

Studies in the Book of Proverbs by [John T Polk II](#)  
For [The Fellowship Room](#)

## (#74) The Proverbs of Solomon 14:1- Home-wreckers Need Not Apply!

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and **Proverbs 10:1 - 24:34** are randomly written, as if they were Judgments Solomon made about individual cases brought to him for Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**), or simply God-given explanations about life. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

### **Proverbs 14:1:**

The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish pulls it down with her hands.

"Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established" (**Proverbs 24:3**). It takes a wise woman to build her house (not talking about the building, but the life in it). Truly, "He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the LORD" (**Proverbs 18:22**). Finding a good wife means knowing her family, and this cannot be done over the Internet! Jesus gave insight into home-life when He said a "house divided against itself will not stand" (**Matthew 12:25**).

*The "foolish" woman destroys her own house by being:*

1. *Foolish*, that is, ignoring or challenging God's rules for living right. Every good marriage involves 3: the husband, the wife, and God (**Colossians 3:16-21**)!
2. *Contentious* ("dissing," chiding, scolding, fussy, fretful), a tyrant by tantrums.
  - a. "Better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman" (**Proverbs 21:9**);
  - b. "Better to dwell in the wilderness, Than with a contentious and angry woman" (**Proverbs 21:19**);
  - c. "*It is* better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman" (**Proverbs 25:24**);
  - d. "A continual dripping on a very rainy day And a contentious woman are alike; Whoever restrains her restrains the wind, And grasps oil with his right hand" (**Proverbs 27:15-16**).

There is no relief from a leaky roof "on a very rainy day," and so a contentious woman can literally drive her family up the wall to the attic, or out the door into "the wilderness." She is as impossible to deal with as "the wind," or the fragrant odor of "oil" (perfume) once it's in the hand. She has turned against her mate who should be her support, and her children who



**Studies in the Book of Proverbs** by [John T Polk II](#)  
For [The Fellowship Room](#)

would unconditionally love her. The home should be a refuge, not a hunting ground!

- 3. *Selfishly Independent*, that is, she must be willing to uphold her place in the home. Too many, it seems, are like young widows, not ready to settle down into being a wife and mother.
  - a. "But refuse *the* younger widows; for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry, having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith. And besides they learn *to be* idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not" ([1 Timothy 5:11-13](#)).
  - b. Some mothers dress and act like they are still in the "singles scene," looking for a mate, not like they have taken themselves "off the market" because of responsibilities at home ([1 Timothy 5:14](#)).

Some women disrespect God's Word by not marrying, not being a good wife, not being a proper mother, or by making her own home-life miserable!

