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Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:55 AM

Are You Visiting With Us?

If you are visiting with us, we want to welcome you to the Lord's church (Matthew 16:18 and Colossians 1:18). Our goal is to simply get to Heaven and to help you do the same. We use the Bible as our standard to govern what we do in our work and worship for the Lord (Colossians 3:17, II Timothy 1:13, II Timothy 3:16-17, and I Peter 4:11).

We welcome your questions and would love the opportunity to study further with you. Luke recorded a fascinating statement we all need to consider: *"Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able"* (Luke 13:23-24). We invite you to join us in being one of the few that are saved!

The Blind Side Of A Man (A Woman)

By: Brian A. Yeager

Recently (5/17/2009), we had an article discussing how wonderful godly women are. On the flipside of that coin, many men have wives that are their "blind sides". They cannot see how much damage those ungodly women are doing in their spiritual lives.

When I was working with the saints in Butler, PA there was a couple that had been with the congregation for a long time. He seemed to be a strong man. Once you got to know him a little more, you found that he really was not as grounded as he seemed. In fact, once you got to know this man you found that he really was merely a puppet for his wife. This became abundantly clear when the brethren had to approach this man and his wife for worshipping in error with a nearby apostate group (cf. Ephesians 5:11, Romans 16:17-18, Psalms 26:4-5, Galatians 2:4-5, and Colossians 2:20-23). When Bill Graham and I went to visit this couple, the wife cried some tears because she just had to worship with her mother during Mother's Day even if the congregation was in error. She saw nothing wrong with it. Instead of her husband being reasonable and caring about the Scriptures, this mild mannered man became angry, yelled, and decided to lose his soul over the tears of his wife. Then, like Jezebel, she sought to destroy all of us whom tried to help her get her life right (I Kings 18:4; 18:13; 19:1-2, and II Kings 9:7).

Women, like the one mentioned above, are all too common. Sometimes we forget that evil communications corrupt good manners (I Corinthians 15:33; cf. Galatians 5:7-9). Why do you think God did not want his people (male and female) marrying heathens? Well, He knew and had warned, that the ungodly are very capable of turning His people away from Him (Deuteronomy 7:1-4). Scripturally speaking, a contentious woman is a miserable woman to be around (Proverbs 21:9; 19; 25:24). Men, avoid the kind of woman that will cause you to err (Proverbs 4:14-19; 12:26). Women, don't follow the examples we are about to discuss. Be the woman God desires you to be (Titus 2:3-5).

Ladies, Don't Follow These Examples

The Apostle Paul wrote Timothy about the role of women. Notice what is said about the first woman to live on this earth: *“Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but **the woman being deceived was in the transgression.** Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety”* (I Timothy 2:11-15). So, what happened that made the woman the transgressor? The answer is here: *“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And **when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat**”* (Genesis 3:1-6). Plain and simple, the Lord tells us that Adam erred in hearkening to his wife (Genesis 3:17), who was not following God (Genesis 3:13 and II Corinthians 11:3).

There was a man named Samson who was blessed by the Lord (Judges 13:24-25). Samson had an eye for the ladies (Judges 14:1-4). It was God's will for Samson to marry a heathen. However, it was her that turned against Samson (Judges 14:10-20). After some time passes, Samson falls in love with Delilah (Judges 16:4). Though Samson had once been betrayed by the love of a woman, he still ignored the obvious signs behind Delilah's desire to know his weakness (Judges 16:6-15). Once Delilah softened Samson and he spilled his guts, she betrays him and has his hair cut off (Judges 16:18-20). Talk about being blind-sided, a woman can blind side a man when his lust and love gets beyond his ability to reason.

When we read of Solomon we find this: *“And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore. And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt”* (I Kings 4:29-30). Yet, with all of Solomon's wisdom, understanding, etc., women caused him to err. Notice: *“But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father”* (I Kings 11:1-4).

Job was a perfect and upright man that feared God and eschewed evil (Job 1:1). Job was tempted by losing most of his belongings, most of his family, and being cursed with an illness (Job 1-2). On top of all that, he had one of the least supportive wives you can imagine. Notice: *“Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips”* (Job 2:9-10).

Conclusion

More could be said about the effects of sinful women (Genesis 39:7-20, I Kings 21:25; 22:51-53, II Kings 8:16-18, Proverbs 6:23-28, and Revelation 2:20-23). Ladies, be godly women! Men, don't be blind!

What must one do to be saved (Acts 2:37)? Hear and believe the Gospel (Mark 16:15-16 & Romans 10:17), repent of their sins (Acts 3:19), confess Christ (Acts 8:37), and be baptized (immersed) for the remission of sins into the church of Christ (Acts 2:38-41; 47, I Corinthians 12:12-13, and Romans 6:1-6; 16:16). One must then remain faithful (Colossians 1:23).