

WISDOM FOR SINGLES

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Prov 3:13-24

3 Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, 14 for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. 16 Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. 17 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed. 19 By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place; 20 by his knowledge the deeps were divided, and the clouds let drop the dew. 21 My son, preserve sound judgment and discernment, do not let them out of your sight; 22 they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck. 23 Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble; 24 when you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

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Prov 4:5-10

5 Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them. 6 Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. 7 Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. 8 Esteem her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. 9 She will set a garland of grace on your head and present you with a crown of splendor." 10 Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many.

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Prov 2:10-21

10 For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. 11 Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you. 12 Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse, 13 who leave the straight paths to walk in dark ways, 14 who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil, 15 whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways. 16 It will save you also from the adulteress, from the wayward wife with her seductive words, 17 who has left the partner of her youth and ignored the covenant she made before God. 18 For her house leads down to death and her paths to the spirits of the dead. 19 None who go to her return or attain the paths of life. 20 Thus you will walk in the ways of good men and keep to the paths of the righteous. 21 For the upright will live in the land, and the blameless will remain in it;

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1. Godly men don't demand to touch, taste and to test before marriage.
- Treat your friend as God's temple that must not be defiled or destroyed.
- If you know that there are some environments you can't control yourself, stay away.

- Wise men are also careful in the use of the phrase “I love you”. Love for a woman is a wholesome thing, for a man, it is just a sweet word that must be spoken.

2. Godly men should not date ladies who dress to seduce lest you fall.

Prov 7:10

10 Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent.

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3. Do not reject a man because he does not have a sleek car.

- That he does not have a car or the car of your choice does not make him a bad guy.
- That he does not have it today does not mean he will not have it in future.

4. No matter how attractive he or she may be, make sure you have the same philosophy of faith, e.g. commitment to church activities, tithing, speaking in tongues and soul winning efforts.

5. The person who describes you only by your externals is your biggest cause for alarm.

- Do not build your relationship on his description of your outer qualities without reference to who you are on the inside.
- The externals are fleeting and could change.

6. A stingy man who is single will still be a stingy man when married.

7. The person who refuses to change now and puts forth action to a later time will not change when married. He will keep up the same practice until something drastic happens to him.

8. Some men with poor self-esteem are afraid of strong women.

- Men’s fear of a strong woman is centered on the fear of her control.
- Do not fear women with imposing personality, they don’t bite. Some of them are sweet and soft inside. Look beyond the features. God made them for some people - You may be one of them.
- It is also important for a woman who is an achiever vocationally, educationally and spiritually to also conduct herself in such a way that men will see her as someone who will submit to her husband, when and in an appropriate way.

9. There is no perfect man or woman. The Holy Spirit is still working on all of us.

- No matter how nice a person may be, there is always a weakness somewhere that will create a stir.

- You and whoever God will bring your way are raw materials in the hand of God, and if you allow Him, He will process both of you to a finished and fantastic product.
 - It is therefore important in a relationship to not discard or throw away a good thing God brings your way because they do not look like the ideal you have always thought about.
10. Anyone you are in relationship with or drawing close to you, and is always showing signs of boredom with spiritual things like studying the word of God, praying, fasting and evangelism either by words or action is not totally converted. You will have problem with such.
 11. Anyone who is comfortable and more comfortable in the presence of sinners, those who speak against Ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the work of God, (the rebellious) is not fit for you to marry.
 12. No relationship will succeed when only one party is giving and making input for the success of the relationship. It takes two to succeed in a relationship.
 13. A man should by nature be a pursuant, a hunter. If you are the one going after him you will fall apart when he withdraws his love.
 - Men and women handle emotional matters differently. Men are quick to fall in love, and most of the time quicker to be out of it.
 - The woman is like a sponge – having absorbed so much water, it takes time to squeeze everything out.
 - Follow the man behind and don't run ahead of the man. Let there be no over-investment of emotions so it will be easier to handle the separation when the man pools out.
 14. Godly wise men and women do not stay in a relationship because they pity their friend.
 - It is unwise to continue a relationship that is obvious would not work out well simply because of the consideration of what the other person may go through if the relationship ends.
 - It is also unwise to go into marriage with someone because the person has suffered in the past and you want to comfort the person.
 - There is a difference between compassion for the hurting and marital love.
 15. One reason why relationships end is because women talk down at the men. Do not talk to the man like a boy.
 - Women who have imposing and domineering attitude should train themselves in this area if they wish to be successful in their relationships or marriage.
 - You can't command a man the way you command your staff at the office or junior ones at home.

- Women who have lived with children as single parents for a long period of time need to particularly watch how they talk to their dates. The chances are that they may transfer the way they talk to their children to their man.
- 16.** It is a sign of danger when he asks you to wear a “come and get me clothes”. Refuse it,
 - Dressing does not only cover our nakedness but packages and presents us the way we want to be looked upon. It reveals the kind of person we are on the inside. You dress the way you want to be addressed.
 - 17.** Men are attracted to strong women who dress decently, not those who wear suggestive clothing.
 - There is a company of women who think the first point of call for most men is how ‘sexy’ they look. Real men want a wife and not a Delilah or a high tension cable.
 - 18.** There is a danger if the following signs are present:
 - If he does not want to open up about the past.
 - If he has a chronic desire to be in control of everything all the time.
 - If he does not participate in seeking help for himself.
 - If he gives excuses for his behavior.
 - If he has a lot of guilt, blame and low self-esteem about his past.
 - If he does not want to overcome his addictions.
 - If he plays the blame-game.
 - If his attitude to life is hopelessly negative.
 - If you seem to be doing everything for him.
 - If it seems you are the only one with the drive to make the relationship work.
 - 19.** You don’t need to sleep with someone to prove you love the person. You just need to let the person know that you love him or her.
 - 20.** Sex is not what you supply, it is what you share in marriage, otherwise the man or woman is only using you.
 - 21.** That everyone is doing it does not make it right. Don’t join them to do evil. Do right.
 - 22.** The last thing you could ever do to a man is to compare him to his friends; that could destroy them and even endanger your relationship.
 - 23.** It is not wise to insist on showing physical affection to prove love, particularly those who have had a past of sexual compromise.
 - 24.** If the only thing keeping you in a relationship is that you have already given your word – that is dangerous!

- 25.** If a brother proposes to you and is not ready to make the relationship known to the church, get out of that relationship with immediate effect.
- 26.** To be intimate with someone you do not know is like dinning with the devil, and anything can happen. Prayerfully seek to understand the person before you get intimate.
- 27.** You will always move toward anyone who increases you and away from anyone who decreases you. You are created with a desire to increase. Decrease is unnatural.
- 28.** Never allow what people say about you to change your opinion of yourself. What you think of yourself is more important than what people think about you. People's opinion should not determine your opinion of yourself.
- 29.** Find respect for your partner without losing respect yourself.
- 30.** Do not make excuses for the person you are in relationship with. Let him or her build bridges too.
- 31.** It is wise to find a person who has a healthy view of life, a healthy relationship with the Lord, a healthy view of the opposite sex, and truly does want to share a future that is going to be a blessing to both of you.
- 32.** You need to heal as a person. You need to bring balance to everything you do before you make your choices and before the concrete sets. Avoid the relationship that will look like waking up from a bad dream.