



Building Your House

Choosing To Marry
And Choosing Whom To Marry

With Wisdom and Understanding

- **Pro 24:3-4** *“Through wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established; By knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches.”*
- **Pro 14:1** *“The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish pulls it down with her hands.”*
- **Pro 24:27** *“Prepare your outside work, Make it fit for yourself in the field; And afterward build your house.”*

Building A Home Requires Many Choices

- Work ~ **1Tim 5:8** *“But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”*
- Where to Live ~ **Gen 13:5-11**
- Companions ~ **Eccl 4:9-12**
- Spouse ~ **1Cor 7:32-35**
- Raising children ~ **Eph 6:4**
- How we spend our money ~ **Pro 22:7**
- **Joshua 24:15** *“...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”“*

Choosing To Marry

- It is a godly choice to remain unmarried, and sometimes it is a wise choice to get married.
 - **1Cor 7:8-9** *"But I say to the unmarried and to widows that it is good for them if they remain even as I. But if they do not have self-control, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to burn with passion."*
- Marriage requires us to care for a persons worldly needs
 - **1Cor 7:32-35**

Choosing A Husband

- **Ruth 1:9** *“The Lord grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband.” ...*
 - Rest ~ **1Chr 28:2** – A Permanent Home
- A Loving Husband Puts His Wife Before Himself
 - **Ephesians 5:25-28**
- A Loving Husband Understands & Honors
 - **1 Peter 3:7**
- A Loving Husband Won't Be Bitter
 - **Colossians 3:19**
- Remember when you choose a husband you are usually choosing your kids Father for them.

Choosing A Wife

- How can a man find a virtuous wife?
 - **Proverbs 19:14** "*Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the Lord.*"
- A virtuous wife is worth more than rubies
 - **Proverbs 31:10-31**
 - She is Trustworthy, Hardworking, Caring, Smart, Chooses Wisely, Seeks Wisdom and *Fears The Lord.*
- A virtuous wife is respectful and submissive
 - **1 Peter 3:1-6**
 - **Ephesians 5:22-24,33**
- When you choose a wife you are usually choosing your kids mother for them.

A Word on “Dating”

- Why don't people “date” their buddy or best friend?
- Because what is called dating implies some level of romantic interest or put in more biblical terms, the desire of the flesh.
- Understand that a sexual connection starts for men when romantic kissing begins. It is also the point when our brains stop functioning very well.
 - **Proverbs 30:18-19**
- Do Not awaken love before it is right
 - **Song of Solomon 3:4-5**
- An older woman gave me great advice twenty years ago:
 - Figure out the qualities you are looking for in a spouse before you feel the butterflies of love.
 - Be very picky about whom you choose to marry.
 - After your married, Stop being picky and love them as they are.