

A Wise Woman Builds Her House

Proverbs 14:1-2 This proverb says every wise woman builds her house, but the foolish plucks it down with her hands. The building blocks a woman uses to build her house are her words. Proverbs tells us that life and death are in the power of the tongue. Every day a woman has the choice to build her house with her words or to tear her house down with her words.

One of the main duties of a wife is to give honor to her husband. If she tears him down with critical, judgmental words, she is coming against her very own personhood because she and her husband are one. As a mother a woman has the charge to encourage her children and to teach them the ways of the Lord. She has the opportunity every day to sow the good seed of God's Word into her children. When she walks with them, she can share about God's beauty and creative power as demonstrated in nature. When they eat together, she can give thanks to God for His blessings and provision. When she puts their clothes on, she can talk about the full armor of God. When she puts them to bed, she can pray with her children and read Scripture to them.

A woman can commit herself to let her conversations glorify God daily by ordering her conversation aright. She has to be careful not to gossip and be determined to only speak kindly of others. The law of kindness needs to be on her lips, and her daily prayer should be, "Lord, set a guard over my lips that I might not sin with the words I speak." Daily I pray, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. May everything I say today glorify You and sow good seed into the lives of others. Amen."

As a housekeeper, a woman has the duty of not just looking after the home, but she also has the privilege of charging the atmosphere of her home with her praises, her hymns and

spiritual songs to the Lord. Her praises can fill her home with an aroma that is better than any deodorizing spray. She will be a wise woman if she will choose her words carefully and always seek to season her conversations with grace and edifying words. The foolish woman will be negative, critical, judgmental and will tear her home down with her words.

Today you have a choice. Whether you are a man or a woman, you also can build a very special building with your words. You have the great privilege of building a sanctuary for the Lord's presence wherever you are—in the market place, on the job, in the gym, in your neighborhood, at your school, in your church, in your family. The building blocks for this sanctuary are the words you speak. As you sing psalms, spiritual songs, hymns and make melody in your heart continually all the day long, you will be building this special sanctuary where God's presence will bring great joy not only to you, but also to all those around you. How is your sanctuary construction coming along today?

**READ: Judges 2:11-3:31; Luke 22:14-34; Psalm 92:1-93:5;
Proverbs 14:1-2**