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Proverbs 31:10, “*Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price [is] far above rubies.*”

Men seek out wealth and precious stones, but Proverbs tells us that a virtuous woman is far more precious than rubies. The word for rubies here was not just the red gem that we think of, it was a term for any precious stone. If you find a virtuous woman, you have found someone far more valuable than riches.

It’s interesting how Proverbs is constructed. The first six chapters spend much time talking about adultery and how ensnaring an evil woman is. No doubt Solomon wrote much about this because his 700 wives turned his heart from God. I Kings 11:4, “*For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, [that] his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as [was] the heart of David his father.*”

Solomon had even gone as far as building places of worship for false gods. This was because he had married outlandish women. They literally were women from out of the land that did not value the

LORD and His word. Solomon had his heart turned from the LORD because of these women.

Solomon then closes out Proverbs talking about a virtuous woman. There is such a contrast between the women talked about in the first part of Proverbs and the woman in the last chapter of Proverbs. The construction of Proverbs is interesting in how it’s laid out. It opens with warning of evil women and closes with how valuable a virtuous woman is. Of course these passages go both ways. There are evil men and virtuous men, but Solomon was writing to his son and warning him of these dangers.

These thoughts apply to either a man or a woman about to get married. The most important quality in a spouse is to be a Christian. When you are married to a non-Christian, you are yoked with someone who is pulling in the opposite direction of the only thing that truly matters—serving the LORD. It truly would be better to spend one’s life alone than to be with someone who is going to pull you away from the LORD. Solomon would have been far better off with one God-fearing wife than hundreds of wives that turned his heart from the LORD.

Proverbs is certainly filled with many other points of wisdom. There are so many verses about watching what we say and controlling our tongues. There is general everyday advice that will keep us close to the LORD and away from sin.

No doubt so much was written to his son about wives, because Solomon saw how his wives turned him from the LORD. A spouse is someone we are with all our lives. Let’s spend those decades with someone who shares the same love for the LORD—someone who will ultimately help us get to Heaven.

—Marty Edwards❖

Proverbs 18:22, “*[Whoso] findeth a wife findeth a good [thing], and obtaineth favour of the LORD.*”

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Richard Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry, Lauren Candela, Rick Gibbs, Sandy**

Duncan, and Jerry Reynolds.

—We extend our sympathies to the family of **Bobby Druen**, who passed away last week. He is the father of Mistie Bush.

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Ecclesiastes 7:10, “*Say not thou, What is [the cause] that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this.*”

We are exhorted in the above verse not to say that the former days were better than the days we are now in. To look back on the “old times” as better is not wise. No doubt, we had good days in our youth, but there are so many reasons these are better days. Some probably even pine away and wish they could “go back.” Why are the current days better than the former days? There are many reasons we could list, but no doubt some of the following would apply.

We didn’t have nearly the wisdom that we have now. We all can think back to foolish choices made. Our increased wisdom makes these days better than the former days.

Most of us are better off materially. With time the LORD has blessed us with more food, clean water, automobiles that almost never need repair, wonderful houses, and the list could go on. Things are much better materially for most than in our younger lives.

So much pain is behind us. We all have suffered great physical and emotional pain. I’m glad those days are behind. I pray that the worst pain I’ve ever felt is already behind me. The older I get, the more likely that is.

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Sunday, March 10, 2024

Classes	7	Luke 7:24-50
Preaching	19	How are we vexed (II Peter 2:7-8)
Contribution	\$1156.00	
Afternoon	9	I Peter 1:13-25

Bible Quiz

What tree was in the midst of the garden?

Last Week’s Answer— Israel (Luke 7:9)

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We are closer to being with the LORD now. The older I get the more I can truly say I eagerly anticipate leaving this life and being with the LORD. Yes, I, along with most everyone, want to stay here with my family and serve the LORD with the work of the Church. But, I feel more desire for Heaven and departing with each passing year. I don’t recall this deep yearning in my younger days. You may feel those were the “good ol’ days,” but these days are far, far better.

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—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)