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## **Wisdom in Choosing a Spouse**

A key purpose of the book of Proverbs is to provide advice on making wise decisions in life. Outside of accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, the most important decision a person will ever make is choosing whether or not to marry and, if so, who to marry (see Prov. 12:4). Today we will look at some advice from Proverbs on what to look for in choosing a suitable spouse.

1. Some general principles regarding choosing a spouse:

- a. Prov. 19:14 – understand that the preparation of the heart a person as a suitable spouse is something \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Prov. 31:30 – a wise person will not use as a guide for choosing a spouse  
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- c. Prov. 31:30 – the single most important trait to look for in a perspective spouse is  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Character traits a man should look for in a perspective wife:

- a. Prov. 11:22 – she is a \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Prov. 14:1 – she is \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Prov. 27:15-16 – she is not \_\_\_\_\_

3. A man unable to find a woman with these traits may be better off remaining single.

But for those successful in finding such a woman, Prov. 18:22 is true –  
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4. Some advice for woman looking for a perspective husband:

- a. Prov. 12:10 – observe how he \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Prov. 12:15 – observe how he responds to \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Prov. 13:20 – observe the kind of \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Prov. 15:27 – observe if he is responsible with \_\_\_\_\_

5. Proverbs introduces 3 kinds of people to avoid entirely:

- a. Prov. 6:27-29 – a person who has \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Prov. 22:24-25 – a person who is \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Prov. 23:29-30 – a person who is \_\_\_\_\_

A challenge for all of us is to consider the question - according to the standards of book of Proverbs – how well do we rate as a suitable husband or wife?