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Proverbs 27:15, 16 *"A quarrelsome wife is like*

*a constant dripping on a rainy day;
restraining her is like restraining the wind
or grasping oil with the hand."*

Proverbs 19:13 *"A foolish son is his father's ruin,*

and a quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping."

Esther 1:18 *"This very day the Persian and Median women of the nobility who have heard about the queen's conduct will respond to all the king's nobles in the same way. There will be no end of disrespect and discord."*

Many of the proverbs express ideas which seem very politically incorrect, almost misogynistic to us in the 21st century. Wives were expected to obey their husbands particularly if they were queens.

King of Persia, Xerxes and possibly in his cups became infuriated when his queen Vashti declined to present herself at court when commanded to do so. The king and his advisors went into a huddle and recommended that the king issue a proclamation stating that every man should be ruler over his own household. The king's advisors and nobles were worried that other wives would follow Queen Vashti's lead. (Esther 1:18 above)

Not surprisingly this proclamation didn't help relationships within marriages which should be based on mutual respect and appreciation by those created in God's image.