

The Traits of an Excellent Women

Proverbs 31

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. 12 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. 13 She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. 14 She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar. 15 She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens. 16 She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. 17 She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong

[Proverbs 31:10-17 ESV]

- The Word of God teaches us to honor women, and to love our wife as Christ loved the Church. (Eph 5:25-33)
- We should not expect that every woman would meet the ideal of the Proverbs 31 woman in every respect.
- Traits of the the virtuous woman: strong, courageous, industrious.

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. 19 She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. 20 She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. 21 She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. 22 She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple. 23 Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land. 24 She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant. 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

[Proverbs 31: 18-25 ESV]

- This wise woman works with willing hands.
- The acronym SPINDLE;
 - S _____
 - P _____
 - I _____
 - N _____
 - D _____
 - L _____
 - E _____
- The ability to create wealth is a gift. (Deuteronomy 8:18)

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. 27 She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 29 "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." 30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates

[Proverbs 31: 26-31]

- Our first ministry is at home.
- The ideal woman is a disciple-maker.
- We have a variety of gifts given by the same God. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

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