

## Daily Devotional, August 31, 2020

### “A Wife a Good Thing”, (Proverbs 18:22, NKJV)

*“He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD.”* (Proverbs 18:22)

Our text speaks of the blessing that a godly woman is for her husband. Such a wife ought to be well appreciated by her husband, even as it is known by all that he is a lucky man. Such a man am I, and so I reflect upon this as we celebrate my wife’s birthday today. The Lord knew my need, and has filled it to the full. **“It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him”** (Genesis 2:18). May we rejoice with the excitement of the world’s first husband, Adam, who said **“This is now bone of my bone And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman Because she was taken out of Man. Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh”** (Genesis 2:23-24).

Not all wives are blessings. Some are curses. There are women who are blasphemers, loud mouthed, unfaithful, and vain. **“An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, But she who causes shame is like rottenness in his bones”** (Proverbs 12:4). **“It is better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman”** (Proverbs 25:24). Therefore, if you are not married, do not seek just any man or woman to marry. For if you marry the wrong person, your life will be worse for it. If you are married to an unbeliever, pray, even as I write this and join you in prayer, for your spouse’s salvation and sanctification to Christ Jesus.

There are many men these days that do not have a wife. They would prefer to fornicate without accountability or commitment. This is not the Christian way. It is not a Bible option, for the Bible gives nothing other than marriage. Make a decision. If you are certain you will not ever marry this individual, then it is time to end the relationship. If you truly love here for internal substance and spirit, and not external beauty or enjoyment only, then please make her an honest woman and marry her. For the principle in the Law is this, **“If a man entices a virgin who is not betrothed, and lies with her, he shall surely pay the bride-price for her to be his wife”** (Exodus 22:16).

May those of us who are married to a godly spouse who completes us thank God for His grace and divine favor. **“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above”** (James 1:17). And the godly wife is a great gift to receive and cherish.