

Selecting A Husband [*concluded*]

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Is he selfish? Proverbs 11:25-26, “The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. He that withholdeth grain, the people shall curse him.” Proverbs 18:17, “He that pleadeth his cause first (seemeth) just; but his neighbor cometh and searcheth him out.” Proverbs 28:27, “He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack; but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.” It would be unbearable to be married to a man who would subdue his wife by always putting himself first.

What type of company does he keep? You might be destroyed right along with him. Proverbs 13:20 teaches, “Walk with wise men, and thou shalt be wise; But the companion of fools shall smart for it.”

Is he quick-tempered and contentious? This determines whether he is a person of understanding. Proverbs 14:29, “He that is slow to anger is of great understanding; but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.” Proverbs 14:7, “Go into the presence of a foolish man, and thou shalt not perceive (in him) the lips of knowledge.” Proverbs 27:3, “A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool’s vexation is heavier than they both.” The wisdom writer also says in Ecclesiastes 7:9, “Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry; for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.”

Will he work? How does he make money? You will suffer the consequences of his business decisions. Proverbs 15:27, “He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth bribes shall live.” Proverbs 28:19, “He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread; but he that followeth after vain (persons) shall have poverty enough.” Proverbs 6:6, “Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.” The New Testament makes it plain, “But if any provideth not for his own, and specially his own household, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever” (1 Timothy 5:8). “Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have whereof to give to him that hath need” (Ephesians 4:28).

Does he talk too much? Does he feel like he always has to put in his “two-cents”? If so, he lacks knowledge and a calm spirit. “He that spareth his words hath knowledge; and he that is of a cool spirit is a man of understanding. Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise; when he shutteth his lips, he is (esteemed as) prudent” (Proverbs 17:27-28). Proverbs 10:19 says, “In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgression; but he that refraineth his lips doeth wisely.” My Mother used to say, “It is better to keep your mouth shut and let people think you are a fool, than to open your mouth and remove all doubt.”

Is he a “womanizer,” one who flirts with every woman he sees? Proverbs 6:27-29 warns, “*Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Or can one walk upon hot coals, and his feet not be scorched? So he that goeth in to his neighbor’s wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be unpunished.*” This kind of man must be avoided. He will destroy himself and hurt all those involved.

Selecting a companion is one of the most important decisions we make in this life. With whom shall I spend my life? Who shall be the father or mother of my children? What foolishness it is to make such decisions without consulting the wisdom found in the Word of God! The Proverbs are extremely practical, worthy of our careful study and application to these important decisions.

Editor’s Note: I hope every single person takes the time to read this article and last week’s article on “Selecting A Wife.” After watching a season or two of “The Bachelor” and “The Bachelorette,” it is obvious that you don’t choose a mate like that! How much better to select a godly mate based upon God’s Word? What better assurance for a happy future than to know that your mate loves God first, and you as himself or herself? Just remember, our heavenly Father knows best.

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