

Are You a Woman of Wisdom?



A Wise Woman

She fears (honors/respects) God – the beginning of wisdom.
Desires to seek God.

Prov. 9:10; 31:30
Prov. 7:10-13;
1:7

She builds her house.

Prov. 14:1; 7:21-27

Her spirit is meek (gentle/humble) and quiet (peace-seeking)

1 Pet. 3:4
Prov. 7:10

(NOTE – Wisdom includes willing yielding toward our Creator God and all God-ordained authorities. It does *not* mean women/children must endure abuse. There are biblical means to deal with abuse that the church must teach/utilize. Also, a “meek and quiet spirit” has nothing to do with God-given personality.)

She speaks with wisdom, kindness and discernment.
She embraces truth.

Prov. 31:26; 7:5;
16-18; Eph. 4:29
Prov. 15:2

She “adorns” her husband; she is his “crowning joy.”

Prov. 12:4

She dresses with discernment and modesty; focusing on inner character.

1 Tim. 2:9; 1 Pet. 3:3-4; Prov. 7:10;
11:22

She is truly chaste/pure; Her heart is clean. She rightly relates to men.

Titus 2:5;
Proverbs 7:13-15

She controls her responses.

Prov. 14:29; 29:11

She humbly seeks God’s wisdom.

Prov. 28:26

She is trustworthy.

Prov. 31:11; 26:11

A Foolish Woman

She is stubborn & impudent - defiant against God’s Word/morality
And will not seek wisdom/God.

She tears down her house.

She is “wily” or crafty of heart - seeking to control/manipulate.

She uses “smooth” (flattering or seducing) words. She’s indiscreet.
She “spouts folly.”

Causes her husband to feel shame. She disgraces him.

She dresses immodestly – always trying to get attention; focusing on her looks rather than her heart.

Tries to “spiritualize” sensuality; offerings/works to look good.
She can be aggressive toward men.

She loses her temper.

She is proud and self-confident.

She repeats her follies.

If married – loves her husband and calling to marriage.	Titus 2:4; Proverbs 7:18-20	Dissatisfied with her mate; on the prowl or investing in other men.
If a parent – disciplines children out of love.	Titus 2:4; Eph. 6:4; Prov. 19:18a; 13:24	She won't discipline children, mistaking permissiveness for love.
Is content in her God-given roles. Understands the blessing of being a “keeper of the home.”	Titus 2:5; Prov. 7:11-15; 1 Tim. 5:13	She places herself in compromising situations. Not content at home.

[NOTE - The wise woman may have a job and other interests outside the home, but she focuses – even if she is single and/or a “career woman” - on building a healthy, hospitable home for herself and for others’ enjoyment. This may look different in the varying seasons of a woman’s life.]

She is industrious/diligent - A hard worker “for the Lord.”	Prov. 31:13-27; Col. 3:23; Prov. 13:4	She is lazy – a sluggard. She refuses to work yet wants handouts from others.
She uses resources carefully.	Prov. 21:20	She lives for today.
She loves with godly love and is gives out of that love.	Prov. 31:20; Phil. 2:21; 2 Tim. 3:1-5	She is selfish, not loving - a taker, not a giver.
She has an eternal focus. She makes choices based on the timeless truth of scripture.	2 Cor. 4:18; Matt. 6:19-21; Prov. 7:16-18	She is consumed with the physical/temporal. Makes choices based on self-gratification or feeling good.
Because of her wisdom and wise choices, she is praised.	Prov. 31:28-31; 3:35; 10:8, 14; 13:20	Because of her foolishness and foolish choices, she suffers loss.

