

# Are You A Captain of *Construction* or *Destruction*?

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## Read about the wise woman – Proverbs 31:10-31.

The wise (virtuous) woman described here had powerful influence over her family and estate. She prayerfully directed the care of the children and household, and she engaged in trade, agriculture, commercial real estate development, manufacturing, and sales. Her husband's and family's importance in the city was greatly due to her superb and diligent management of these matters. She proved to be a savvy business woman who understood that her stewardship of what God had placed in her hands had a direct and lasting effect on those in her home, her business, and her community. She walked in mercy and generosity. Her own works demonstrated her value as a godly, resourceful, kind and good woman.

**Every wise woman builds her house [Hebrew *bayith*: house, household, family, lineage, those serving in the house, children, descendants, door, estate, palace, place which she stewards, temple],  
But the foolish pulls it down with her own hands. ~ Proverbs 14:1**

## Whether you realize it or not, YOU ARE A PERSON OF TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE!

A wise woman can greatly improve a marriage, family, home, business, and estate, even into future generations; and a foolish woman can ruin the potential of her family, home, business and estate, and destroy it. Such power must be yielded daily and completely to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Such power has the potential to kill and destroy, or to infuse life and build up. A wise woman knows that her WORDS and her ACTIONS have an impact on others. Your "house" is bigger than you think! Do others recognize you as good, godly, kind and wise?

1.) Building up my house begins with my personal relationship with Jesus Christ. My house, my temple, is the receptacle, the tabernacle, the vessel which welcomes (or rejects) the presence of the Holy Spirit.

### ***How do I build up my personal house? Spiritually? Emotionally? Physically?***

2.) Building up my house then extends to my primary covenant relationship – if I am married, my husband. If I am a mother, the building up of my children and grandchildren comes next.

### ***How am I building up my house with my husband and my children/grandchildren?***

3.) Building up my house then extends to my church home: my leadership, my brethren in the Lord, and those who are being reached by my household of faith.

### ***How do I build up my house in the precious church in which God has planted me?***

4.) Building up my house then extends to those in my circle of extended family and friends, those whom I recognize as being important long-term relationships to me and in whose lives I have a measure of reciprocal influence and counsel.

### ***How do I build up my house among my extended family and cherished friends?***

5.) Building up my house then extends to my work or service environment – my job, business, school, volunteer center, etc.

***How do I build up my house – people who employ me, work for me or with me, instruct me, learn from or with me, buy from or sell to me, provide services for or receive services from me?***