

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

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Favor is deceitful; it is a lie. Anyone can treat another person nicely for a while to obtain something from them. Such women do not treat husbands the same once they are married, for the need to seduce is gone. She has her husband, and now her true character will show. Deceitful favor is a shock - men cannot believe after the wedding to find that dating was a lie. She is not nearly as happy, kind, and loving as she was seducing him.

The man who married for her lying favors must now stare at the truth (and most often listen to it), as his wife reveals what she was all along - a whining tormentor! Remember! An odious woman is only found after marriage ([Pr 30:23](#))! She was awesome on dates, remember? But thinking about it now is too late! The trap has been sprung; the rusty iron claws have grasped and pierced your heart; and it will not let go! She has got you! Wives can be chosen three different ways. Two of them give horrible results, but one is gloriously foolproof! Young man, guarantee yourself a great marriage.

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Beauty is a woman's physical attractiveness. Men desire beautiful women, for God made them to be visually stimulated. God also designed every feature of a woman to attract the man's sight, and a beautiful woman has these features in abundance and perfection. In an instant of time, a woman's face, body, hair, or all three can smite a man. He is in love, or so he thinks. His vision says that marital heaven is beneath the wedding veil and gown.

Beauty is vain and worthless, without value or profit. It will not make a great marriage; and it often creates more problems than pleasure. It does not indicate character. A perfect body often houses a deformed soul. You will only know too late. Beautiful women can be haughty, flirty, selfish, lazy, and shoppers. Husbands are often jealous, forced to support extravagance, forced to beg for favors, and may be limited to sexual looking and wishing.

Beauty also corrupts with time, distorts with sickness, and disappears with age, as the decaying effect of sin takes it away. The man who sets sail for marital heaven on the ship Beauty is in a vessel taking on water! The flower garden he chose for his life's enjoyment is soon nothing but weeds! What will hold the marriage together when the beauty queen weighs 225 lbs., has sparse gray hair two inches long, and moles the size of grapes!

