

# The Second Greatest Day of Your Life: Marriage

WOLBI: Proverbs Hour-5

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# WOLBI Proverbs Class Themes

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## God's Will Revealed 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.**

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(2. Relationships & 3. Words)

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God says that wise people seek a Biblical temperament:

- God says that wise people are **self-controlled** (29:11);
- God says that wise people **have a calm spirit** (17:27);
- God says that wise people are **slow to anger** (29:8,11);

## God's Will Revealed for My Character

5 God Wants to make Me Self-controlled, Not Rash.

God says **wise people seek these Biblical actions:**

God says: wise people are **cautious, not hasty** (19:2);

God says: wise people **think before they act** (13:16;  
14:8);

God says: wise people **think before they speak** (12:23;  
15:2);

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# **Our Goal: Lives & Marriages That Are Useful to God**

## GOAL: A MARRIAGE WITH NO REGRETS

When your life is done, and you look back those last few weeks or months that you have before cancer, or heart or respiratory problems overtake you – will you regret the days of your marriage and family? Will you be saddened when you remember those days? Will you be saddened when you see what your children are doing? Or will those have been the greatest years of your life? I think the choice is yours. Where are you headed in your marriage and as a family this morning? You will never get to anywhere you are not headed right now!

## What is a Biblical Marriage & Partner Really Like?

- Marriage is to be like **joyful rivers of intoxicating blessings** (Proverbs 5:18-19).
- Marriage is to be **goodness and favor from the Lord** (Proverbs 18:22).
- Marriage is to be to **a companion of our youth** (Malachi 2:14-15) to whom we make a life long, covenant to.

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## **Be & Become—> Wait & Find**

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- A person who **will correspond to you**. Genesis 2:20

### BE & BECOME, WAIT & FIND

Pray that you, your children or your loved ones BE—if you are married, BECOME—if you are at home or single and waiting, WAIT and FIND—if you know God is leading you to get married...

A person who believes that God designed marriage and that wants to follow His plan.

Genesis 2:18 And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

A person who will corresponds to you.

Genesis 2:20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

## **Be & Become → Wait & Find**

- A person who **will be glued to you**. Genesis 2:24
- A person who **likes to be at home, and not always running**. Deuteronomy 6:7

A person who will be glued to you.

Genesis 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. By the way a big part of the glue is the sexual intimacy marriage provides. Have you ever licked and envelope or pulled the sealer tape, sealed it and then remembered something else and unsealed it? It doesn't work the second or third time does it? Don't ruin the glue of your marriage by playing with it or you will find that you are not secure in your marriage, glued together as one. Your husband or wife should be the only person you have ever experienced physical intimacy with. The first one you have loved, touched, held, and seen in any intimate way. Anything less than that will spell woes, pains, troubles, and grief for a lifetime.

A person who likes to be at home, and not always running.

Deuteronomy 6:7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. By the way, all of those are hard to do if you don't eat together as a family, you don't spend time together, you don't put them to bed, and don't get them up.

## **Be & Become → Wait & Find**

- A person who **loves children, and wants to teach them**. Deuteronomy 6:7
- A person **wanting a pure home**. Deuteronomy 6:9
- A person who **keeps their word**. Psalm 15:4

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A person wanting a pure home.

Deuteronomy 6:9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates; 6:14 You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are all around you; 7:25-26 You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not covet the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it; for it is an abomination to the Lord your God. 26 Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, for it is an accursed thing. Psalm 106:35 But they mingled with the Gentiles And learned their works;

A person who keeps their word.

Psalm 15:4 In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the Lord; He who swears to his own hurt and does not change.

# **Marry Someone Maintaining a Balanced Life in an Obsessive-Compulsive World**

FIND SOMEONE MAINTAINING A BALANCED LIFE IN AN OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE WORLD

By studying Titus 2, we can clearly see what characterizes the life of a person “energized by grace,” a person the Lord uses and a life He rewards. God has specific desires for every mature believer, one who is tied to His Word.

# The Pathway of Usefulness to God

Titus 2 Older Men, Older Women,  
Younger Women & Younger Men

There is nothing greater in life than to be useful for God! As we open our Bibles to Titus 2:1-8, listen to the very voice of God speaking not to a select few, but to every man, woman, and child here today:

“1 But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: 2 that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience;

3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— 4 that they admonish

the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

6 Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, 7 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, 8 sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.”

**The Curriculum**  
**God Sent for His Church**  
**Titus 2:1-8**  
**His 12-Part Plan**  
**For Godly Men & Women**

When God set the curriculum for His Church, thus is what He chose to be taught. In simple words that everyone alive in the First Century church could comprehend, Paul wrote to Titus. The early believers of Crete not only understood, but they had a picture of this quality burned into their mind from the Roman culture alive and moving all around them.

## Titus 2 Older Men

Titus 2:1-2 (NKJV) But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine, 2 that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience;

- **Sober:** Maintaining a balanced life in an obsessive-compulsive world
- **Reverent:** Getting serious about God in an amused world
- **Temperate:** Living wisely in a foolish world
- **Sound in Faith:** Guarding a healthy mind in a sick world
- **Sound in Love:** Staying tender hearted in a cruel world
- **Sound in Patience:** Finishing hopefully in a despairing world

When Christ is free to work in us this is what we become

1. “sober”: This is a call for older, godly men to Maintain A Balanced Life In An Obsessive-Compulsive World; MAINTAINING A BALANCED LIFE IN AN OBSESSIVE-COMPLUSIVE WORLD. God wants matured, godly older men in Christ's church to live a life that exemplifies Jesus to a watching world.
2. “reverent”: God also asks older men to Stay Serious About God In An Amused World; GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT GOD IN AN AMUSED WORLD. God wants older men who model what it's like to live life seriously. This man thinks deeply in an amused, shallow-thinking culture. He is an older man in the faith who understands the brevity of life, the gravity of God's Word, and the reality of eternity.
3. “temperate”: Then they are to be characterized by Living Wisely In A Foolish World; LIVING WISELY IN A FOOLISH WORLD. God wants older men whose lives are yielded to His control. God wants a man whose life speaks louder than his words; whose character is noticed and prompts other men to examine their own lives and seek to emulate his joy, his peace, and his walk in the Spirit—in evident and practical ways.

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Then Paul gives the second trio of qualities...Sound in faith, in love, in patience.

4. “sound in faith”: This means God wants them always Guarding A Healthy Mind In A Sick World; GUARDING A HEALTHY MIND IN A SICK WORLD. God wants older men with healthy minds. Sound is from the same word (hugian) used in v.1 for Biblical doctrine, and refers to things that are healthy, proper, whole, and as they ought to be.
5. “[sound in] love”: Means that God also wants His servants to Stay Tender Hearted In A Cruel World; STAYING TENDER HEARTED IN A CRUEL WORLD. God wants men who have His love overflowing within making them personally loving towards others, not bitter. These godly men grow more and more tender toward the views and the mistakes of those around them—instead of getting more and more inflexible and intolerant.
6. “[sound in] patience”: And finally, as we'll see later today, God wants older men to Finish Hopefully In A Despairing World. FINISHING HOPEFULLY IN A DESPAIRING WORLD. God wants men who persevere through all the hard times life will always bring—and then model that triumphant hope Christ alone can bring.



Grace-energized men, living in a sin-energized world, are God's plan.

## Titus 2 Younger Men

Titus 2:6-8 (NKJV) Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, 7 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, 8 sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

- ◆ **Sober-Minded:** Living restrained in a lust-filled world
- ◆ **Showing Yourself to be a Pattern of Good Works:** Following Christ in a Christ-less world
- ◆ **In Doctrine Showing Integrity:** Believing right so that I behave right
- ◆ **Reverence:** Staying focused on God in a world of distractions
- ◆ **Incorruptibility:** Keeping an uncorroded life in a decaying world
- ◆ **Sound Speech:** Speaking God's words in a godless world

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Titus 2:3-4a (NKJV) the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— 4 that they admonish the young women...

- \* **Reverent in Behavior:** Living holy in an unholy world
- \* **Not Slanderers:** Speaking gracefully in a graceless world
- \* **Not Given to Much Wine:** Disciplining their appetites in an undisciplined world
- \* **Teachers of Good Things:** Modeling godliness in an ungodly world
- \* **They Admonish:** Investing in others in a detached world

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## Titus 2 Younger Women

Titus 2:4-5 (NKJV) that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

- \* **Love Their Husbands:** Self-sacrificing love in a selfish world
- \* **Love Their Children:** Nurturing love in a loveless world
- \* **Discreet:** Focusing on God in a foolish world
- \* **Chaste:** Pursuing modesty in an immodest world
- \* **Homemakers:** Pursuing homemaking in a homeless world
- \* **Good:** Pursuing kindness in a harsh world
- \* **Obedient to their Husbands:** Pursuing submission in a rebellious world

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

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

**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.

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

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## **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!



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

(Eph. 5:22-33)

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.

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