Samson went down to looking for certain quality -

Timnath, and saw a woman in virtue, not lazy. Note quality

Timnath of the daughters of proven 16-21

the Philistines. (2) And he

came up, and told his father and

mother, and said, I have seen a

woman in Timnath of the Philistines:

now therefore get her for me to wife.

(3) Then his father and his mother

said unto him, Is there never a

woman among the daughters of thy

brethren, or among all my people,

that thou goest to take a wife of the

uncircumcised Philistines? And

Samson said unto his

father, Get her for me; for she

pleaseth me well.

His desires were based

strictly on physical

appearance. v. 1-2

Quality of Man:

LEADERSHIP: If you know where you are going God will have someone there to help you. If you don't know where you are going, man will say "Get in line."

1. Doesn't yield to or depend on Peer Pressure. Prov. 1:10-18; Psalm 101.

Prov. 1:10-18 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

(11) If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent

without cause: (12) Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go

down into the pit: (13) We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with

spoil: (14) Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: (15) My son, walk not thou

in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: (16) For their feet run to evil, and

make haste to shed blood. (17) Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. (18)

And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own

lives.

2. Leads by example. Expresses purity in his own life. (Especially in his own house or immediate family.) Psalm 101 A Psalm of David. I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing. (2) I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. (3) I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. (4) A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person. (5) Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: Him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer. (6) Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me. (7) He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight. (8) I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

3. Must be subject to authority himself. Luke: 7 - 9 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. (8) For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. (9) When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

(Eph. 5:21 - 6:9 concludes all under authority). Boaz subject to her authority. Ruth 2:5 Eleazar subject to Rebekah's authority. Gen. 24:48-49, 55-56.

4. Responsible in finance:

Prov 24:27 Prepare thy work without, and make it fit in the field; and afterwards build thine house.

Luke 16:11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

Prov 28:19-20 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough. {20} A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

Mal. 3:10-11 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hostsAnd I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground;.

5. Responsible or faithful to others (especially in his words.)

Prov 11:13 A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

James 3:1-10 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. (2) For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. (3) Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body

..... (5) Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things (9) Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made

after the similitude of God. (10) Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

6. Faithful to the Lord. James 4:13-14 Go to now, ye that say, To day or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: (14) Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. V. 15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

Honor Him with the firstfruit (tithe) Prov. 3:9-10 (Women are more prone to this than men.) Prov 3:9-10 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: (10) So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

7. Responsibilities of a Head. Must begin to learn before marriage -- during courtship. Eph. 5:23-29

A. Savior or protector V. 23 A wife is his first responsibility for all people: and they are illustrated by how we handle our money, Luke 16:11 (Wife is example of true riches.)

Responsible To: How it is met:

God Tithe Pro. 3:9-10

Wife Needs of family I Timothy 5:8

Household of faith Needs of Church (other Christians

Gal. 6:10

World Needs of all men (unbelievers)

Gal. 6:10

Gal. 6:10 "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

B. Sacrificial love v.25

Note how he gave Himself specifically for HER, as a peculiar treasure. I Pet. 3:7 "Likewise ye husbands dwell with them according to knowledge, (must know her needs) giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heir together of the grace of life; that your Prayers be not hindered." There is spiritual profit to treating her as being extremely valuable.

C. Sanctify Set apart to himself V.26 (Attitude separates her to him.)

D. Nourish V. 29 Spiritually and naturally, (Beware women's lib independence of woman paying her own way in courtship.)

E. Cherish V. 29 means warm brood, foster, not cold and indifferent, insensitive to her needs and desires. Is not selfish. Considers her a part of him, his own body v. 28

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Quality or Virtue of Woman:

Subject to Authority Ruth 1:16-18; 2:2, 11; 3:1-5 Psa. 45:10-11. (Submission actually learned in Fathers house from youth up. If woman rebels against father she will ultimately rebel against new authority of husband.) When her father gives the Bride away he is transferring his own headship or authority to her husband.

Psa 45:10-11 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy fathers house; (11) So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.

Prov. 31:10-31 Portrait of Virtue (What she is not just what she DOES)

Treasure V.10

Trust V 11 - 12

Not Lazy V. 13 - 15, 19, 27

Wise Investor V. 16

Wisely preserves herself for her husband V. 17, 22, 25 (Doesn't let herself go as though she is worthless)

Considers others, not selfish V. 20

Woman of faith because she understands redemption V. 21

Positive testimony of husband. Does n't tear him down. V. 23

Shows real spirit of grace V. 26

Doesn't laud herself, not conceited Vs. 28 & 31

Tends to her own realm of expertise; does n't usurp authority.

Four times stated "Her household". Vs. 15, 21, 27

Gen. 24 shows many of these qualities in living color.

Eleazar looking for particular quality v.14 willing heart, considerate of others needs (even heart for animals)

Prepared v. 15 not looking for someone to wait on her

Fair = New Creation Virgin = Pure Character, undefiled

Eager to please others, not self centered v. 18 hasted

Willing to go the "second mile" v. 19, 25 Would do more than what was required of her.

Testified of her family v. 24 and eagerly shared her news them. Not secretive v. 28

Had earned the right to be trusted with major decisions for her life. V. 57, 58. As a result, "they sent her away (with their blessing). She was not guilty of rebelling against them. This is just obtaining permission of an unwilling parent.

Song of Solomon describes the qualities of the Bride of Christ which were worked in her before translation. These same qualities are to be on display in the natural relationship. Song of Sol. 7:1-5

The New Testament answer to many of these same qualities which again are learned

during the courtship, rather than after the wedding takes place, are found in I Pet 3:1-6. Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; (2) While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. (utmost respect) (3) Whose adorning let

it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; (4) But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. (5) For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: (6) Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

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Prov 14:12-13 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (13) Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth is heaviness.

One of the greatest fulfillments of this verse is in Pre-Marital sex which is FORNICATION. "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body." I Cor. 6:18

CONSEQUENCES OF THE WRONG WAY

Sin against your own body
Devastating quilt for SELF INFLICTED injury
Subject to disease
Pregnancy may result which will cripple you socially, emotionally, financially.
Difficulty with future relationships
Loved ones are very much affected in bearing the reproach of your mistake. Try as you might, it is not just YOUR problem

CAUSES

1. Rebellion. I Sam 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king. Rebellion against authority means you get out from under God's protection and are thus subject to the temptation of the enemy. (Witchcraft is Satanic)

James 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. When man rebels against God and makes his own decision, it will result in following his own lust and will result in sin.

2. Covetousness. Covetousness is wanting something, anything, that God does not want you to have. Covetousness is idolatry Col 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: When one bows to idolatry, it means that he bows to someone other than God. It is rebellion which says I will bow to my own will rather than to the will and authority which God has placed over me.

Ex. 20:17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt

SUPPLEMENT - A COMMENTARY ON ROCK MUSIC

Rock Music was created to promote rebellion, lawlessness and sexual promiscuity. Christian Rock is in fact a direct contradiction of terms, for it has exactly the same effects on the listener as Secular Rock. Rock Music in any form is both addictive and hypnotic. Hypnotism means that one does things in a certain state which he would not otherwise do. Rock Music demands the same submission from its hearers and has the same effect as that of an addictive drug. Consider the following.

"HE CONTROLLED US WITH ROCK MUSIC." This is a quote from a surviving member of the Branch Davidian Cult founded by David Koresh in Waco Texas.

Consider a ten point definition of what it means to be addicted to Rock Music.

1. The tendency of an addict is to deny his addiction: "I ' m not addicted, I ' v e quit many times"
2. A Sacrifice of Relationships for the Addiction. "If my parents w o n t let me listen to my music, I ' l l leave home."
3. Compulsion to engage in the Addiction at any time "This music gives me energy for whatever I do."
4. A practice of Secrecy until others accept it. "My parents d o n ' t understand my music, so I have to hide it."
5. The creation of an appetite that is never satisfied. "I just need to hear the song one more time."
6. Unusual efforts to feed the addiction "I drove all over the city to find that new album."
7. Using any money necessary for the addiction. "Before long, I amassed a small museum of rock music."
8. A readiness to defend the cause of the addiction. "You c a n ' t throw out rock just because some people overdo it."
9. A need to involve others in the addiction. "To reach teenagers we must use their language."
10. A reaction to those who disagree with the addict. "You are being legalistic and judgmental of my music."