

**Lady with a Hammer**  
(Proverbs 14)

**I. Introduction:**

- A. The **exaltation** of motherhood
- B. The **encouragement** of mothers
- Abraham Lincoln
  - Billy Graham
  - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- C. The **example** of Monica, mother of Augustine

**II. Exposition: Proverbs 14:1**

- A. The **contrast**
1. A **wise** verses a **foolish** woman
  2. A **house** verses a **home**
- B. The **context**
1. Verses 1-3
    - The wise or foolish woman (v. 1)
    - The wise of foolish man (v. 3)
    - The hinge – The fear of the Lord (v. 2)
  2. Proverbs 14
  3. Proverbs
    - Proverbs 31
    - Proverbs 9:13-18
- C. The **citations**
1. Wise Women
    - Jochebed – Exodus 2
    - Ruth – Ruth 4:11
    - Hannah – I Samuel 1:27-28
    - Lois and Eunice – 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15

2. Foolish Women
  - Jezebel - I Kings 21:23-25;
  - Athaliah – 2 Chronicles 22:3-4, 10-12

D. The **counsel** (Practical application)

1. The foolish woman
  - Dishonoring of husband
  - Disinterest for financial integrity
  - Defraud each other sexually
  - Disregard of the children
2. The wise woman
  - Honors her husband
  - Maintains financial integrity
  - Faithful to each other sexually
  - Manages the home/children

**III. Conclusion:**

**Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:**

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
2. What most impacts you from the section dealing with contrasts between a house and a home?
3. How can mother (and fathers) apply the wisdom in this chapter and in the book of Proverbs to "build their house?"
4. What most impacts you from the examples given of wise and foolish women as revealed in the Bible?
5. How can you apply from what was presented in the practical application section of the message?
6. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will..." (What is your action point?)