

# The Bulwark

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## DRAMA QUEEN

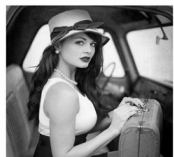
Why is it that some people seem to thrive on drama, and if there isn't enough in their life, they go in search of it, and if need be, even create it? Social scientists have noted a major attitude shift among some young women in our country who have embraced the mind set of being a "drama queen". In the manner of movies like "Mean Girls", but is it fair to say that such an attitude is limited only to young women? The answer is obviously NO.

*"Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord."* (Proverbs 6:14) The word "frowardness" carries the meaning of being stubbornly contrary. In the usage of the word "devises" the author is seeking to show premeditation in how things are viewed negatively by a "naughty person" (see v. 12) with the end result utter calamity. It all starts in the heart. However, even more to the point, when one spends time looking closely at the Hebrew language that is used in the passage there is implied meaning in actual delight being found as a result of the tumult and tension that has been caused.

Continuing with the writing of Solomon in Proverbs, notice what is found in verse eighteen of chapter six. He shows that *"a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run*

*rapidly to evil"* are among those seven things that are viewed by God as an abomination to Him. A spiral of untruths, motivated by selfish malicious intent. What an absolute pathetic commentary on the heart of one so afflicted.

### Drama queen



- an overly dramatic person  
- someone who becomes easily upset  
or angry over small things

Why in the world would anyone want to live life in a "soap opera"? There is seemingly no logical rhyme or reason for one to entertain, let hold onto such destructive thinking. The person of drama needs to break the cycle. That cycle can and must be broken and the only one capable is the individual. There must be a total change of mind; an attitude adjustment. *"For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace."* (Romans 8:6) Pressing a bit further into the book of Romans, Paul writes, *"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."* (12:2)

The unfolding of Romans chapter twelve reveals an excellent outline whereby one can counter the encroachment of a contrary mind set. One finds plainly stated, *"If possible, so far as depends on you, be at peace with all men."* (v 18) Then in verse 21, *"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."* It is squarely within our capacity to

openly seek the best interest of others. The issue centers around control of self.

Getting self under control demands a renewal of mind. Once again notice what Paul writes, this time in the book of Colossians, *"and have put on the new self, who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him."* (3:10) Leaving behind the old man, *"since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices."* (3:9)

*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."*

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