

## For Girls Only

Shalom Tohorah,

I wanted to write to you about a very pressing problem. You may not see it or even know what I mean. But I need to warn you of trouble that is coming your way in the near future. It is like you are in a canoe and are rowing peacefully down the stream and are not aware that there is a big waterfall ahead. I want to warn you.

You must realize that you are a part of a very important group of people. You are very important because you are part of the first generation of our holy people. But you are even more important... because you are a girl. When the midwives said, 'It is a girl!' on the day of your birth it was a great joy... we need girls. Girls become women. Women are very valuable in our Father's purpose.

For God made woman for a special reason. Do you remember why? It was to help Adam. Women are helpers. It is not that you will *become* a helper someday. You **are** a helper already. Yes, one day you will become the **special** helpmate of one man, but girls/women are already helpers in another way.

Well, they **can be** helpers... but they can also be just the opposite. For you know from the story of Adam and Havah that she was not a true help to the man. She did not do what our Father created her to do. And so mankind has had trouble ever since. That is why there are so many proverbs about "strange women, bad women, seductive women." The proverbs try to warn the boys/men to beware. These proverbs may puzzle you a little bit. Maybe those proverbs even make you question, "Why do they make women sound so bad?" "Are they just talking about prostitutes, or some one like that?" And I know that you really do not know... that is why I have such a great burden to warn the girls of what is ahead. Because if girls go into this age without understanding, they will fall like all women have down through the ages. Because it is not just "prostitutes" which the proverbs are warning about — that is obviously something evil. It is just woman in her fallen state who has caused so, so many of men's troubles, because she was

functioning so far from her created purpose. **Now, we as women must make up for this. We must undo what had been done by truly doing what we were created to do.... to be helpers for man.**

There are many things we should do to be a help.

And there are others things we should not do which will help...

It says that it was the woman who was deceived, not the man. Because of this a woman needs to be on guard for it is easier for her to be deceived than a man (1 Tim 2:9-15). There is a clear warning to us, women..

Perhaps it seems strange to you to think of yourself as a *woman*. You are just a *girl*. But it is time for you to start realizing that you are ready to enter the time of your life when you will be a woman. It is wonderful, but now is the time for you to become wise. Seek your parents and their God. For there is something you need to watch out for. The evil one is well aware of how women caused all this trouble in the fall of man, and he is wanting to continue to use women to cause trouble for man.

Yes, women can help men but they can also hurt them very much.

Hurting men hurts God Himself.

And you can also be the perfect help for them, providing just what they were lacking which will undo the work of the evil one on this earth and bring restoration to the purpose woman was created for in the first place.

It is not just for your husband some day in the future that this applies... see if you can understand..

The verse you looked at earlier, **1 Tim 2:9-15**, is very interesting. It comes right after the verses that talk about how *men* should lift up their hands in the minchah... then it goes right into saying, "*In the same way women*"... and it goes on to talk about how they dress and how they act. It is funny that this is right there. But it is not a mistake. It is very important that we see this!

Women have the potential to be a **big distraction for men**. Our Father does not want this. He wants women to be busy doing good things, being modest, quiet, being sensible and full

of faith, love, and self-control. If this were something that girls just grew into naturally he would not have had to be so specific about this. So we can see that there must be a tendency in females to be something other than this way. Just consider the opposite of each of those things which I just quoted from that verse....

**1 Pet 3:3-5 is also clear.** It is possible for a girl to get something very *precious*. Precious means rare. Rare means that it is something that few have. Gold and certain jewels are only so expensive because they are rare. If those things were everywhere laying around no one would even think twice about them. But to get gold or jewels someone has to dig and work hard and then it can hardly ever be found. So, they call it *precious*. A woman who is modest (not worried how her clothes look or trying to get special clothes that make her look a certain way, not into making her hair look a certain way to get attention, etc.), and who has a gentle and peaceful spirit is very precious in the sight of God — because she is rare.

Unfortunately most women are not like that! And now that you are getting ready to become a woman there is already something at work in you to make you just like all the other women on this earth. Those women are fallen and reflect the nature of Havah (the first woman) in their flesh, and our Master died to save them from this, but they do not know it or do not believe. But here in the community we want to raise up a generation of *rare girls*... girls that will turn into rare women. That is, women who are precious in the sight of God, for they are part of a people who are being restored to how they were originally supposed to be. Your Imma is a woman like that. The older women in the community are also like that.

I'm sure you want to be one of those *rare women*, but I think that you do not realize how hard that is going to be.

For there is an amazingly strong force at work in you to persuade you to be just the opposite. It is trying to get you to be like all the rest of the women of this world. If you find yourself looking toward the women of the world and admiring their clothing or jewelry or hair styles... wanting to look like them, or wanting to wear clothing that brings attention to yourself,

or fix your hair in a way that you will get glory for yourself, then you can know that the fallen seed of woman is already at work in you.

### **The Forming Process**

Right now you are just in the forming process. Certain hormones are getting ready to start turning you into a woman. That is a good thing.... we do not want you to stay a girl. But we want your heart to stay like a child. This is the secret.... "you must be like a little child," our Master said. Children are very nice because they can put on red socks and orange pants and a shirt on backwards... and it does not matter to them. They are not SELF-conscious. They can run and dance and sing with the other children and they do not notice that people are looking at them. They are not SELF-conscious.

### **Self... Self... Self... Self**

But sadly, children do not stay that way. You know how you have seen them start to act funny when they are told to go in front of everyone to sing a song or share something.... they start realizing that **they** exist. It starts at different ages and different times for different children, but by the time a child has become your age that SELF-consciousness is ready to take a firm root in their life. But please do not let it get you. Please recognize the evil in it and do not let it come into your heart.

Now this self-consciousness comes to both boys and girls, but with girls it is a little bit different. With girls there is also the dangerous quality that we women have which comes along with it. It comes to you when you start noticing boys and wanting them to notice you.... this is a warning. It is already starting. This is the time you can start to use your young will to take a stand against this evil.

Please know that this is very serious. It is so serious that it has caused the fall and ruin of many right here in the community. They floated right down that river and over the waterfall. One day they were sweet little girls at their Imma's side, and a few months later they had been

transformed to vain, **self**-centered women, seeking the attention of boys, and doing their best to trap them.... This is very sad.

Do not treat it lightly when you sense the first signs of it in your heart. Take action. There is no time to lose. You do not have to be condemned that it comes to you. It comes to every girl... it is natural. But you have to judge it. It is natural for females to want to be helpful and kind to males. But this gets twisted because we have all fallen (Rom 3:23). You must learn to look at your motives — why are you doing the things you are doing? Go to your Imma and tell her, ask for help. (The evil one may also tell you at the same time that you cannot talk to her, she will not understand... but this is a lie!)

That strong desire that may come to you to get the attention of certain boys is not from our Father, but is from your fallen nature which you inherited from Havah. You may even think that you are "in love." But it is not true *ahavah* from God. True *ahavah* will come later when you are old enough to be married, or when your parents tell you the one they have in their heart for you to marry. So, now is the time to judge all those feelings, and to set your mind on serving your parents and our Master until that time comes.... and be a true help to all those boys who themselves must struggle to wait for that time in their lives. You will greatly help them by not being a distraction to them.

### **Vanity**

But it can be that the self-conscious spirit comes to you apart from anything to do with boys. It may just come as a new keen awareness of how you look — how does your hair look, how does this or that dress or pants or shirt look on you. Thinking you are too fat or too skinny. It may begin with a comment from someone about how "pretty" you look, or perhaps the opposite, how "funny" or "odd" you look. Mostly comments like that will come from your friends or from others who are near your age. Then you will feel the need to look at yourself in the mirror to see why those people said this or that about you.

When you look in the mirror you will either be happy or sad with what you see. But it does not matter.... either way it is bad, because you are looking at your SELF. Of course you will need to look into a mirror from time to time to check that your hair is straight or that your face is not dirty. That is not bad. But what is your real motive? Read 1 Cor 4:5. So, when you find yourself just looking at your SELF, beware.... it is a spirit which wants to destroy the sweet girl that you are. It wants to rob you of your *virtue*. **This is vanity**. And it will turn you from the sweet girl who was raised in all purity and discipline, into a selfish woman of no value to our Fathers purpose.

If you continue to give into this, it will undo all the years of diligent effort that has been put into your life as a child in the edah to make you into a rare woman.

### **Flattery**

This is another thing which you must be aware of. The proverbs contain warnings about flattery... like in Proverbs 6:24, it is speaking of a woman's flattery which is intended to trap a man. But for some reason people in this society seem compelled to flatter little girls. We have tried to warn people about it within the Edah, but because many people who are just saved from the world are not aware that it is such an evil thing, they may also flatter. They may see it as just an innocent "compliment." But it is actually the last thing a girl needs. It points all the attention to your SELF. A girl (and even as you grow older into womanhood the same thing will continue to happen) has to be able to handle flattery right, and be able to discern whether it is just someone trying to encourage you. In Prov 27:21 it says (NIV is the most accurate on this one) "a person is weighed by how he receives praise." Or, in other words, praise will test what you are made of. Compliments from people will test you. You must be careful how you respond to these praises. Even if it is just real, good-hearted praise that you receive from someone about how you do this or that really well, or how good you look in that dress, or how healthy and shiny your hair is, etc. — you will be judged at that moment by how you receive this praise. Will you take it to your self and get proud, or will you give all the glory for anything good you have or do to the

One who created you, or to the ones who trained you (your parents, teachers, etc.)? Flattery and praise may get mixed up in your mind. Flattery is someone saying something nice about you with the wrong motive — to make you vain. Praise is to encourage you. So, you must be aware of this!

### **From a Boy's Point of View**

I want to tell you a secret that I have learned from my boys (for some reason I have often found myself caring for various wonderful sons). Different ones of them, at different times have had the sense that they may have come to know in their heart who their wife is. Something will spring up in their heart for a certain girl. They will admire her.... they will notice her, already when she is young. But it is not her fancy clothes or her hair or her beautiful face that attracts them... No, it is that rare quality that our Abba also loves which draws the attention of these boys. They see a joyful, unselfish, modest girl who is free and not bound by self-consciousness... and it causes them to admire her. It is a deep respect that forms in their young heart.

Now many girls may laugh loud and flirt and try to get their attention, and they may respond to that temporarily and you may see these type of girls getting all the attention. But it is these foolish girls that you will hear the boys mocking when they are alone. They actually despise this flirtatious, self-centered, vain way in our girls. These are not the girls they talk seriously about marrying and living their whole life with. No, for they know that these girls will not become women who will HELP them. Oh, they may be great fun for a short while, but our boys in the community have their eyes out for girls who are RARE. Read Prov 11:22. Look up the word *discretion*. Our boys have eyes like our Abba does, they can see the ring in the pig's snout!

But the sad thing is, that more than once my boys have been very disappointed when these precious girls, whom they had spotted when those girls were just sweet children, hit the age of puberty when they should be able to stand in Bat Mitzvah with their parents as daughters dedicated to the purpose of YHWH and to the service of their parents. For the girls had gone

over that waterfall I spoke of earlier. Their hormones changed, their bodies began to change, and all of a sudden a horrible creature appeared... it is **fallen woman**. And my boys hearts have had to turn away from those girls... these boys have been trained by proverbs to know what an excellent wife is like... Prov 31, and they are not going to be fooled by the evil ones tricks.

I hope very much that you will understand what I am trying to teach you. There is no need for you to fear. You can be easily protected from going over the waterfall. Our God has mercifully provided a warning for you. And you have parents in the community who are wise and who can help you. And there are many wonderful brothers and sisters who are older and wiser who can also help, if you will just ask them. You will never get a stone if you ask for bread. If you ask for wisdom about this you will surely get it. There are many more things I could say about this but I would be overstepping the place of your own parents who love you very much, and possess a special insight just for you. They will be teaching you many things about this in the months to come...

### **Guard your Virtue**

One time I met a young girl. She was very nice. She lived next door to our community in Nova Scotia. She was maybe 12 years old. She liked us very much and there was hope that she could be rescued just in time. She told me an interesting story that her mother had told her. The story was all about a fine piece of china made in a very unique way for a special purpose. Her mother had told her that she was like that piece of china... but that once it is broken it would not be possible to glue it back together.... I liked that story. It made it so clear. But the girl did not gain the understanding from the story that I did... For her parents took her away somewhere several months later. When she returned she had totally changed. She had obviously gone through the change... she was not a little girl anymore. But the very sad thing was that she had not heeded her mothers warning. She had already at this very young age become "broken china." She felt very much regret and cried as she told me, "Well, it can't be glued back together again." This is more than just the physical loss of her virginity that I am speaking about. The physical

aspects of this your Imma can explain to you... But to you I am not speaking so much of this. There is another part of virginity which is also very fragile, and that is what I have tried to communicate to you in this letter.

Have you ever had a very fine piece of glassware in your household that you used only for special purposes? If you ever saw one of the younger children carrying it, you immediately took it from them and said how it is very fragile and you must be very careful. And if it every broke the gluing of it was just a waste of time... it only made it look uglier.

This is what I am trying to warn you about today. You have something very fragile, and very precious. The restrictions your parents put upon you are to guard you, to protect you.... they know that you are a special vessel made for a special purpose, and they do not want you broken. They want to keep you in the right hands to preserve. For once broken there will be a great loss.

***Your virtue is of great value.*** Prov 31:29,30 says "Many daughters have acted virtuously, but you have surpassed them all. For charm is deceptive and beauty if vain, but the woman who fears YHWH will be praised." Virtue is a wonderful word. Look it up. It means "strength of character," to stand against all the pressures to just become one of the millions of "fallen women" who do not accomplish their created purpose. It is as if mighty armies will come against you in the upcoming years to take this from you by force. But you can stand by the grace that is in our Master Yahshua. He will preserve you through the care of your parents and His Body. Receive their wisdom, even when at times you do not understand why they say something or restrict you somehow. Just trust them. If you do, you will one day sit in a place of honor, a worthy vessel...

Remember, your heart is just so big... it only has a certain amount of room in it. 1 John 2:13b is repeated in verse 14. It is speaking to young men who have overcome the Evil One (the spirit in the world which is trying to destroy them)... they cannot overcome him without help. They need young women to do what they were created to do. It says to them, "I write to you young men because you are strong and the word of YHWH remains in you, and you have overcome the Evil One. Do not love the world or what is in the world. If anyone loves the world the love of the Father has no place in him."

Yes, you young women have a great part in making these young men overcome the Evil One. But only if you have your heart full of the love of our Father. If it gets full with other things there is no room for His love in there. If your heart is full of self concern, self-consciousness, and vanity, it is too full for our Father. In verse 15-17 it makes it clear what "the world" really is. And those are the things I have been trying to warn you of in this letter.....

I hope when I see you the next time you will be the same wonderful girl you are today, with all your virtue, but only having grown older and wiser under the instruction and guidance of those who lead you.

Shalom... **ha-êmeq**