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**The Gender Puzzle, Part 3:**

*Man, Woman, and Work, Part 2*

**Notes**
**Scripture References:**

**Genesis 2:15** Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

18-22 Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”

19 Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.

20 The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.

21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.

22 The Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

**I Corinthians 11:8** man does not originate from woman, but woman from man.

**Titus 2:2-3** Older women are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good.

4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children.

5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

**Proverbs 31:10-12** An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above 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 evil all the days of her life.

13-16 She looks for wool and flax and works with her hands in delight.

14 She is like merchant ships; She brings her food from afar.

15 She rises also while it is still night And gives food to her household And portions to her maidens.

16 She considers a field and buys it; From her earnings she plants a vineyard.

17-21 She girds herself with strength and makes her arms strong.

18 She senses that her gain is good; Her lamp does not go out at night.

19 She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hands grasp the spindle.

20 She extends her hand to the poor, And she stretches out her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household, For all her household are clothed with scarlet.

22-23 She makes 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.

24-27 She makes linen garments and sells them, And supplies belts to the tradesmen.

25 Strength and dignity are her clothing, And she smiles at the future.

26 She opens her mouth in 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.

28-31 Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her, saying:

29 “Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all.”

30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.

31 Give her the product of her hands, And let her works praise her in the gates.