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Good wife carry blessing to three generations, good ladies are hard to find

Judges

14:1 And Samson went down to Timnah, and found there a daughter, the daughter of the Philistines.

16:1 When Samson came to Gaza, he saw a prostitute there and became close to her

16:4 And Samson beloved a woman named Dalilah in the valley of Soreb

16:21 The Philistines took him (Samson) and gouged out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, where they seized him with a chain of brass. He was in prison and grinding

In ancient China, there was an ancient adage that has been passed down for thousands of years: "A good wife and a prosperous husband for three generations are hard to find." This phrase encapsulates the importance of marriage and femininity, as well as its impact on the family and society.

The phrase "three generations of good wives and husbands" means that a virtuous wife can promote the harmony of her husband's career and family. An empathetic, well-run wife can be the supporter behind her husband's success. Her wisdom and ability not only helped her husband succeed in his career, but she was also able to

educate her children and bring stability and happiness to her family. The influence of such wives can even extend to three generations, influencing the happiness and fulfillment of generations to come.

However, on the other hand, ladies are hard to find, which means that truly virtuous women are scarce. Lady not only refers to the appearance of dignified and elegant, but also includes the inner character and cultivation. They are kind, gentle, intelligent, know how to maintain family harmony, and show a noble demeanor in society. However, such women may become increasingly difficult to find in modern society, as values and cultures continue to evolve, and people's lifestyles and values are changing.

Therefore, this ancient motto reminds us of the importance of family and marriage, as well as the importance of femininity. A virtuous wife can bring infinite happiness and stability to the family, and a true lady is a valuable asset to society. No matter how the times change, such values are still worth pondering and cherishing.

In the Bible, descriptions and references to "ladies" are mainly concentrated in the book of Proverbs and the Song of Solomon.

There are several references to virtuous women in the book of Proverbs, emphasizing their virtues and wisdom. For example, Proverbs 31 describes a virtuous woman who was praised as a treasure far superior to pearls, who was industrious, kind, wise, kind to her family, and business-minded. This chapter is seen as a celebration and description of virtuous women.

Another Bible book that mentions ladies is the Song of Solomon. The book is an allegorical depiction of a love story between a pair of lovers, in which women are portrayed as beautiful, pure, tender, and charming. Although there are multiple interpretations of the Song of Solomon, the book as a whole emphasizes pure love and the beautiful qualities of women.

These Bible passages emphasize the importance of female virtue, wisdom, and character. They are not only a tribute to women in antiquity, but also an affirmation of the important role women played in the family and society.

Let's pray that Christians will find a suitable partner:

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for your love and care. Today we stand before You and pray to You on behalf of Christians who are looking for a suitable partner.

Give them wisdom and guidance to align their hearts with Your will. Lead them to a partner who complements them in their faith, values, and love. Give them patience and keep them confident and steadfast as they wait.

Prepare for them a beautiful and blessed relationship in which they can support, respect, and love one another. Let their love thrive in Your grace and truth, and be an example of Your love.

Guard their hearts so that they can grow with your love as a guide, with one another's support and encouragement. Let them see Your love and grace in one another and manifest Your glory in each other's lives.

Thank you for hearing our prayers. May Your good plan be fulfilled in their lives.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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Judges Chapter 16

Ju. 16:1 One day Samson went to Gaza, where he saw a prostitute.

He went in to spend the night with her.

Ju. 16:2 The people of Gaza were told, "Samson is here!" So they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the city gate. They made no move during the night, saying, "At dawn we'll kill him."

Ju. 16:3 But Samson lay there only until the middle of the night. Then he got up and took hold of the doors of the city gate, together with the two posts, and tore them loose, bar and all. He lifted them to his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron.

Ju. 16:4 Some time later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah.

Ju. 16:5 The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, "See if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we can overpower him so that we may tie him up and subdue him. Each one of us will give you eleven hundred shekels of silver."

Ju. 16:6 So Delilah said to Samson, "Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued."

Ju. 16:7 Samson answered her, "If anyone ties me with seven fresh thongs that have not been dried, I'll become as weak as any other man."

Ju. 16:8 Then the rulers of the Philistines brought her seven fresh thongs that had not been dried, and she tied him with them. Ju. 16:9 With men hidden in the room, she called to him, “Samson, the Philistines are upon you!” But he snapped the thongs as easily as a piece of string snaps when it comes close to a flame. So the secret of his strength was not discovered.

Ju. 16:10 Then Delilah said to Samson, “You have made a fool of me; you lied to me. Come now, tell me how you can be tied.”

Ju. 16:11 He said, “If anyone ties me securely with new ropes that have never been used, I’ll become as weak as any other man.” Ju. 16:12 So Delilah took new ropes and tied him with them. Then, with men hidden in the room, she called to him, “Samson, the Philistines are upon you!” But he snapped the ropes off his arms as if they were threads.

Ju. 16:13 Delilah then said to Samson, “Until now, you have been making a fool of me and lying to me. Tell me how you can be tied.” He replied, “If you weave the seven braids of my head into the fabric on the loom and tighten it with the pin, I’ll become as weak as any other man.” So while he was sleeping, Delilah took the seven braids of his head, wove

them into the fabric

Ju. 16:14 and tightened it with the pin. Again she called to him, “Samson, the Philistines are upon you!” He awoke from his sleep and pulled up the pin and the loom, with the fabric. Ju. 16:15 Then she said to him, “How can you say, ‘I love you,’ when you won’t confide in me? This is the third time you have made a fool of me and haven’t told me the secret of your great strength.”

Ju. 16:16 With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was tired to death.

Ju. 16:17 So he told her everything. “No razor has ever been used on my head,” he said, “because I have been a Nazirite set apart to God since birth. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as any other man.”

Ju. 16:18 When Delilah saw that he had told her everything, she sent word to the rulers of the Philistines, “Come back once more; he has told me everything.” So the rulers of the Philistines returned with the silver in their hands.

Ju. 16:19 Having put him to sleep on her lap, she called a man to shave off the seven braids of his hair, and so began to subdue him.

And his strength left him.

Ju. 16:20 Then she called, “Samson, the Philistines are upon you!” He awoke from his sleep and thought, “I’ll go out as before and shake myself free.” But he did not know that the LORD had left him.

Ju. 16:21 Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza. Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding in the prison.

Ju. 16:22 But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

Ju. 16:23 Now the rulers of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to celebrate, saying, "Our god has delivered Samson, our enemy, into our hands."

Ju. 16:24 When the people saw him, they praised their god, saying, "Our god has delivered our enemy into our hands, the one who laid waste our land and multiplied our slain."

Ju. 16:25 While they were in high spirits, they shouted, "Bring out Samson to entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them. When they stood him among the pillars,

Ju. 16:26 Samson said to the servant who held his hand, "Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them."

Ju. 16:27 Now the temple was crowded with men and women; all the rulers of the Philistines were there, and on the roof were about three thousand men and women watching Samson perform.

Ju. 16:28 Then Samson prayed to the LORD, "O Sovereign LORD, remember me. O God, please strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes."

Ju. 16:29 Then Samson reached towards the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other,

Ju. 16:30 Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived.

Ju. 16:31 Then his brothers and his father's whole family went down to get him. They brought him back and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had led Israel for twenty years.

The Book of Judges, Chapter 16 in the Christian Bible talks about the downfall of Samson due to his relationship with a Philistine woman named Delilah.

The chapter begins with Samson visiting a prostitute in Gaza, where the Philistines had captured him. He then fell in love with Delilah, who was hired by the Philistine rulers to discover the secret of Samson's strength. Delilah repeatedly asked Samson to tell her the secret, and he gave her several false answers, but finally he revealed that his strength came from his uncut hair, which was a symbol of his Nazirite vow.

While Samson slept, Delilah cut his hair, and he lost his strength. The Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes, and took him to Gaza, where they put him to work grinding grain in prison.

The story ends with Samson's death. While he was imprisoned, his hair grew back, and one day the Philistine rulers brought him to the temple of their god Dagon to entertain them. Samson asked God to restore his strength one last time, and he pushed apart the temple's pillars, bringing down the roof and killing himself along with thousands of Philistines.

The story in Chapter 16 of The Book of Judges portrays Samson as a tragic figure who is undone by his own desires and flaws. His relationship with Delilah ultimately leads to his downfall, and his death symbolizes his final act of strength and his ultimate triumph over the Philistines. The chapter also highlights the ongoing conflict between the Israelites and the Philistines and the power of God to work through even flawed human beings to accomplish his purposes.

Here are some key verses from chapter 16 of The Book of Judges in the Christian Bible (NIV translation):

1. "One day Samson went to Gaza, where he saw a prostitute. He went in to spend the night with her." (Judges 16:1)
2. "Then the rulers of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to celebrate, saying, 'Our god has delivered Samson, our enemy, into our hands.'" (Judges 16:23)
3. "But Samson said to the servant who held his hand, 'Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them.'" (Judges 16:26)
4. "Then Samson prayed to the Lord, 'Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes.'" (Judges 16:28)
5. "Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived." (Judges 16:30)

Judges chapter 16 provides a reflection on the downfall of Samson due to his interactions with Delilah, highlighting the consequences of succumbing to temptation and the importance of guarding one's strengths.

The chapter begins with Samson's encounter with Delilah, a woman from the Valley of Sorek, whom the Philistines pay to discover the secret of Samson's strength. Delilah persistently seeks to uncover the source of his power, and Samson initially provides her with misleading answers. However, due to her persistence and manipulation, Samson eventually reveals that his strength lies in his uncut hair, which symbolizes his Nazirite vow.

As Samson sleeps, Delilah cuts his hair, thereby compromising his strength. The Philistines capture him, gouge out his eyes, and imprison him. Samson, now weakened and blinded, is forced to work as a grinder in the prison.

In a surprising twist, Samson's hair begins to grow back while in captivity, symbolizing a potential restoration of his strength and relationship with God. On the day of a Philistine festival, Samson is brought to the temple, where he prays to God for strength one last time. He pushes apart the temple's pillars, causing the entire structure to collapse, killing himself and a large number of Philistines.

The reflection in Judges chapter 16 serves as a cautionary tale about the consequences of succumbing to temptation and the importance of guarding one's strengths and commitments. Samson, a powerful and gifted judge, is ultimately undone by his relationship with Delilah, who exploits his vulnerability and betrays him. It highlights the danger of compromising one's convictions and giving in to worldly desires.

The story also emphasizes the importance of recognizing and repenting from one's mistakes. Despite Samson's initial deception and misjudgment in sharing the secret of his strength, there is a glimmer of hope for his redemption as his hair begins to grow back. It raises the question of whether Samson's prayer for strength is also a plea for forgiveness and restoration in his relationship with God.

Furthermore, the chapter reflects on the theme of divine irony, as Samson's final act of sacrifice brings about the destruction of his enemies. In his weakened state, Samson calls upon God for strength one last time, fulfilling his role as a deliverer of Israel by toppling the temple and causing the demise of the Philistines.

Overall, Judges chapter 16 provides a reflection on the consequences of succumbing to temptation, the importance of guarding one's strengths and commitments, and the potential for redemption and restoration even in the midst of downfall. It reminds us to remain steadfast in our faith, to resist the allure of worldly temptations, and to seek God's forgiveness and restoration when we falter.

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