

**Truth with Ulterior Motives Is Duplicity; Delegated Authority Demands Assuming Responsibility; in Marriage Men Have Authority but Women Lust to Usurp It**

35. So here we have a man who is endowed with great wisdom, has parlayed his brilliance into a position of great influence among the nations of the Middle East, and his personality and attractiveness have enabled him to collect a harem of over a thousand women.
36. Yet his motivation was not to benefit any one of the women but to assuage his sexual lust which was only one aspect of a desperate search for happiness.
37. And with the beautiful Shulammitte woman before him he assumes her to be foolish enough to fall for his stuff: money, influence, position, even mountain villas
38. The wisest man in the world is revealed to be a fool when it comes to women. He has no concept of how to woo a woman. It's all pomp and circumstance but he has absolutely no real interest in the woman beyond what he assumes she will ultimately give him: physical sex
39. A true gentleman understands that true happiness in a man-woman relationship comes from making the woman happy. What makes her happy makes him happy
40. As the aggressor his motivation is to please the woman who is the responder. A true lady will not respond to improper motivation
41. Application: The Lord, Who is Almighty God, has set up a grace pipeline through which He is willing to impute phenomenal blessings to the believer who is responsive to grace
42. Once grace orientation is acquired, the believer quickly advances to the sophisticated spiritual life by means of spiritual growth and by so doing develops love for God
43. A man must treat a woman in grace seeking to supply her with those things she needs and to do this he must not only have authority over her he must also assume the responsibility to do so
44. This requires integrity and such men are regarded as gentlemen. Sadly, the idea of chivalry is in disrepute presently because of the Progressive notion of women's liberation
45. Principle: None of us are liberated from a system. God's system is based on grace that subscribes to standards that do not compromise His integrity. The woman, then the man, sinned in the Garden. The man was in charge and he did not manage the spiritual affairs of his household appropriately and his wife was thus deceived
46. Both failures resulted in the expansion of a system that placed on the man the duty of provisions: "the sweat of your brow" clause. Previously, God provided necessities in the perfect environment of Eden
47. The woman was given the duty of producing biological life. She was not only left under the authority of her husband she is told she must be controlled by him because of her "lust to usurp his authority" (Genesis 3:16).