

Proverbs 18:22

He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD.

The literal translation for this verse is, **“He that finds a good wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord.”** Certainly there is a significant difference between finding a good wife, and simply finding a wife. Most people today choose their spouse the same way they choose anything, by trial and error, by impulses, and even by taking them for a test ride. Absolutely none of these ways are scriptural. Yet, how many Christians do you know that never even considered taking the time to ask God what He thinks about their potential mate. You might laugh at my question, so let me ask you another one. How many Christians do you know who are getting divorced, have been married multiple times or are living with someone? Christians aren't much different from the rest of the world any longer. This should not be! I am aware of several Christian couples who are divorced or are in the courts as I speak, who have NO grounds to be doing what they are. Certainly it is one thing if you have grounds, but do not lightly test the Lord either!!

I believe that one of the greatest tests for Christians today is in their homes. Satan is out to do everything he can to destroy your life. Ultimately he wants to break up your marriage and destroy your children in the process. He seeks to manipulate your thoughts against one another. She is no longer as attractive as when you first met, he just doesn't talk anymore. All she does is spend my money; all he does is hang out with his friends. The lists just go on and on. So couples get discouraged and they trade each other in for a newer model; hoping that this one will somehow make them happy. The truth is that no one can make you happy but yourself. If you are looking for someone to make you happy, look no further than the end of your nose.

Men, let's look at what the scriptures have to say about your wife. Look with me at **Ecclesiastes 9:9, Enjoy life with the woman whom you love all the days of your fleeting life which He has given to you under the sun; for this is your reward in life, and in your toil in which you have labored under the sun.** Did you know that God designed for your wife to be your reward here on earth? Do you speak life or death over your reward? If it is death, then why are you surprised when you're getting exactly what you have spoken?

I heard Christian speaker years ago, say something that pierced my heart. He said that the single greatest gift a father could give to his children was to love their mother. We each have upon ourselves the opportunity to live our Christianity out before our children. Most people are very concerned about what someone at church might think about them, yet they have such little concern for their kids. The truth is that often the greatest impact, negative or positive, that we will ever have on another person about Christ is with our kids! So what impact are you making on their lives, do you love your spouse in such a way that they see Christ in you?