

THE PRAISEWORTHY WOMAN.
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Proverbs 31:10-31-NKJV

Pro 31:10 Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.

Pro 31:11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain.

Pro 31:12 She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

Pro 31:13 She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands.

Pro 31:14 She is like the merchant ships, She brings her food from afar.

Pro 31:15 She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants.

Pro 31:16 She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard.

Pro 31:17 She girds herself with strength, And strengthens her arms.

Pro 31:18 She perceives that her merchandise is good, And her lamp does not go out by night.

Pro 31:19 She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hand holds the spindle.

Pro 31:20 She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.

Pro 31:21 She is not afraid of snow for her household, For all her household is clothed with scarlet.

Pro 31:22 She makes tapestry for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Pro 31:23 Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land.

Pro 31:24 She makes linen garments and sells them, And supplies sashes for the merchants.

Pro 31:25 Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come.

Pro 31:26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness.

Pro 31:27 She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness.

Pro 31:28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her:

Pro 31:29 "Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all."

Pro 31:30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

Pro 31:31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, And let her own works praise her in the gates.

"virtuous" - in the NKJV, "chayil" khah'-yil - "strength and valor, and in all ways excellent." Refers to moral strength, integrity and efficiency.

1. Verses 11, 12 and 23 - She is trustworthy and devoted. She has her husband's confidence, and she enhances his reputation.

2. She is a woman of diligence and wisdom. - Verses 13 – 19. She's not afraid to work, she's a wise shopper, and she plans ahead.

3. She is a giving person. Verse 20 says that she extends her hand to the poor. She has planned ahead well enough to be able to not only take care of the family's needs, but also the needs of the poor in her society.

4. She is dependable. Verses 15, 21, 27. When adversity comes, be it bad weather, or something else...you know she's already got a plan to deal with whatever it might be.

5. She is a woman who loves the Lord. She is someone who is guided and directed by God's Word and God's wisdom.

Ephesians 5:23-29-NKJV

23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.