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Thursday, February 11, 2016

Lesson 15-Thurs.

D1/D2-HEART/HOME: THE LIFE OF ABIGAIL (1 SAMUEL 25:1-39a)

DUE:

Thursday, February 18, 2016

In Proverbs 31:10-31, King Lemuel opens the section with this question, "An excellent wife, who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not harm all the days of her life." He closes with this summary, "Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates." Ask God to help you take to heart and put into practice the helpful principles from Abigail's life and also from Paul's instructions for women in the church in the upcoming lesson from Titus 2:3-5.

LOOKING BACK...

Review your notes from the lesson on Abigail.

Think about the following questions:

- Is it possible that God used marriage to a foolish, harsh man to teach Abigail how to make a humble, gentle appeal that would prepare her to some day appeal to David, to protect him from sin that would have great consequences?
- Is it possible for a woman to glorify God even when married to a man like Nabal?
- Is there a difficult situation you are currently facing where you are being challenged to redirect your thinking so that your goal is to glorify God?

Write out your answers to the following questions:

- Where are you prone to get blindsided and thrown off guard? How will you prepare to be ready and able to stand firm in the midst of temptation or difficulty?
- What will you do now so that you will be able to guard your heart and strengthen your trust in God where it is weak?
- Do you see areas where you need to grow in discernment? What steps will you take?

LOOKING DAY BY DAY...

How have you been personally encouraged or equipped through your daily time in God's Word?

LOOKING AHEAD...

Next time we meet, we will study the wise & the foolish woman described in scripture. In preparation, look up the following passages & write out contrasts you see. (Note that some versions use the word "adulteress" to describe the "foolish" woman).

Prov 14:1

Prov 11:16a

Prov 19:14b

Prov 2:16-17

Prov 5:3-6

February Memory verse for Jerusalem Class

"When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You."

~Psalm 56:3