

Mother's Day: Virtues of a Godly Woman

Proverbs 31:10-31

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Using the letters of the Hebrew alphabet, this passage is arranged as an acrostic to make this list of virtues more easily remembered. This list helps us to visualize what a godly woman is to be. This woman is rare and her value is priceless (10).

1. She is a woman of priceless character (10-12).
 - a. She is priceless because she is wise (3:13-15).
 - b. She is priceless because she is trustworthy "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her" (11a).
 - i. He can trust her with their credit card – "so that he shall have no need of spoil" (11).
 - ii. He knows that she will act in their mutual best interest – "She will do him good..." (12).
2. She is resourceful (13-22).
 - a. She develops marketable skills (13-14, 24).
 - i. Purchasing Skills: She purchases good materials (13).
 - ii. Manufacturing Skills: She turns those materials into products to sell (14, 24).
 - iii. Marketing Skills: She uses the profit to provide for her household (15).
 - b. She provides for her household (15, 21, 22, 27).
 - i. She ministers to her family; she's a good housekeeper (cf. 27; Titus 2:5).
 - ii. She clothes her family well (21).
 - iii. She clothes herself well (22).
 - c. She purchases and develops real estate (16).
 - i. She has the market knowledge to find a deal.
 - ii. She has the resources to purchase it.
 - iii. She has the understanding to know how to turn the land into a fruitful vineyard.
 - d. She possesses a strong work ethic (17-19).
 - i. She's not afraid to get her hands dirty (17).
 - ii. Her success in the marketplace leads to increasing industry (18-19).
 - e. She uses resourcefulness to facilitate her ministry to others (20).
 - i. 14:21 "He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he."
 - ii. 19:17 "He that hat pity upon the poor lendeth to the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again."
 - iii. The church needs women who are full of good works to others (Acts 9:36-42).
3. She is a complement to her husband (23).
4. She looks to the future with confidence (25).
5. She is both a wise and kind teacher (26-27).
6. She is worthy of praise (28-31).
 - a. The praise of her children (27a)
 - b. The praise of her husband (27b)
 - c. The praise of her community (28-31).
 - i. "A woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised" (30b).
 - ii. "Let her own works praise her in the gates" (31b).

Conclusion:

1. Ladies, do not be weary in well-doing!
2. Men and women, don't be negligent to thank the virtuous women who've impacted you!