


Macho Sickness

**What Proverb did God
give us today after I
picked our topic of
*Macho Sickness?***

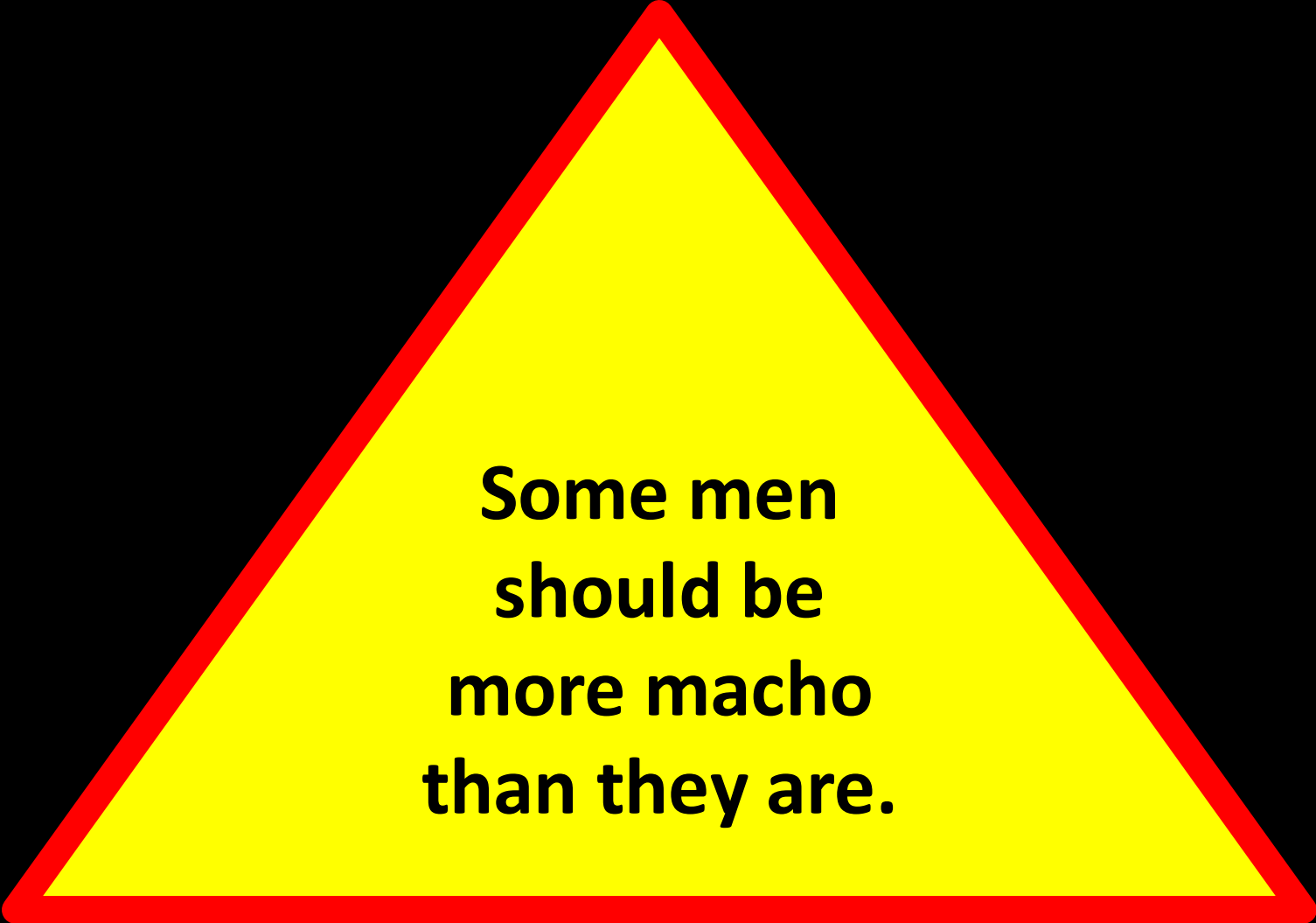
As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.

Proverbs 28:15


**As men, our poor
people are our wives
and our children, so
the verse applies well.**

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**Some men
should be
more macho
than they are.**



**If you don't
know, ask me or
wise men. Its
pretty obvious.**



**Do not think
about anyone
else present.**



**Examine yourself
as to any tendency
to be either fool.**

Here's the problem:

**Two foolish culprits
we will use assumed
they were studs by
their authority!**

Here's the problem:

**Foolish men think
that *might* (their
office) makes *right!***

Here's the problem:

Power corrupts.

Here's the problem:


**Absolute power
corrupts absolutely.**

Here's the problem:

**We preach God's
word about authority
in both directions.**

Here's the problem:

**Men poorly trained ...
or hurt in the past ...
or temperamentally
twisted ... overreact.**



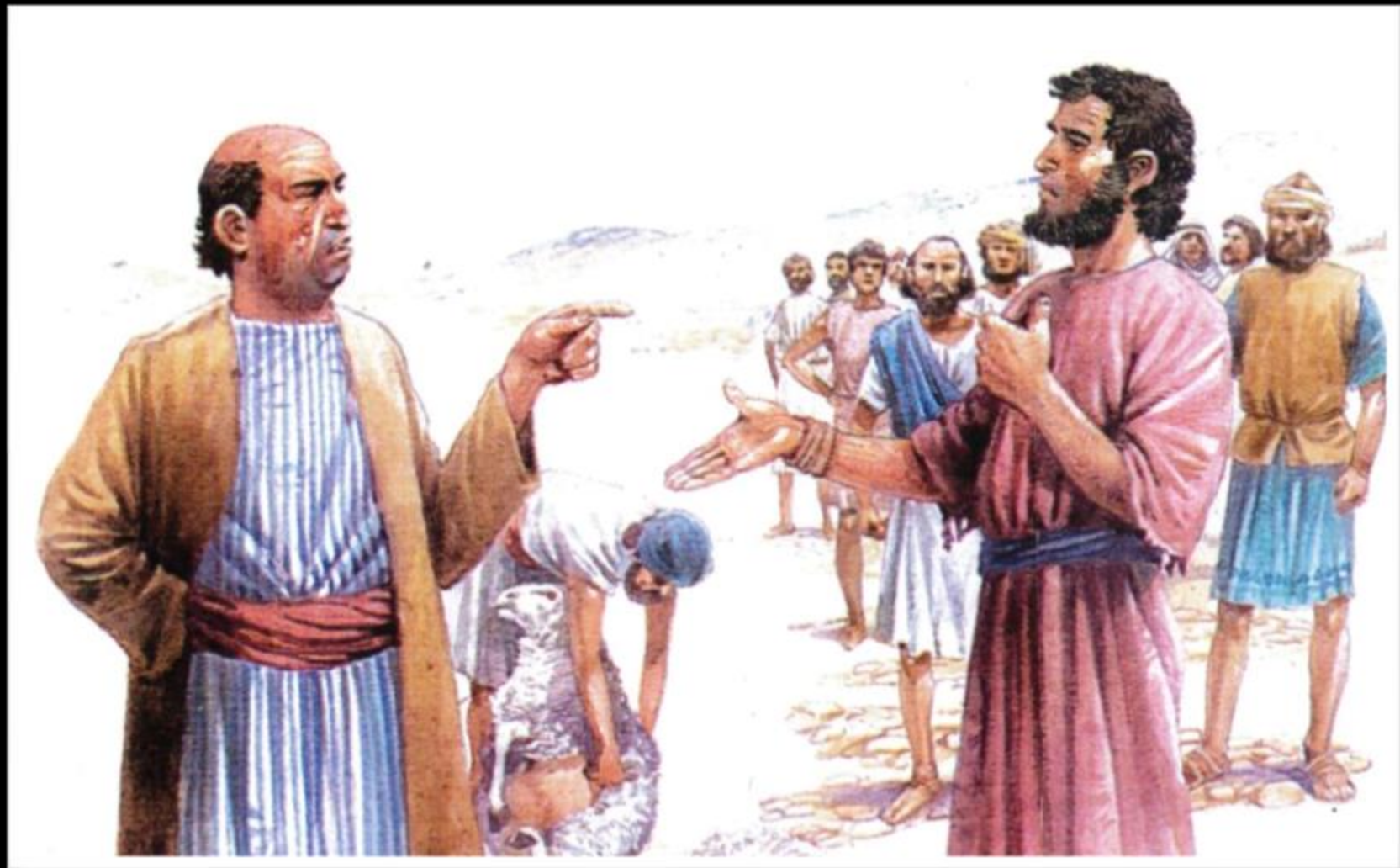
**Are we talking
about your liberty
as a husband?**

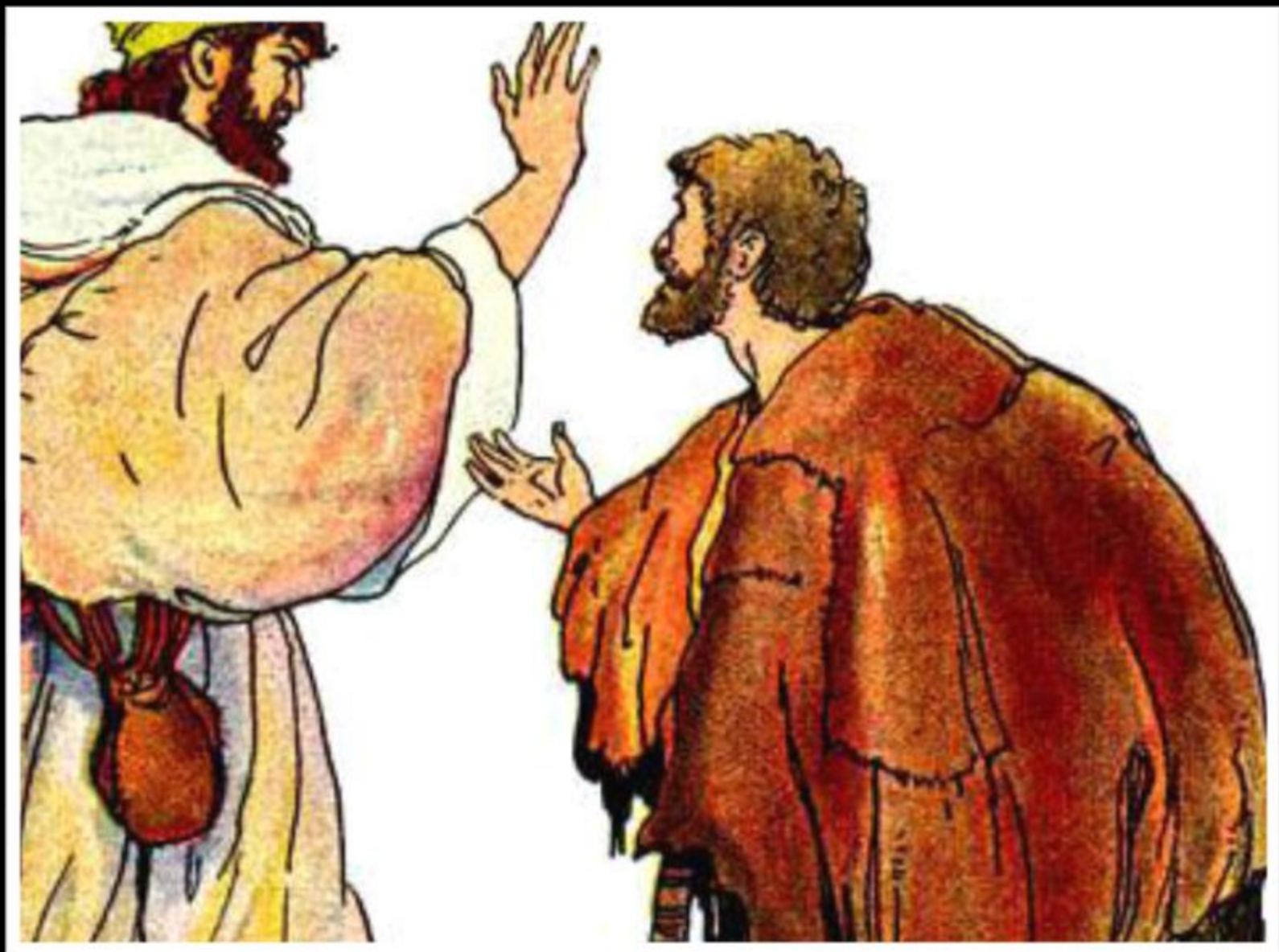


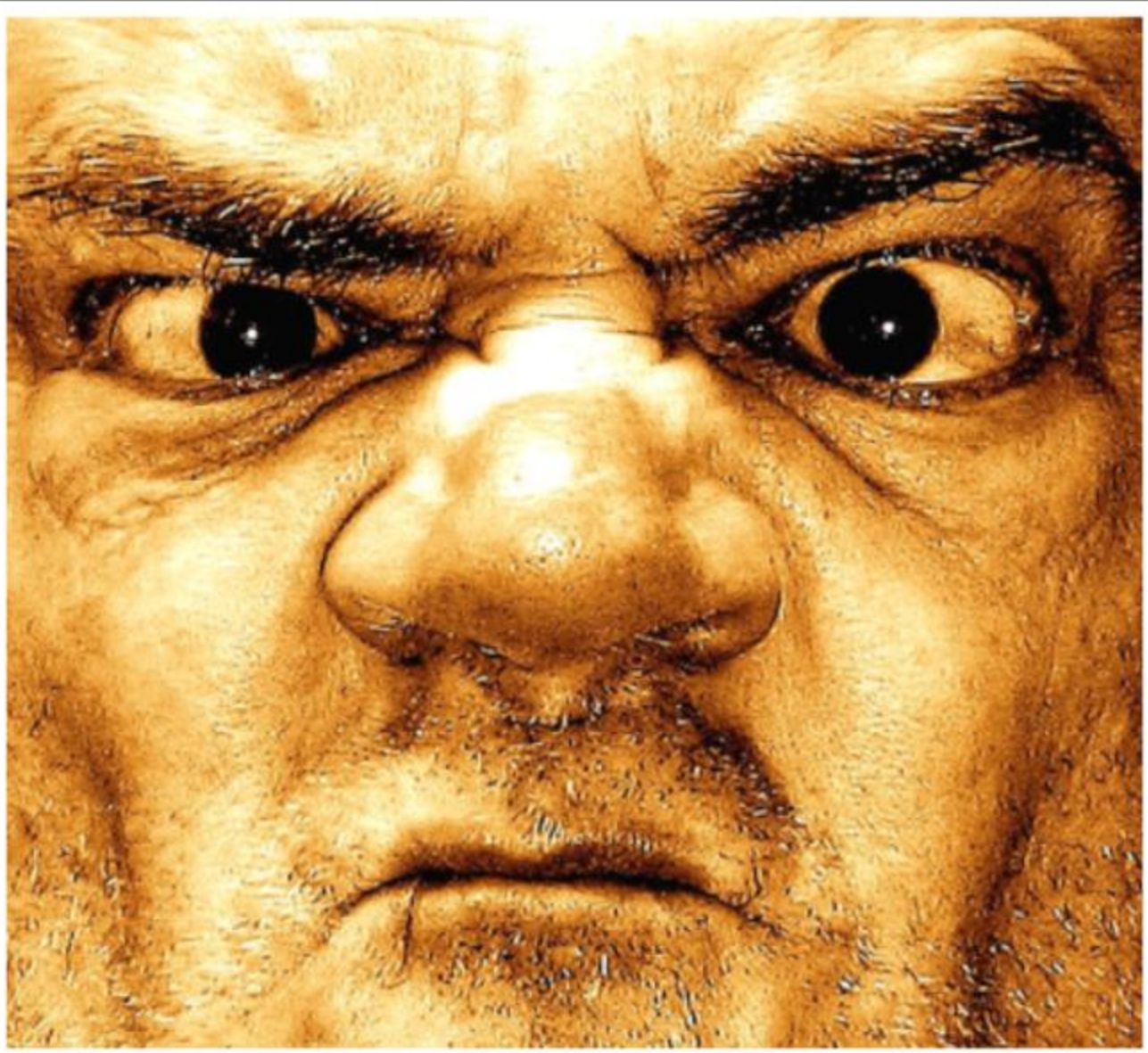
Yes!

**The freedom for
you to be foolish
and hurt others.**









What Could Nabal Have Been?

- A mighty man of business valor like Boaz with David.
- A man thrilled daily with a beautiful and wise wife.
- An example of how good it can be following wisdom.
- He could have been great ... to help build the temple.
- He could have died in peace with a loving wife near.

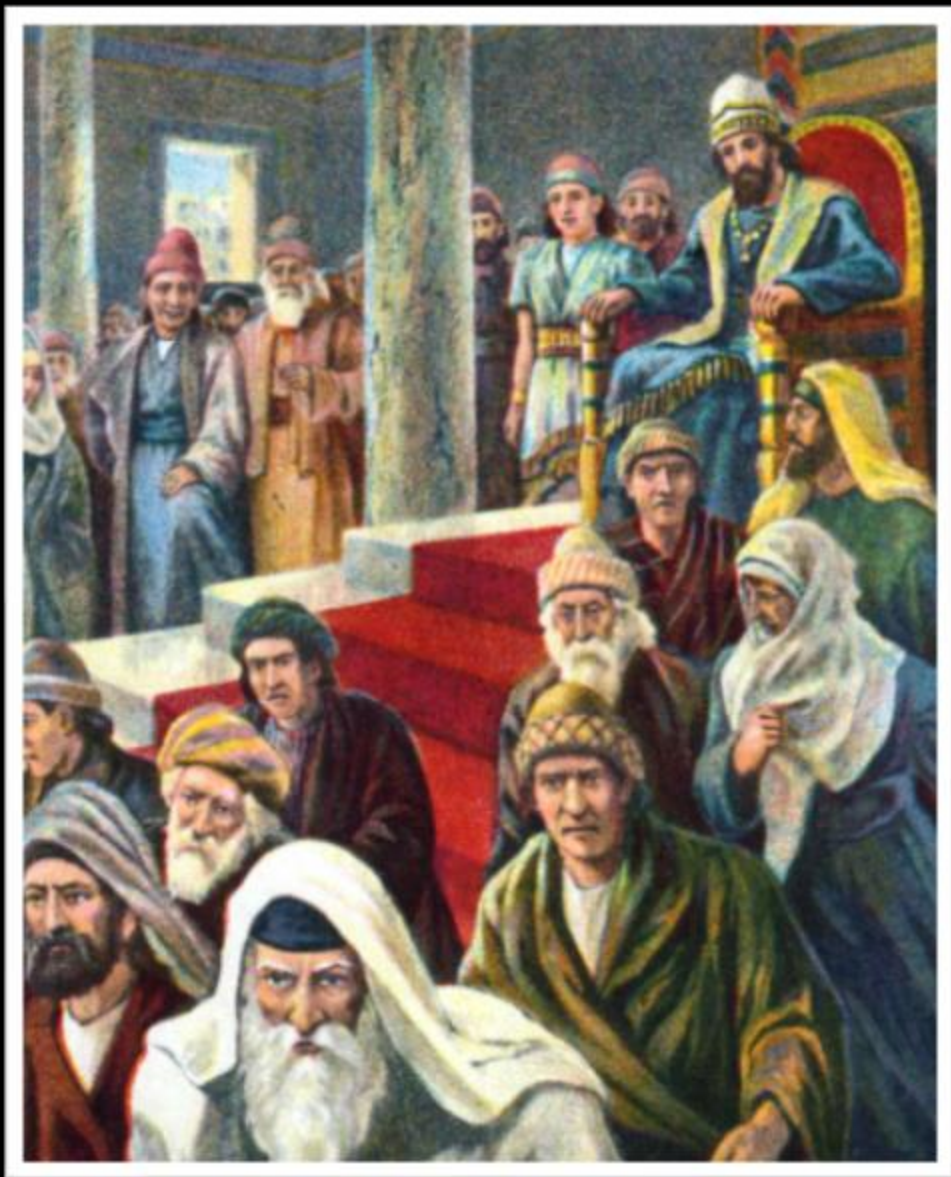
What Did Selfish Nabal Lose?

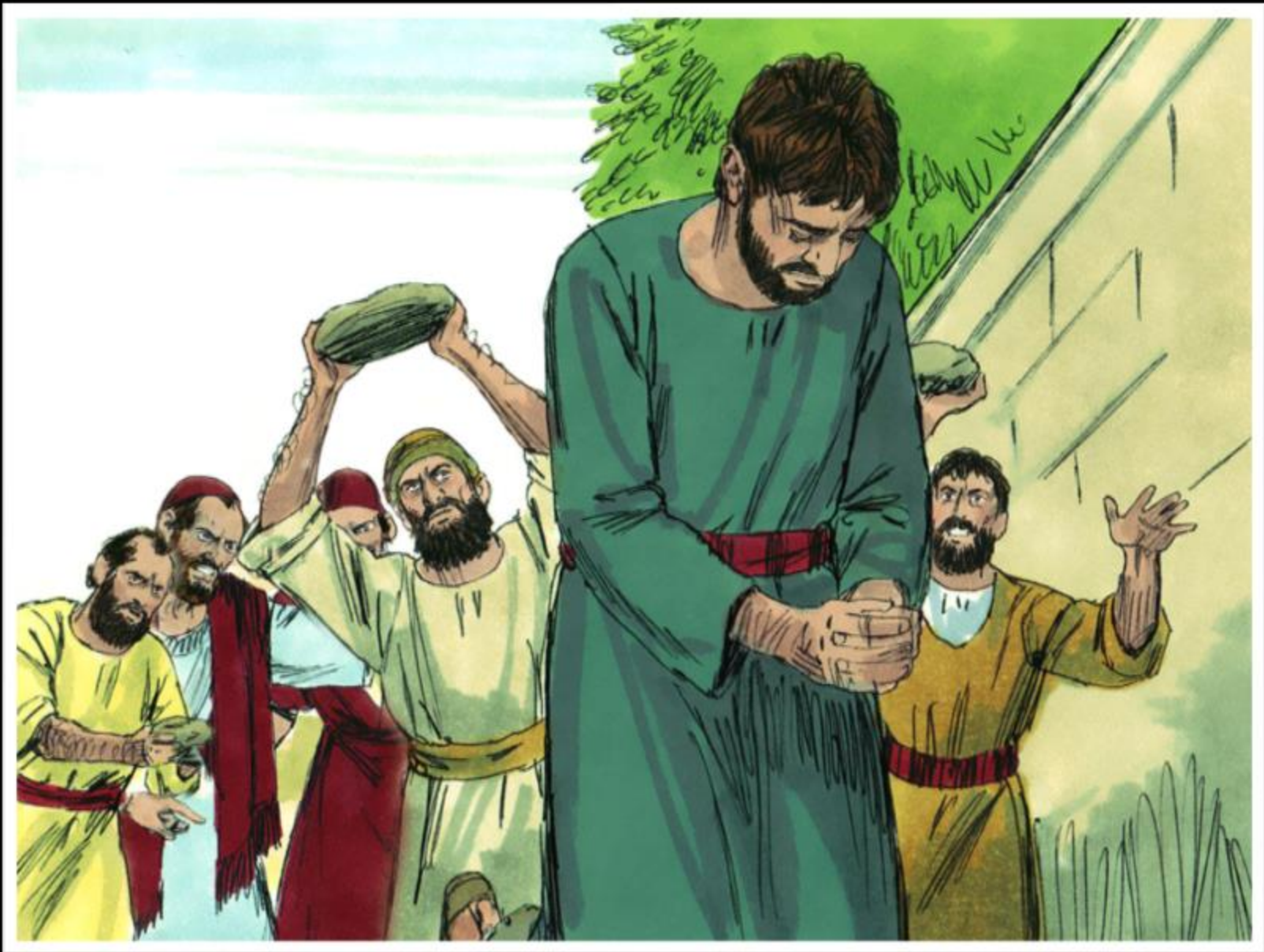
- Yes, he lost his life because God was sick of him.
- But also any success or respect was totally flushed.
- He never had the full heart of a beautiful babe wife.
- Before he got to die, he thought of David having her.
- He has illustrated a stupid, stingy man for 3000 yrs.












What Could Rehoboam Have Been?


- With David and Solomon? Anything! Everything!
- Wisdom was shown and written ... and bad failures.
- Before going on ... *you have more than Rehoboam.*
- Israel's 12 tribes were his forever ... for a little mercy.
- He could have been Israel's greatest king ... easily.

What Did Selfish Rehoboam Lose?

- He lost the love of God's own nation ready for him.
- He lost the revenue of ten tribes by his "authority."
- He saw a competitor rise against him ... and civil war.
- He lost his name in the annals of Judah's great kings.
- He has been an example of how not to do it 3000 yrs.



**Rehoboam was 41
when he began
to reign ... not 21!**




**Telling us Solomon
had married more
than Pharaoh's
daughter early.**

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Nabal and Rehoboam Syndrome



**What do we think
about being born
male and getting
a wife from God?**





**That arrogant
spirit is exactly
why this study
is important!**

Here's the problem:

**Some take authority
too seriously and
neglect gentle
kindness.**

**God has more
authority than you
can imagine ... but He
is also more gentle
and loving than you.**

**This easily happens
in a church where
authority is taught
and emphasized.**

**This easily happens
in a church where
the children and
wives are taught.**

**We have repeatedly
criticized odious
wives for six months.**

Now it's our turn!

Pastor ...

**my wife likes me just
the way I am; she's
used to it; she likes
strong leadership.**

Nabal ...

**that arrogant spirit is
why this is needed.
You offend God, wife,
others; and you lose.**






Nabal ...

**never gets it that he
does not have all of
his wife due to his
harshness.**

**We have a very
specific goal for our
lives – given to us by
our Father in heaven.**



GROW IN FAVOR
WITH BOTH GOD
AND MEN.

(1 Sam 2:26; Prov 3:4; Luke 2:52).

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Nabal and Rehoboam Syndrome


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Every exchange with everyone is right or wrong.


Every lack of an exchange is right or wrong.

The consequences will either bless or harm you.

Favor with God and men depends on your spirit.

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**Joseph got the
throne of Egypt
by an excellent
spirit.**



**Daniel kept the
throne of
Babylon by His
excellent spirit.**

Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

Daniel 6:3

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Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Proverbs 18:21

There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

Proverbs 12:18

**Fathers, provoke not your children to anger,
lest they be discouraged.**

Colossians 3:21

13 And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand.

14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

Malachi 2:13-14

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

I Peter 3:7




Nabal had a fabulous wife. Wow! Yea Baby!

He made her sick by his harsh, stingy spirit.

She never told him; she was a good wife.

She had to defy him to befriend a real man.

God killed him so David could have her.



**Nabal lost badly!
All because of his
macho spirit.**

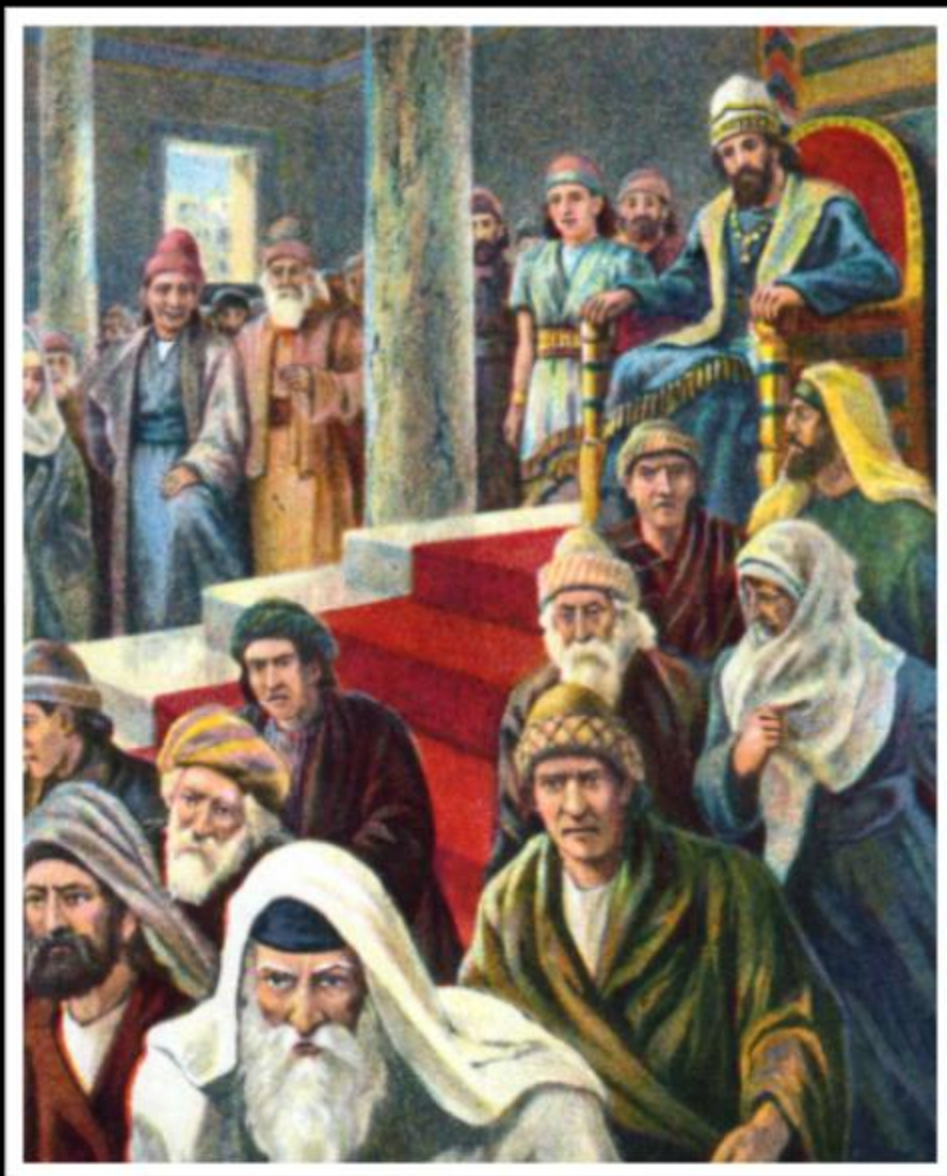
A Nabal has petty rules no one else has.

A Nabal wants things his way all the time.

A Nabal cannot feel the needs of others.

A Nabal is jealous, possessive, or efficient.

A Nabal assumes his family is his fiefdom.




Rehoboam had David / Solomon's kingdom!

Rehoboam had wisdom right before him.

But he selectively heard things for himself.

He resented even a kind request for liberty.

He thought he had kingly rights. He did not.

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**Rehoboam lost
terribly! All
because of his
macho spirit.**

Rehoboam thought throne for him, not others.

His office was to benefit others ... not himself.

He selectively heard any support for ruling.

He stupidly read humble request as respect.

Such a man will not have or know his family.

For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

Luke 22:7

**Why do men do this?
Cut off their nose to
spite their face?**

**Loving your wife is
loving yourself – thus
mistreating your wife
is macho sickness!**

They had an overbearing father – example.

They had an overbearing mother – revenge.

They hear the truth and over-love authority.

They have an obedient wife and children.

They cannot detect how they hurt others.

**How do men do this?
Cut off their nose to
spite their face?**



Never forget!

**If you measure a
good wife by words,
you are Nabal!**

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Never forget!

**If you think
authority is for you,
you are Rehoboam.**

Five Standards of Benevolence

- Give her what she asks for (good wives don't ask).
- Give her what you like or need (you are not her).
- Give her what you think she needs or wants (Nabal).
- Give her more than what she wants inside (oh, yeah).
- Give her what you would do to get another wife.

Stupid Choices of Nabal & Rehoboam

Moods

Rules

Possessive

Harsh

Selfish

Efficient

Numb

Stupid Choices of Nabal & Rehoboam

Stingy

Saver

Workaholic

Critical

Impatient

Structured

Duty

Stupid Choices of Nabal & Rehoboam

Inequitable

Overworks others

Negativity

No benevolence

Unmerciful

Wrathful

Jealous

Stupid Choices of Nabal & Rehoboam

Silent treatment

Cold war

Instant reactions

No listening

Indiscrete

Hypocrisy

Secrecy

Stupid Choices of Nabal & Rehoboam

Unaffectionate

Money losses

Porn use

Lecturing

Unthankful

Arrogance

Laziness

Stupid Choices of Nabal & Rehoboam

Tantrums

Blame game

Bitterness

Unemotional

Evil surmising

Revenge

Bossy

Stupid Choices of Nabal & Rehoboam

Excuse self

Overbearing

Push liberties

Micro manage

No cherish

No nourish

Hard

Stupid Choices of Nabal & Rehoboam

Ignore in-laws

Unmerciful

Family last

Praise others

Self unfit

Deadlines

Cutting

Stupid Choices of Nabal & Rehoboam

Self-righteous

Incommunicative

Miserly

Scheduled

Child doting

Aggressive

Distant



And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruah be too hard for me: the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

II Samuel 3:39

And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?

II Samuel 16:10

And David said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruah, that ye should this day be adversaries unto me? shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for do not I know that I am this day king over Israel?

II Samuel 19:22

The sons of Zeruiah were great warriors.

Think! Their uncle despised them in heart!

But he used them to the waste of their lives.

At least two of them died violent deaths.

They gained no good role for their families.

God is speaking to us.

**Follow Solomon's
inspired advice.**

As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.

Proverbs 28:15

**For much more about
Proverbs 28:15 ...**

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The prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor: but he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.

Proverbs 28:16

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WAYS TRUST CAN BE BROKEN

- Harsh Reactions
- Deceit
- Indiscretion
- Criticism
- Hypocrisy
- Selfishness
- Lack of affection
- Secrecy
- Money failures
- Porn
- Lecturing
- Laziness
- Lack of organization
- Lack of communication
- Self righteousness
- Pride

CONSEQUENCES OF LOST TRUST

- **FEAR**

- Disrespect
- Revenge
- Emotional walls
- Wounded spirit
- Martyr complex
- Self righteous
- Isolation
- Silence
- Bitterness
- Protection mode
- Role reversal
- Depression
- Anxiety

**King Jesus rules!
Hallelujah!**

**But King Jesus' rules
are to change you.**

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4

**Fathers, provoke not your children to anger,
lest they be discouraged.**

Colossians 3:21







Pastor!

**Give me ideas to
be benevolent
and gentle.**

Ideas to Kill Nabal & Rehoboam (1)

- Let wife/children ask for anything ... no questions.
- Praise your wife five ways tonight ... and mean it.
- Ask family members what others want ... and give it.
- Give your wife options other wives love. Let her pick.
- Thank your boss thoroughly for your job tomorrow.

Ideas to Kill Nabal & Rehoboam (2)

- Forgive before offenders can even fully confess.
- If you must criticize (rare) ... praise twice as much.
- Productivity is only a part of life ... get real! Get fun!
- Fun and love ... is not for vacations ... but every day!
- Joy and love are greater motives than duty. Recall?

Ideas to Kill Nabal & Rehoboam (3)

- You don't like to eat out ... but what about her?!?!
- You dislike travel or vacation ... but what about her?
- Show genuine interest with listening about their day.
- Allow free time that they are not accountable for.
- Allow spending that they are not accountable for.

Ideas to Kill Nabal & Rehoboam (4)

- Change a Saturday plan and make it all about them.
- Take a day off work to charm your wife all day.
- Let your children skip school (if possible) for fun.
- Take a child to work and make them feel important.
- Show mercy where rage or discipline is expected.

Ideas to Kill Nabal & Rehoboam (5)

- At athletic events emphasize cheering, not coaching.
- Ask curious and serious questions about their day.
- Keep the children and let your wife go out for fun.
- Don't make everything a test of loyalty or love.
- Compliment instead of criticize ... then do it more.



Pastor!

**How else do I fool
myself and hurt
those around
me?**

**You think mercy is
weakness and
compromise ... and
that it will cost you.**

Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.

Proverbs 20:28

**Like as a father pitieth his children, so the
LORD pitieth them that fear him.**

Psalm 103:13

Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:20

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

Luke 11:11-12

For he shall have judgment without mercy,
that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy
rejoiceth against judgment.

James 2:13

25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

Psalm 18:25-26

**The neat thing about
mercy is that it is
totally undeserved ...
so it cannot be given
for performance!**



Pastor!

**How else do I fool
myself and hurt
those around
me?**

**You think submission
is approval and love ...
when it can be much
less than either.**

**Wife and children
may submit only out
of fear of God and
fear of you, not due
to love or joy.**

You lose!

**A good wife will not
ask or resist ... for she
wants to be a meek
and quiet wife.**

**A scared wife will not
ask or resist ... for she
fears the verbal and
domestic strife.**

**Like Nabal,
you misread your
wife and children and
blindly press your
stupid agenda.**

**Your goal is to love
and lead your wife to
a joyful thrill being
married to you.**

**Inside her
heart and mind!**

Not her words!

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Pastor!

**How else do I fool
myself and hurt
those around
me?**

**You treat your wife
with less kindness
than even a husband
of this sick world.**

**She has to be where
you want her and
how you want her
all the time without
liberty. You are sick!**

**Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her
own works praise her in the gates.**

Proverbs 31:31

She maketh herself coverings of tapestry;
her clothing is silk and purple.

Proverbs 31:22

She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with
the fruit of her hands she planteth a
vineyard.

Proverbs 31:16

**How do you pay her
for doing everything
imaginable for you in
the spirit of 31:31?**

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**You now have rules in
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Malachi 2:13-14

**She gave her life to
you, and you violate
the unspoken rules of
love and generosity.**

**Marriage should be
better than she
dreamed as you whip
the kindest husbands
she knows about.**

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Pastor!

**How else do I fool
myself and hurt
those around
me?**

**Like Nabal, you think
control is loyalty and
love, when it is often
the opposite.**



Pastor!

**How else do I fool
myself and hurt
those around
me?**

**Like Nabal, you think
sex is for you, and she
has to give and give,
when real lovers
know the opposite.**



Pastor!

**How else do I fool
myself and hurt
those around
me?**

**Like Rehoboam, you
think rigor is how
to maintain your
position and control
of the home.**

14 Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates:

15 At his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the LORD, and it be sin unto thee.

Deuteronomy 24:14-15

39 And if thy brother that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bondservant ...

**43 Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour;
but shalt fear thy God.**

Leviticus 25:39-43

**And, ye masters, do the same things unto them,
forbearing threatening: knowing that your
Master also is in heaven; neither is there
respect of persons with him.**

Ephesians 6:9

**You whine to me
of being underpaid
but never think about
wife and children.**

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**A good wife trusts
you less than you
think, so win trust by
exceeding her heart.**

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Pastor!

**How else do I fool
myself and hurt
those around
me?**

**True submission and
reverence can never
be forced ... they can
only be earned
and won.**



Pastor!


**How else do I fool
myself and hurt
those around
me?**

Never let ...

familiarity breed contempt

**... for that is the
cruellest hardness.**

**Wife and children are
the easiest victims
of Nabal, but also
the cruelest.**

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**Take this lesson
and practice it
with those
closest to you.**

**Instead of Nabal and
Rehoboam ... let us
copy David and Jesus.**

**Mighty men in the
sight of God are not
hard and harsh ... but
gentle and loving.**

For Further Study

- How to Love Your Wife ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/loving-your-wife.pdf>.
- How to Seduce Your Wife ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/how-to-seduce-your-wife.pdf>.
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