



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FOCUS



WHEN WOMEN ARE SMARTER THAN THEIR HUSBANDS IN THE BIBLE.

WARM GREETINGS.

I am sure this will cheer many a woman's heart, confirming what she surely knows or thinks she does, that she maybe is smarter than her husband!

So let's crack on with this fascinating look through a few examples of this above sentence, before we get to the flip side which is 'When men are smarter than their wives!'

I am sure you will find a lot of this amusing and interesting. God bless you.

PART A WOMEN WHO WERE SMARTER THAN THEIR HUSBANDS.



1. Abigail and Nabal.

We find this quite long, but very important story in 1 Samuel 25, (the whole chapter)

Abigail was far wiser and smarter and a righteous woman married to a wicked man, her husband Nabal. Please do read the whole chapter!

2. Samson's mum and her husband, Mr Manoah. Samson's mother was childless; an angel came to see her and promised a son. We don't know the woman's name. She was married to Manoah. The husband Manoah wanted to speak with the angel

and get a 'rule' for the boy's life or further instructions. Once the angel had appeared again, the parents made a sacrifice and the angel blessed it and then vanished. The husband was extremely nervous

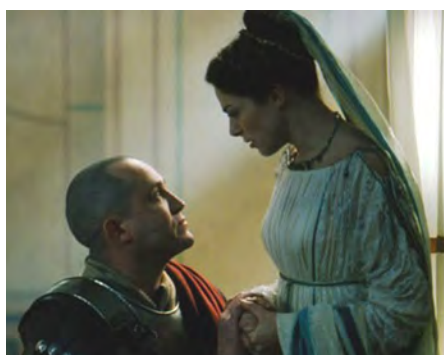
We find the reaction here in Judges Chapter 13: 20 As the flame blazed up from the altar toward heaven, the angel of the Lord ascended in the flame. Seeing this, Manoah and his wife fell with their faces to the ground. 21 When the angel of the Lord did not show himself again to Manoah and his wife, Manoah realized that it was the angel of the Lord.

22 "We are doomed to die!" he said to his wife. "We have seen God!"

23 But his wife answered, "If the Lord had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and grain offering from our hands, nor shown us all these things or now told us this." His wife was obviously vastly wiser than Manoah!

24 The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the Lord blessed him, 25 and the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him while he was in Mahaneh Dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Please read the whole chapter, it's very interesting.



3. Pontius Pilate and his wife.

Matthew chapter 27: 19 When he (Pontius Pilate) was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. 20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/dUxoetF5JVI>

Pontius Pilate, was a political man, and also apparently cruel and stubborn, (from other historical records). His wife clearly warned him not to do anything to Jesus Christ, calling Jesus 'a just and righteous man' but he did for various reasons and for political stability and even fear of the Jews. We do not know much about his wife 'Claudia'.

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/sVXGWDxFNls>

Pilate went on to ignore that and eventually had to return to Rome for Judgement of his actions. See first clip in this section. Pilate lived about 6 years no longer before his death. Some legends say he committed suicide but the Ethiopian church believes he himself became a believer in the Lord.



4. Eunice and Lois

2 Timothy 1:4-6. The Apostle Paul is talking to his beloved spiritual son, Timothy. 4 And when, as I recall your tears, I yearn to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

5 I am calling up memories of your sincere and unqualified faith (the [a] leaning of your entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness), [a faith] that first lived permanently in [the heart of] your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am [fully] persuaded, [dwells] in you also.

6 That is why I would remind you to stir up (rekindle the embers of, fan the flame of, and keep burning) the [gracious] gift of God, [the inner fire] that is in you by means of the laying on of my hands [[b]with those of the elders at your ordination].

We can deduce that Timothy's mother and grandmother both had faith in the True God. Paul doesn't mention his father or his grandfather. So obviously, by default, we can see that the women were smarter than their husbands!

PART B Men who were smarter than their wives!



1. Lot and his wife. It's not that Lot himself was a great man or husband.

He certainly blew it badly. He was 'just' a herdsman and also wealthy, and was the nephew of great Abraham. But when he and Abraham parted ways, Lot finally ended up in New York City, oh I mean Sodom and Gomorrah. Why did he do that? Here's what Mr and Mrs AI have to briefly say about this:

Lot ended up in Sodom due to a series of selfish, worldly choices, beginning with his decision to choose the fertile, well-watered Jordan plain for his livestock over the rocky hills, attracted by its wealth and prosperity. He gradually moved his tent nearer to the wicked city and eventually became a leading citizen or judge within it.

So he ended up there, had two daughters who it looks like married into the system there and Lot became a judge in Sodom.

However the time came that the cry of nations came up to Yahweh and the order was given to destroy Sodom and all the cities of that plain.

We should know the story.

When the push came to the shove, Lot just about made it out of Dodge, (**) Sodom, with considerable help from the two angels. His family were explicitly warned, to 'run for your lives and don't even look back.'

At least three of the members of family obeyed and went forward into the future. But dear old Mrs Lot, turned back to look at the destruction coming. She was 'turned into a pillar of salt' and stands as a testimony of disobedience and hankering for the things of the world! Well, we covered this in detail in a recent article. Even Jesus, pointed her out as a huge warning in what to (not) do in the last days! 'Remember Lot's wife'. (Luke 17:32)

So while Lot had his own sins and errors, his wife had even more serious ones, built up over a long time, I venture to say.



2. Job and his wife.

Longsuffering and righteous Job, whom God commended greatly and even told the devil, Job was the best man on the earth. Job would pass any test the devil would give him. In the long and very exciting book of Job, we see all the demonic attacks he went through. Job passed all the tests, but not so his wife, who also experienced some of the same terrible events, (but not all). His wife told him to 'curse God and die', (Job 2:9)

Job, though, corrected her strongly and maintained his love for God in the face of the greatest suffering a human can go through. Job was consistently wise, all his adult life, while his wife had not reached that level of faith and humility.

As a great Pastor once said: 'When everything goes wrong and seems contrary to the Word and the usual, only those with great faith can say with Job "even though He slay me, yet I will trust in Him."' (Job 13:15). Real gold, no matter how hot the fire or how long the fire, how hot the test or how long it lasts, will still come out gold—even finer gold!



3. Jacob and his wife Rachel.

In the complicated world of Biblical marriages of the Old Testament, and even today in many societies, it's still important for a woman to do her 'main job', which is to have a child, a son would be even better.

This continues the case today, I remember one of our friends a young Chinese woman called me one day to announce the birth of her son! She had eliminated the huge pressure on her life from both her family and also the society, she had born a son!

"I have borne a son!"

我生了个儿子!

Wǒ shēngle gè er zǐ!

So in Genesis 30 with Jacob and Rachel, biological time was perhaps running out for Rachel and she still had no child, while her sister, Leah, who was also married to Jacob, had had several already.

Chapter 30 When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister, and said to Jacob, Give me children, or else I will die!

2. And Jacob became very angry with Rachel and he said, Am I in God's stead, Who has denied you children?

Through frustration, and possibly the temptation some women face to blame their husbands for almost everything, she came out with this phrase; 'Give me children, or else I will die'!

Rachel had not come to the point of understanding that it was only GOD who could open the womb, even in the miraculous way God later did for Hannah in the book of 1 Samuel chapter 1. And I am sure many people have experienced this in their lives today! God is able.

She just was falling down under the circumstances of Biblical life and society.

Jacob her husband was upset with her, but at least he recognised the truth that only God can do it. And God did it for them both, especially when the wife (Rachel) decided to get serious with God herself and then

she rejoiced! Praise the Lord.

Genesis 30: 22 Then God remembered Rachel and answered her pleading and made it possible for her to have children.

23 And [now for the first time] she became pregnant and bore a son; and she said, God has taken away my reproach, disgrace, and humiliation.

24 And she called his name Joseph [may he add] and said, May the Lord add to me another son.

(And God did and added Benjamin later, although Rachel died in childbirth with him.) (Genesis 35:16-18)



PART C When a husband and wife are equally smart.

The best example of 'equal smartness' in the Bible is the wonderful chapter of Proverbs 31, where we learn about the Virtuous woman. The virtuous woman has so many good qualities which we lack for the most part in the world today. She is totally committed to her family, to her own cottage industry business, her female workers, and to the principles and ethics of hard work and sacrifice. She has the law of kindness and a kind mouth. Her husband is respected by her and stands as one of 'the elders in the gate', or in a position of respect in the male society. She does everything she can to maintain all these blessings.

They work together ultimately to produce all kinds of fruit, wealth and godly happiness in their family and the greater world. Who can find a virtuous woman, for her price is far above rubies! (Proverbs 31:10) Got a big ruby, anyone, have a good look at such a beautiful jewel and remember a righteous and kind and godly

woman is far better. Praise the Lord.

Well, that's the end of this week's rather crazy but interesting dissertation! Who is really smarter, men or women? The answer I feel is – neither. God has made us from the dust of the earth; He has given us all different functions and gifts. If we all remember we are nothing without the Lord, then we are more likely to stay humble and obedient and the Lord will mightily bless us as we journey through this life. Some married and some unmarried, the most important thing is to be 'married to Jesus Christ' then we can slowly become 'smart'!

James 1:5 Proverbs 3:5-6

We will all be married to the Lamb in Heaven. Revelation 19:6-9

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb is a prophetic, celebratory banquet described in the New Testament Book of Revelation (Revelation 19:6–9). It symbolizes the ultimate, eternal union between Jesus Christ (the Lamb) and His followers (the Church, acting as His bride), culminating in a victory feast celebrating the defeat of evil.

Until next week, God willing!

Love in Christ,

Jerry for the WCF Team

(**) <https://www.merriam-webster.com/wordplay/why-do-we-say-get-out-of-dodge>



1. TRUSTWORTHY AND RELIABLE

Her heart can be trusted completely.



2. SHE DOES GOOD ALL HER LIFE

She builds up, not tears down.



3. HARDWORKING AND SKILLED

She uses her hands and develops useful skills.



4. PROVIDER AND PLANNER

She plans ahead and provides for her household.



5. DISCIPLINED WITH HER TIME

She prioritizes what matters most.

A VIRTUOUS WOMAN IN 2026

Her value is far above rubies.

Proverbs 31:10-31

Plans

- Faith
- Family
- Business
- Health
- Generosity

Purpose Plan Progress

7. PREPARES AND CARES

She rises early and looks after her household.

8. INVESTS AND BUILDS

She sees opportunities and builds for the future.

9. GENEROUS AND COMPASSIONATE

She reaches out to the poor and needy.

10. DIGNIFIED AND PREPARED

She is not afraid of the future; she prepares her household.

11. WISE IN SPEECH

She speaks with wisdom and kindness.

12. CREATES VALUE

She makes, produces, and builds something of worth.

13. MANAGES HER HOME WELL

She looks well to the ways of her household.

14. HONORED AND RESPECTED

Her family and others call her blessed.

15. FEARS THE LORD

She lives with God at the center of everything.

16. HER WORKS SPEAK FOR HER

Her life and works bring her praise.

FAITH
FOCUS
DISCIPLINE

SHE WORKS
WILLINGLY WITH
HER HANDS

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: *but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.*

Proverbs 31:30

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