

**Raising Kids Who Reflect
Your Character & Look for the
One God Says is Best**

WOLBI: Proverbs Hour-7

WOLBI Proverbs Class Themes

- Hour-1: God Has Given the **Guide to Wisdom** in Proverbs
- Hour-2: The Best Life Possible is: Doing the **Will of God** for Life
- Hour-3: **Don't Waste Your Life** Like SOLOMON
- Hour-4: The **Ultimate Sin** is Pride
- Hour-5: The **Second Greatest Day** of Your Life
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- Hour-10: The **Power** of Spoken Words

God's Will for My Character

1. God Wants to Make Me Wise, Not Foolish
2. God Wants to make Me Teachable, Not Stubborn.
3. God Wants to make Me Righteous, Not Wicked.
4. God Wants to make Me Humble, Not Proud.
5. God Wants to make Me Self-controlled, Not Rash.
6. God Wants to make Me Forgiving, Not Vindictive.

God's Will for My Relationships

1. God's Will for our Relationship To Our Parents.
2. God's Will for our Relationship To Our Wife.
3. God's Will for our Relationship To Our Children.
4. God's Will for our Relationship To Our Friends and Neighbors.

God's Will Revealed for My Relationships

This is the doctrine of **RELATIONAL INTEGRITY**

This doctrine of **Man's relationship to others** is seen in Proverbs and elsewhere (3:1–3; 4:1–4; 8:17; 17:17; 19:27; 20:19; 23:23; Deuteronomy 8:1; Ruth 1:16; 1 Samuel 2:30; Psalm 34:11; Romans 16:18)

God's Will revealed in **our Relationship To Our Parents.**

God's Will for My Parents

God wants me to **Respect them** (17:6; contrast 30:17);

God wants me to **Listen to them** (23:22; cf. 1:8; 4:1);

God wants me to **Seek to bring them honor by being wise** (10:1; 15:20; 29:3);

God wants me to **Seek to bring them honor and joy by being righteous** (23:24);

God wants me to **Seek to bring them honor and joy by being diligent** (10:5).

**Raising Kids Who
See Your Character &
Look for a Partner Like
You, that God Says is Best**

4. Pray they will live for heaven:

By Choosing a Life of Contentment —
"I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content." Philippians 4:11-13

By Choosing a Life of Consecration —
"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" Matthew 16:24

By Choosing a Life of Commitment —
"No one, having put his hand to the plow, looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" Luke 9:62

By Giving their Life Back to God —
"... But present yourselves to God as living sacrifices..." Romans 6:19a, 12:1-2

This card is an excerpt from Chapter 17-21 of *The Word Filled Family* by Dr. John S. Barnett.

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It is also available as a free MP3 audio file
or as a PDF text download.

How to Pray

FOR THOSE YOU LOVE

by Dr. John S. Barnett

Matthew 18:19 explains a great prayer promise. The unhindered, agreement (of mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, grandparents, and all who disciple) in prayer is one of the greatest powers possible! Unleash these Word-filled prayers by following the four prayer-focusing examples on this card.

1. Pray they experience reality in their spiritual lives:

By Saving Faith —
"Open their eyes... Remove their heart blindness to light... from the power of Satan in God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins..." Luke 24:45

By Loving God's Word —
"... have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food" Job 23:12

By Living Victoriously —
"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free..." John 8:32

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By Thinking of Heaven —

"...See those things which are above...set your mind on things above" Colossians 3

By Hating Sin —

"I will declare my iniquity; you will be in anguish over my sin" Psalm 38:18

By Staying Tender toward God —

"A broken and contrite heart—these, O God, you will not despise" Psalm 51:17

2. Pray for integrity in their personal lives:

By Maintaining a Clear Conscience —

"...Love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from a sincere faith" 1 Timothy 1:5

By Learning to Stand Alone —

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself" Daniel 1:8

By Seeking to Stay Pure in Mind and Body —

"...abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul" 1 Peter 2:11

By Evidencing a Servant's Heart —

"Whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all" Mark 10:44

By Not Being Bitter in Trials —

"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you" Ephesians 4:31

3. Pray they reflect Christ's love in their relationships:

By Cultivating Love for Others —

"Beloved, let us love one another..." 1 John 4:19

By Trusting God When Trouble Comes —

"Rebellion is the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is the iniquity and folly" 1 Samuel 15:23

By Loving God's Plan for Their Lives —

"Teach me Thy way and lead me..." Psalm 119:1

By Waiting for God's Chosen Partner —

"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers" 2 Corinthians 6:14

Proverbs is God's Colorful Guide to Marriage

GOD'S COLORFUL GUIDE TO MARRIAGE

The outlook for a joy filled lifelong marriage is bleak without the Lord! To help us, God has left a colorful guide to marriage; it is a timeless list of personalities to be avoided at all costs, and personalities to be attracted toward. This list is in the Bible. Nestled among the 66 books of God's Word are the 31 chapters, 915 verses and over 15,000 words of the Book of Proverbs.

In the past few weeks, as I poured over this book and found there are over 200 verses that actually declare what good men and women, boys and girls look and act like, and what the ungodly opposites look and act like. Have you refreshed your understanding of what the Lord in His infinite wisdom has said about this very practical and relevant area?

God's Will Revealed for My Relationships

God's Will for our Relationship To Our Wife.

God wants me to:

Appreciate her as a gift from the Lord (18:22;19:14);

Appreciate her as my crowning glory (12:4;31:10-31):

Praise her lovingly, honestly & in public (31:28);

God wants me to trust her (31:11);

God wants me to be faithful to her (5:15-20).

God Describes a Wonderful Wife

Proverbs 31

A DESCRIPTION OF A WONDERFUL WIFE FOR YOUR SON

Have you ever checked the recipe in God's Word for a marvelous daughter-in-law? The verses below I have highlighted in my Bible. When I go out for a father/daughter time, these are the themes I bring up, discuss, share, and train my three daughters to hold on to as God's desires for them. I call this "The Choices of a Woman Who Honors the Lord."

If you have sons, why not make this a part of regular prayers for the Lord to provide women who honor the Lord to become your future daughters-in-law! Now look at what God says a young woman can be by His grace. This is what she should want to be, what she should want to be around, and what she should be drawn toward.

Pray your future daughters-in-law will have these characteristics.

1. A dedicated homemaker. "She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands" (Proverbs 31:13). As Paul said, a godly woman is a worker at home (Titus 2:5). She loves to tangibly serve others with food and skills; she has an open and hospitable home; and she is given to ministry to the sick and needy and less fortunate. Pray your future daughters-in-law will desire to make their homes a "castle" for your sons, honoring the Lord in all that they do.

2. A servant at heart. "She also rises while it is yet night, and provides food for her household, and a portion for her maidservants. She extends her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy" (Proverbs 31:15, 20). This dear lady has learned the love of Christ for others. Pray your future daughters-in-law will have learned that servanthood is the secret to God's greatest blessings in life!

3. Worthy of trust. "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life" (Proverbs 31:11–12, kjv). Pray your future daughters-in-law will be trustworthy so your sons can rejoice in their goodness within their marital relationship.

4. Prudent in finances. "She considers a field and buys it; from her profits she plants a vineyard. She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies sashes for the merchants" (Proverbs 31:16, 24). Such a woman is a saver, not a spender, because she can see beyond today alone. Pray your future daughters-in-law will be wise in

the matters of finance because this area in particular can create many marital difficulties if not brought into line with God's standards.

5. A hard worker. "She girds herself with strength, and strengthens her arms. She stretches out her hands to the distaff, and her hand holds the spindle" (Proverbs 31:17, 19). God puts a premium on hard work and so this godly young lady moves toward it, not away. There is no slothfulness, indolence, or lack of motivation in her behavior. Pray your future daughters-in-law will be hard workers, and not lazy in any area.
6. Of good reputation. "Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land" (Proverbs 31:23). Consider also: "Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil" (1 Timothy 3:7). A son who desires to be a future elder in the Lord's church must consider carefully the quality of woman he marries. Her role in the home will play a large part in his eligibility for leadership. So pray your future daughters-in-law will be true helpmeets to your sons so they can be even more useful in the body of Christ, as God so leads.
7. Wise in biblical truths. "She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness" (Proverbs 31:26). The Word is in this godly young woman's heart and life, and so it comes out of her mouth. And when it does, it is dressed in the clothes of the Spirit, gentle and kind. Pray your future daughters-in-law will be continually growing in biblical wisdom, gentleness, and kindness!
8. Modest in dress. Solomon warned about any woman dressed like a harlot (Prov. 7:10). Paul continues with: "I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes" (1 Timothy 2:9 NIV). A godly young lady's clothing will point to her Father in heaven and His holiness, and not to her. Remember the words of Paul in the New Testament's gallery of beautiful women? God's emphasis is always on beauty of character, as should your sons' be. Pray your future daughters-in-law will dress modestly, for the Lord's sake, as is fitting for His children. Unlike wicked woman of Proverbs
9. Holy in conduct. "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV). A godly woman fears the Lord. She seeks His "well done" over the approval of anyone else on earth. Her fear of God makes her aware of the future consequence of her choices. Such a godly woman avoids any present situation that would be destructive for her future usefulness to God. Pray your future daughters-in-law will desire to be holy in conduct, and thus useful to God. Like Pr. 31, gift from Lord good wife
10. Gentle in spirit. "And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, [she] must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful" (2 Timothy 2:24 NIV). Proverbs describes a foolish woman is loud and defiant; she is disrespectful, hostile, aggressive, and cunning. But a godly woman is pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere (James 3:17). Most of all remember what God delights in: "Let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God" (1 Peter 3:4). Pray your future daughters-in-law will be full of wisdom from above!

A godly young woman will seek to live these secrets of true womanhood. As Solomon said, "Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come" (Proverbs 31:25). Your sons will praise such wives for doing right, and your grandchildren will rise up to bless them (Proverbs 31:28)! This kind of woman is a blessing to all because she is a builder of the home and family. Obviously, each of these areas of prayer for future daughters-in-law should also be discipling goals for your daughters. Make your discipling of them a top priority; pray they will become worthy wives for your future sons-in-law! And, above all, pray your daughters will patiently wait for God's chosen marriage partner for them!

God Describes of a Wonderful Wife

1. A dedicated homemaker (31:13)
2. A servant at heart (31:15,20)
3. Worthy of trust (31:11,12)
4. Prudent in finances (31:16,24)
5. A hard worker (31:17,19)

God Describes of a Wonderful Wife

6. Of good reputation (31:23)
7. Wise in biblical truths (31:26)
8. Modest in dress (7:10)
9. Holy in conduct (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
10. Gentle in spirit (2 Tim. 2:24; 1 Pet. 3:4)

**God Desires WIVES
Who Reflect Christ's
Love for His Church
To Their Husbands**

(Eph. 5:22-33)

How Do We as the Church Reflect Our Love For Christ?

certainly not perfectly, never completely, always seeking to do so more and better.
That's what marriage is like.

We **Follow** Him,
We **Honor** Him,
We **Respond** to Him,
We **Enjoy** His Presence,
We **Follow** His Lead,
We **Feel** His Love,
We **Seek Time** with Him, and
We **Love** His Plan.

**An Ephesians 5 Wife Makes
Choices to Obey Christ's Call
to Relate to Her Husband,
Based on God's Word**

**God Describes a
Wonderful Husband**

God Describes A Wonderful Husband

1. A man of wisdom (1:5)
2. A man of happiness (3:13)
3. A blessed man (8:34)
4. A seeker of justice (9:9)
5. Merciful in attitude (11:17)

God Describes A Wonderful Husband

6. A seeker of good (12:2)
7. A lover of righteousness (12:3)
8. Prudent in responses (12:16)
9. Diligent at work (12:24)
10. Wisely cautious (12:8; 14:16)

God Describes A Wonderful Husband

11. Upright in walk (15:19)

12. A wonderful son (15:20)

13. Humble in attitude (18:12)

14. A man of excellence (22:29)

**God wants HUSBANDS
Who REFLECT Christ's LOVE
for His Church
(Ephesians 5:22-33)**

How do we respond to Christ's Love?

certainly not perfectly, never completely, always seeking to do so more and better.

That's what marriage is like.

How Does Christ Love His Church?

He **Loves** us Daily,
He **Sacrifices** for us, He **Cleanses**
us,
He **Affirms** us, He **Nurtures** us,
He **Protects** us, He **Pursues** us, and
He **Never Gives Up** on us.

And that is what God wants every believing husband who follow Christ to be like!

**An Ephesians 5 Husband
Makes Choices to Obey
Christ's Call to Relate to His
Wife, Based on God's Word**

God designed marriage as one of the most public displays of His plan and purposes for the world to see.

We are to go out and live in a dark and hopeless world, chasing after elusive pleasures, and never finding lasting satisfaction: and **RADIATE** Christ.