

The Unvirtuous Women of Proverbs

Three Unvirtuous Women

1. The Adulteress
2. The Contentious Woman
3. The Imprudent Woman

Adultery – Why so widespread in our day?

- Internet / pornography
- Lack of belief in God, in the Bible
- Low view of marriage
- Quick and easy divorce
- No respect for covenant aspect of marriage

Adultery – Widespread

- Society accepts it more today than in the past
- Abortion / contraception
- Breakdown of the family
- Personal happiness is everything.
- No absolutes, everything is relative.
- No concern for consequences

Consequences

- Family torn apart / divorce
- Children suffering long term effects
- Financial ruin (child support, alimony)
- Pregnancy / STDs
- Long lasting emotional pain, bitterness, anguish
- Physical injury or death (from a jealous spouse)

The Huntress Her Tactics and Traits



Her Tactics

- Her tongue drips honey—flattery (5:3).
- She is hunting, looking for likely prey, using her seductive eyes (6:24-26).
- She speaks suggestively, uses sexual innuendo (7:13-18).
- She dresses provocatively. She uses deceitfulness, craftiness to obtain her goal (7:10).

Her Tactics

- She is loud, aggressive, brazen, and claims to be religious (7:13-14).
- She is persuasive (9:17). She is a liar.
- Heb. 4:13 – “No creature is hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him to whom we must answer.”

Her Traits

- She is not content or satisfied at home, rebellious, undisciplined (7:11).
- She doesn't think she is doing anything wrong (30:20).
- She doesn't care what she does to men and their lives. She is an unstable person (5:4-6).
- She is a covenant breaker (2:17).

Heed the warning signs



Lessons

1. Guard your heart. It is the first line of attack.

Prov. 4:23 – “Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life!”

Matt. 5:9 – “Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries....”

Lessons

Of the seven things that God “hates,” one is “a heart that devises wicked plans” (Prov. 6:18).

2. Watch your thoughts and actions toward the opposite sex.
3. Watch how you dress and speak.
4. Cultivate inner beauty.

Lessons

5. Take your marriage vows seriously. God was a witness to them.
6. Stay away from overindulgence in alcohol. It lowers inhibitions.
7. Teach these lessons to your kids and grandkids. Teach them the tactics and traits we have learned and teach them what to do when they encounter such a person.

Lessons

8. When we encounter this person, we should RUN in the opposite direction.

Joseph is a great example.

Gen. 39:2-12 says when he was accosted by an adulteress, he ran away.

Christian counselor, Gary Chapman and the “tingles”

The Contentious Woman

Her traits:

Argumentative	Ungrateful
Nagging	Troublemaker
Confrontational	Prideful
Combative	Hot tempered
Nit picking, critical	Dissatisfied

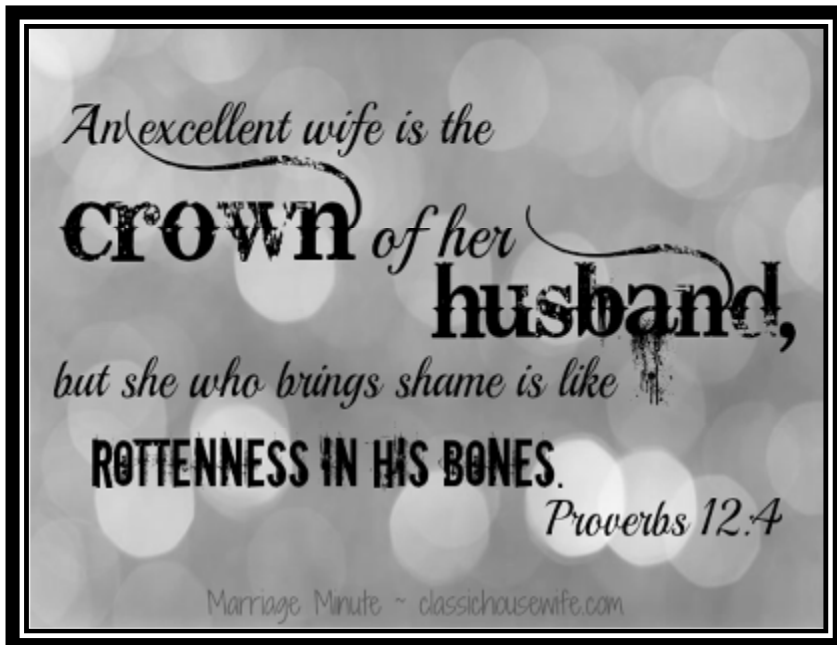


The Imprudent Woman

- Imprudent means not caring for the consequences of an action.
- This woman's actions have caused strife and unpleasantness in the home, making mealtime miserable (Prov. 15:17, 17:1).

How to Avoid Making Mealtime Miserable

- Kiss and make up.
- Pray before meals; serve them on time.
- Ban cell phones.
- Cut off inappropriate conversations.
- Don't lecture husband or kids.
- Stay off controversial topics.
- Engage those at the table in conversation.



Some Ways to Avoid Shaming Your Husband

- Build him up and stand up for him.
- Do not speak critically of him to others or in front of others.
- Be respectful.
- Allow him to be the man.

Some Ways to Avoid Shaming Your Husband

- Keep all of his good qualities in mind.
- Don't talk too much when out with others.
- Dress appropriately.
- Show him appreciation

Other Imprudent Women

- The Unconcerned Woman (Prov. 14:1)
- The Indiscrete Woman (Prov. 11:22; 1 Peter 3:4, ESV)
- The Greedy Woman (Prov. 30:15; Luke 12:15, Prov. 19:23, Psalm 37:4)