

Studies in Proverbs

Part 4

The Woman of Folly

(7:6-27 / 9:13-18)

Description:

- Dressed as a harlot - i.e. seductive (7:10)
- Loud and rebellious (7:11)
- Physically aggressive, brazen, and sexual (7:13)
- Uses religion to seduce (7:14-15)
- Flatters (7:15,21)
- Is exotic (7:16-17)
- Promises pleasure without consequences (7:18-20)

Her Husband:

- Out of the picture (7:19)
- Neglectful
- Wealthy

Lady Wisdom

(1:20-33 / 4:6-9 / ch.8-9:12)

Description:

- None
- Calls out to the stupid (1:21-22 / 8:1-5)

Her Husband:

- *God* (8:22-23 / 30-31)

The Woman of Valor

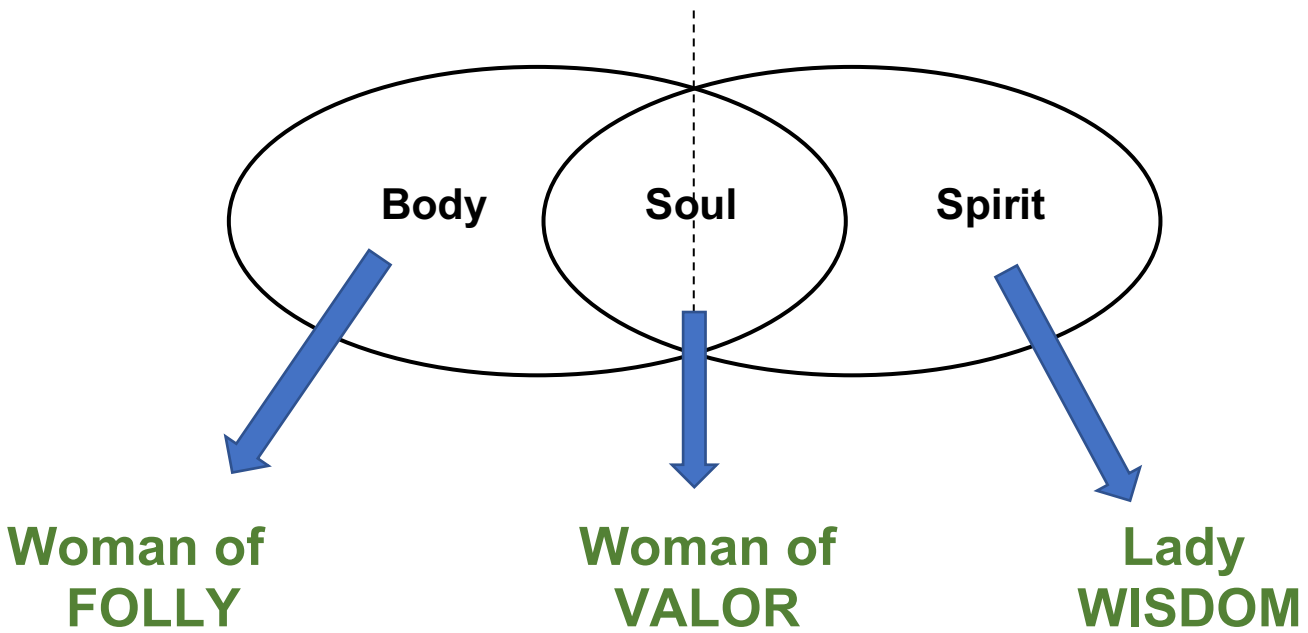
(31:10-31)

Description:

- Enjoys being productive (13-14)
- Is generous (15, 20)
- Is strong (17)
- Is fearless (21, 25)
- Is wise and kind (26)

Her Husband:

- Loves and blesses her (11-12, 28-29)
- Is in leadership (23)
- Praises her (28-29)



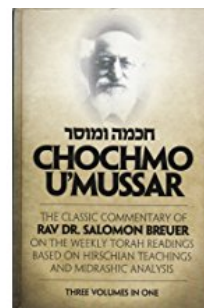
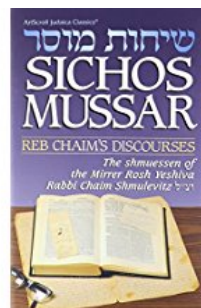
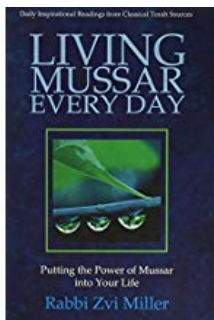
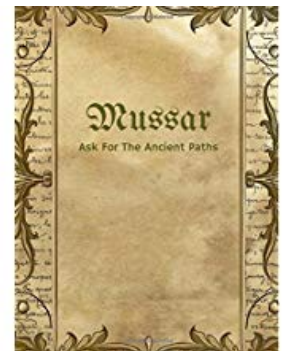
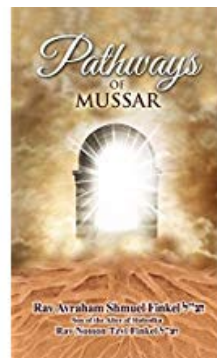
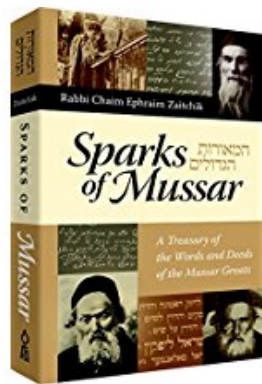
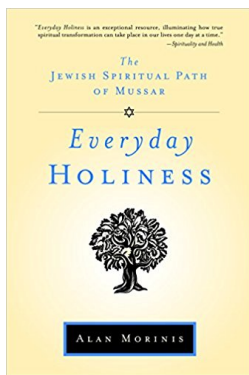
The Heart of Self-Control

מוֹסֵר ← יָסָר
(*mussar* ← *yasar*)

Symbol = 

Proverbs 1:1-3

The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:
To know wisdom and **mussar**, to discern the sayings of
understanding, to receive **mussar** in wise behavior,
righteousness, justice and equity.



Mussar: *Investing discomfort to acquire maturity.*

Psalm 2:1-3

Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against Adonai and against His Messiah, saying, “Let us tear their **fetters** (מוסרה, *moseirah*) apart and cast away their cords from us!”

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of Adonai is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and **mussar**.

Proverbs 1:8

Hear, my son, your father’s **mussar** and do not forsake your mother’s teaching;

Proverbs 3:11

My son, do not reject the **mussar** of Adonai or loathe His reproof.



“Hebrews 12:5-11”

Proverbs 4:13

Take hold of **mussar** (*m.*). Do not let go. Guard her, for she is your life.

Proverbs 5:23

[The wicked man] will die for lack of **mussar**, and in the greatness of his folly he will go astray.

Proverbs 6:23

For the commandment is a lamp and the Torah is light and reproofs for **mussar** are the way of life

Proverbs 12:1

Whoever loves **mussar** loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.

Proverbs 13:18

Poverty and shame *will come* to him who neglects **mussar**...

Proverbs 15:32

He who neglects **mussar** despises himself...

Deuteronomy 8:2-7

“You shall remember all the way which Adonai your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of Adonai. Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. Thus you are to know in your heart that Adonai your God was **disciplining** you just as a man **disciplines** his son. Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of Adonai your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. For Adonai your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills.”

לְעוֹלָם

לְעוֹלָם - Gen. 2:7 "and He formed"

Occurrences of *mussar* (n.) and *yasar* (v.) in Proverbs:

1:2,3,7,8

3:11

4:1,13

5:12,23

6:23

7:22

8:10,33

9:7

10:17

12:1

13:1,18,24

15:5,10,32,33

16:22

19:18,20,27

22:15

23:12,13,23

24:32

29:17,19

31:1

Occurrences of *mussar* / παιδεία (paideia) in the NT:

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training [παιδεία] in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline [παιδεία] and instruction of the Lord.

Hebrews 12:5 and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE [MUSSAR = παιδεία] OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM;

Hebrews 12:7 It is for discipline [παιδεία] that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father does not discipline?

Hebrews 12:8 But if you are without discipline [παιδεία], of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

Hebrews 12:9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline [παιδευτης] us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?

Hebrews 12:11 All discipline [παιδεία] for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.