

## A Woman Worthy of Praise Proverbs 31:28-31

Proverbs 31:28-31 – “*Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.* Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, *she shall be praised.* Give her of the fruit of her hands; *and let her own works praise her in the gates.*”

### 1. She walks in the fear of the Lord.

Proverbs 31:30 – “Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, *she shall be praised.*”

Titus 2:3-5 – “The aged women likewise, *that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness,* not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women *to be sober,* to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, *chaste,* keepers at home, *good,* obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”

1 Timothy 5:3, 5 – “*Honour widows* that are widows indeed . . . . Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, *trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.*”

#### Not worthy of praise:

1 Timothy 5:11-12, 15 – “But the younger widows refuse: *for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ,* they will marry; *having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith* . . . . For some are already *turned aside after Satan.*”

### 2. She maintains a meek and quiet spirit.

1 Peter 3:3-4 – “Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*”

1 Timothy 2:9 – “In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, *with shamefacedness and sobriety;* not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array.”

#### Not worthy of praise:

Proverbs 7:11 – “*She is loud and stubborn;* her feet abide not in her house.”

Proverbs 21:19 – “It is better to dwell in the wilderness, *than with a contentious and an angry woman.*”

Proverbs 27:15-16 – “A continual dropping in a very rainy day and *a contentious woman* are alike. Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, which bewrayeth itself.”

### 3. She reverences her husband with loving submission.

Ephesians 5:22-24, 33 – “*Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord*. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, *so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing* . . . Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; *and the wife see that she reverence her husband*.”

Colossians 3:18 – “*Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord*.”

Titus 2:4-5 – “That they may teach the young women to be sober, *to love their husbands*, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, *obedient to their own husbands*, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”

Proverbs 31:10-12 – “Who can find a virtuous woman? *For her price is far above rubies*. The heart of her husband doth *safely* trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. *She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life*.”

Proverbs 12:4 – “*A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband*: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.”

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Proverbs 19:13 – “A foolish son is the calamity of his father: *and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping*.”

### 4. She raises her children with loving service.

Titus 2:4 – “That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, *to love their children*.”

1 Timothy 2:15 – “Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, *if they* [her children] *continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety*.”

1 Timothy 5:3, 10 – “*Honour widows* that are widows indeed . . . well reported of for good works; *if she have brought up children*, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the

saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work."

1 Timothy 5:14 – "I will therefore that the younger women marry, ***bear children***, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully."

Proverbs 31:15, 21, 27 – "***She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household***, and a portion to her maidens . . . . ***She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet . . . . She looketh well to the ways of her household***, and eateth not the bread of idleness."

## 5. She keeps her house with cheerful diligence.

Titus 2:5 – "To be discreet, chaste, ***keepers at home***, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

1 Timothy 5:14 – "I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, ***guide the house***, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully."

Proverbs 14:1 – "***Every wise woman buildeth her house***: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands."

Proverbs 31:13-27 – "***She seeketh*** wool, and flax, ***and worketh willingly with her hands***. She is like the merchants' ships; ***she bringeth her food from afar***. ***She riseth also while it is yet night***, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: ***with the fruit of her hands*** she planteth a vineyard. ***She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms***. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: ***her candle goeth not out by night***. ***She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff***. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. ***She maketh*** herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. ***She maketh*** fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. ***Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come***. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, ***and eateth not the bread of idleness***."

### Not worthy of praise:

1 Timothy 5:11-13 – "But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; ***having damnation***, because they have cast off their first faith. ***And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house***; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not."

## 6. She speaks with wisdom and kindness.

Proverbs 31:26 – “*She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.*”

Titus 2:3-5 – “The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, *not false accusers*, not given to much wine, *teachers of good things*; that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, *to be discreet*, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”

Proverbs 11:16 – “*A gracious woman retaineth honour*: and strong men retain riches.”

### **Not worthy of praise:**

Proverbs 11:22 – “As a jewel of gold in a swine’s snout, *so is a fair woman which is without discretion.*”

1 Timothy 5:11-13 – “But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; *having damnation*, because they have cast off their first faith. And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; *and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.*”

### **7. She pursues faithfully every good work.**

1 Timothy 5:3, 10 – “*Honour widows* that are widows indeed . . . *well reported of for good works*; if she have brought up children, *if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints’ feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.*”

Proverbs 31:20 – “*She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.*”