



Title: Women of influence
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Proverbs 31:23

“...her husband is known at the gates, where he sits among the elders of the land.”

God calls us as women not to dominate or manipulate, but to powerfully influence in a Godly way. Therefore we need to learn how to speak the language of the one who sits among the elders of the land, making decisions.

Bible character: Esther - a beautiful orphan Jewish girl who became Queen, not only because of her beauty, but because she obtained favour in the sight of all who saw her.

Esther related to her husband in such a way that on the day that she really needed his favour to save her nation, he listened to her and granted her request. She could powerfully influence him, because she learned how to speak his language.

Ultimately, not only did the king receive her, but he offered her co-rulership with himself (Esther 5:3) and later awarded her his signet ring, symbolising a new level of authority in her life.

Proverbs 31:25

“Strength and honour are her clothing...”

If I want to have a powerful influence as a mother, a wife, a women, an employee, I need to learn how to put on honour, like a garment, like a piece of clothing. We need to learn how to speak the language of honour.

How can we powerfully influence our husbands? We need to speak to him in a language that he can understand.

- Treat him like a king, even if he does not act like a king
- Trusting in the Lord (Patience)

Proverbs 21:1

The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.

- Respect and admiration

Proverbs 31:12

“ the heart of her husband safely trusts her, she does him good, not evil all the days of her life.”