

Life and Being Shrewd:

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There are 14 occurrences of “shrewd” in the Bible: Matthew 10:16; Luke 16:8; Acts 7:19; 1 Corinthians 4:10; Revelation 13:18; 2 Samuel 13:3; 2 Samuel 22:27; 1 Chronicles 26:14; Job 5:12; Psalms 18:26; Psalm 83:3; Proverbs 19:25; Isaiah 5:21; Jeremiah 4:22.

1. Why was the 1st Adam blind to the attack by satan on Eve?
2. What can help a man see a shrewd attack from satan on his wife?
3. What should a wife do when her husband believes they can do "anything" in their bedroom and buys a playboy magazine?

As ages roll by, a man meets a woman (usually they are opposites), and just like “magnets” they are attracted to each other.

Songs throughout the ages, have been written to stir up “feelings” and “desires” and “longings.” Many with the theme to get you to “follow your heart” or tempting you with sensual words but what does “follow your heart” mean? Why are there so many songs (even for our children) that center around this message? I’ve heard this phrase spoken numerous times in different situations, and it rings in my ears, like a “clanging bell” that I need to stop! Please take heed to understand the meaning, and explain why I want to silence this hollow, false statement.

How do I silence a clanging bell? I have to set my mind on things which are above, not on the things of the earth (Col 3:2-3), and know that the answer is NOT to follow my heart. I must apply Psalm 19:1-2, “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.” If I take my eyes off Jesus, follow my heart, I will become self-centered. I would be asking myself what’s in it for me? Worshiping things of this earth does not bring any contentment, only complacency. There is nothing new under the sun. My sinless Savior conquered death. Idol worshiping is our biggest sin. Suzanna Wesley’s definition of sin is “whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, takes off your relish for spiritual things, whatever increases the authority of the body over the mind, that thing is sin to you, however innocent it may seem in itself.”

Word Salad: Many times we toss together words, without considering where is that thought coming from? If we make sure our MIND is in GEAR before we PUT our MOUTH in MOTION, we would not create some of the sentences (salads) we create. I

listened to Kurt Kaiser's story on you-tube (<https://youtu.be/5gE5g2B4Q9g>). He is known for writing "Pass it On" and "O How He Loves You and Me." I hope you can go to this link and listen to his story.

The true meaning of "heart" is not the heart that pumps blood to your body, but your mind (your conscience). I pray this wets your appetite for God's Word, causing you to ask yourself about bells in the Bible, and you want to study more on this. For further study: Colossians 3:2-10. 2 Chronicles 16:9. 1 Timothy 1. Romans 10:10. 1 Corinthians 14:25. Hebrews 10:12. Hebrews 13:9. James 1:26 1 Peter 1:22.1 Peter 3:4.

con to deceive, trick, against,

con-science (against-science)

Conscience describes two things – what a **person** believes is right and how a **person** decides what is right. More than just 'gut instinct', our **conscience** is a 'moral muscle'. By informing us of our values and principles, it becomes the standard we use to judge whether or not our actions are ethical.

Philosopher Michael Walzer believes there are situations where you have a duty to '[get your hands dirty](#)' – even if the price is your own sense of goodness. In response, Aristotle might have said, "no person wishes to possess the world if they must first become someone else". That is, we can't change who we are or what we believe in for any price.

pro occurring in words borrowed from Greek or Latin. (**for, with, in favor of,)**
samples: pronoun (another word for noun), **pro-life (for life)**,

pro-choice (for abortion)

The women's **movement** of the 1960s framed access to **abortion** as an equal rights issue and the emerging **pro-choice movement** resulted in the 1973 Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade

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Called "America's Parenting Doctor" by Glenn Beck, Dr. James Dobson, Sean Hannity, Fox News

and others, Dr. Steve Scheibner, the President of Characterhealth Corporation, has dedicated his life to equipping parents to train a new generation of Courageous, Christ-like, and Character-healthy leaders. Using his background as a Naval aviator, church-planting pastor, and airline pilot, Steve co-authored and teaches *The Nine Practices of the Pro-Active Parent*.” Steve captivates audiences worldwide as he shares “In My Seat: A Pilot’s Story from September 10th-11th.” Steve was originally scheduled to be the co-pilot on American Airlines flight 11, the first airplane to be hi-jacked on Sept. 11th. His testimony of God’s provision has been used to reach millions for Christ through the YouTube video of the same name.

He had written his life objective 20 years before which said:

“To Seek, Trust, and Glorify God through Humble Service and Continual Prayer.

To raise up Qualified Disciples as Quickly as Possible,

So that one day I might hear God say, Well-Done My Good and Faithful Servant!”

Dr. Scheibner has been married to his wife, Megan, for 36 years, and together they have written more than a dozen books on Marriage, Parenting, and Discipleship. They also homeschooled their eight children for 26 years.

1 Peter 3:1 AMP

In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands [subordinate, not as inferior, but out of respect for the responsibilities entrusted to husbands and their accountability to God, and so partnering with them] so that even if some do not obey the word [of God], they may be won over [to Christ] without discussion by the godly lives of their wives,

1 Peter 3:7 AMP

In the same way, you husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way [with great gentleness and tact, and with an intelligent regard for the marriage relationship], as with someone physically weaker, since she is a woman. Show her honor and respect as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered or ineffective.

Hosea 2:19-20 NASB

I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice, In favor and in compassion, [20] And I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. Then you will know the LORD.

WHAT is my prison??? {whether it is guilt, shame, condemnation, drugs, alcohol, sex, money, people, food, gambling, fear, sarcasm, laziness, envy, greed, pride, worry, critical spirit, anger, complacency, jealous, hateful, lying, stealing, disobedient, hopeless, hostility, judgmental, controlling, complaining, coveting, bullying, etc.}

Jesus died so our sins could be forgiven and completely removed along with any sense of guilt and condemnation.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 AMP

All Scripture is God-breathed [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to God's will, both publicly and privately—behaving honorably with personal integrity and moral courage]; [17] so that the man of God may be complete and proficient, outfitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 AMP

Now it is God who establishes and confirms us [in joint fellowship] with you in Christ, and who has anointed us [empowering us with the gifts of the Spirit]; [22] it is He who has also put His seal on us [that is, He has appropriated us and certified us as His] and has given us the [Holy] Spirit in our hearts as a pledge [like a security deposit to guarantee the fulfillment of His promise of eternal life].