

WOMANHOOD & THE WISDOM OF GOD

The Story of Scripture, part 14

Proverbs 31, ESV

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PROVERBS 31:10 – 31

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar. She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.” Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

WOMEN: BE AND BECOME CHRISTLIKE WOMEN.

ROMANS 8:1 – 2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

God’s grace covers your past . . . empowers your present . . . and guarantees your future.

MARRIED MEN: LOVE AND NURTURE A CHRISTLIKE WIFE.

EPHESIANS 5:25 – 28

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives . . .

PROVERBS 31:1 – 2

The words of King Lemuel. An oracle that his mother taught him: What are you doing, my son? What are you doing, son of my womb? What are you doing, son of my vows?



PROVERBS 21:9

It is better to live in a corner of the housetop than in a house shared with a quarrelsome wife.

PROVERBS 11:22

Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman without discretion.

SINGLE MEN: PRAY FOR AND SEEK OUT A CHRISTLIKE WIFE.

PROVERBS 19:14

House and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.

CHURCH: PRAISE CHRISTLIKE WOMEN AS WE PROMOTE CHRISTLIKENESS IN WOMEN.

SHE IS WISE.

PROVERBS 9:10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

PROVERBS 1:20

Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice.

PROVERBS 13:13 – 15

Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels . . .

Because she fears God, her value cannot be fathomed . . . her future has no fear . . . and her beauty will never fade.

SHE HONORABLY OVERSEES HER HOME.

Her husband trusts her.

She promotes his good and protects his reputation.

Her children bless her.

She lays down her life so they might live.



SHE IS MIGHTY IN HER WORK.

She has willing and skillful hands . . . with an innovative and industrious spirit.
She has a sharp mind and a strong body.

SHE IS ATTRACTIVE IN ALL THE RIGHT WAYS.

Her words are kind and her works are admirable.
Her dress is tasteful and her demeanor is delightful.

SHE IS A NEIGHBOR TO THE NEEDY.

She gives generously and serves sacrificially.
She trusts God's Word, and God affirms her worth.

