

The Virtuous Woman

Proverbs 31:10-15

Prov 31--anthem of virtuous woman.

Hebrew--_____ that is acrostic.

Reason--easier to _____.

1. _____ **Prov 31:10**

Virtuous: Pure, strong in all moral qualities; worthy; having or showing _____ excellence.

The only woman in the Bible who was called virtuous: Ruth 3:11

for her price is far above rubies: very expensive and _____ commodity.

Far above rubies: Rubies considered _____ valuable and costly of all precious stones.

2. _____ **Prov 31:11**

She lives her life in such a way as to be above all suspicion of anything that is inconsistent with _____.

Safely trust in her: at rest.

Trustfully trusts

No need of spoil: No cause for disadvantage or _____ of profit.

Luther: The greatest gift of God is a pious amiable spouse, who fears God, loves his house, and with whom one can live in perfect confidence.

3. _____ **Prov 31:12**

Do him good: Is profitable to him, does him benefit, _____ him.

Evil _____

Has husband's best _____ at heart.

Phillips: I have a wife who rules in my affections and whose dominant characteristics are honesty and loyalty....Solomon married a thousand wives, but he never married one like mine.

Prov 14:1

4. Good _____ **Prov 31:14**

She collects coupons all week and goes to one store for bargains and other for bargains ...

5. Not _____ **Prov 31:15**

Thomas: Slothful women will not rise when day is come, but suffer the sun to run a great part of his daily race before they can think of waking from their slumbers....she loves her duty more than sleep.

6. Wise _____ **Prov 31:16**

Considereth: To plan, plot, scheme, _____

Alden: This capable woman will multiply and compound her assets through the wise manipulations of her holdings.

...with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. ...now going to invest her time and _____ in seeing her investment become productive and successful.

7. _____ fit. **Prov 31:17**

Girdeth: To put on as a belt or armor, to encircle or _____.

Loins: Mid-section above the hip bone and below the ribs.

Picture of woman gathering up robe and tying it down so can do serious _____.

Strength: Force, security, majesty, _____, might, power.

Gird up...put whole soul into work.

...strengtheneth her arms. Fortify, _____, add force to.

Strong arms come as result of _____.

Sharon Rhoades: ... *It takes both the outward and the inward looks to complete a woman's picture....Charm and beauty are demonstrated by not getting too wrapped up in the outward, yet not ignoring it either....*

8. Good _____ . **Prov 31:18**

perceiveth: to taste, _____, realize.

merchandise: _____.

Good: Pleasing, prosperous, beautiful, prosperous, _____, gracious.

Candle...night: open clay dish containing oil and wick.

Required constant supply of oil to keep burning.

When candle burning all night--sign of _____.

9. **Willing to give time to do important things. Prov 31:19**

Spindle: 8-12 inch shaft with hook at one end...a means to fastening thread.

Time-consuming, tiring jobs that must be done around house in order for _____ of household met.

10. **Gives to _____ Prov 31:20**

Stetcheth: To disperse, scatter or _____

Prov 3:9-10 Mat 10:8 1 John 3:17-18 2 Cor 9:6-7 Luke 6:38 Heb 6:10 Isa 58:10,11 Prov 14:21 Prov 19:17 Psa 41:1 Psa 112:9 Psa 2:11 Psa 100:2 Acts 20:19 Col 3:23-24 John 12:26

11. _____ **Prov 31:21**

...household are clothed with scarlet.

Scarlet obtained from Tola, an insect or grub worm...crushed...produce fine red, crimson _____.

Repel _____.

12. _____.. **Prov 31:22**

Coverings of tapestry: concerned about how _____ looks.

...clothing is silk and purple. Silk imported from Assyria.

Soft and valuable material.

Sharon Rhoades, ... *She is fashionable and looks nice because she always wants to remain attractive to her husband. ...*

13. **Spiritual _____. Prov 31:23**

Gate of city --central thoroughfare of activity.

Elders of city meet every day to discuss issues of _____.

One of greatest things happen to man--married to joyful, happy, positive and virtuous woman.

14. _____ **Prov 31:24**

Able to sell products to caravan _____ --willing to buy and take to distant lands.

Dr. Ironsides: spiritual lesson: *...she who is faithful in ministering at home and clothes herself in a garment of practical godliness and righteousness, will have enough to spare for the blessing of others in the regions beyond.*

Girdles: Girdles were _____ for long flowing garments.

Used to gird up robes during times of physical activity.

15. Strong inner man Prov 31:25

Strength: Power, force, security, majesty, _____

Honour: magnificence--beauty, comeliness, excellency, glory, majesty.

While most women like to be clothed with gold and jewels this woman likes to be clothed with good and godly character—strength and honor.

Strength: Moral strength, ability to say _____! to sin.

Consistent in mind and attitude.

Protected by character and _____.

Sharon Rhoades: *Character in no way attacks femininity—it enhances it ...Femininity is a woman’s crowning glory—the attitude of honor, self-control, virtue, chastity, purity, a clean heart, sweetness, a gentle and quiet spirit and modesty.*

and she shall rejoice in time to come: reap benefits of life and character in years to come. No regrets.

16. Discrete tongue Prov 31:26

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; Doesn’t keep mouth shut all time When speaks says good and pleasant things.

S. Rhoades: *... She is discreet and firm, yet very kind. Therefore, others seek her prudent advice and confide in her because she never gossips.*

Law: Regulation...under which live.

Imposed restrictions on speech. Psa 19:14 Psa 141:3

17. Diligent _____! Prov 31:27

Knows what going on in household.

... **ways of her household...** Concerned about every aspect of growth and development in _____.

and eateth not the bread of idleness. Not _____.

Learned principles of _____ management and self-control.

S. Rhoades: *When women have nothing to do, the Devil will soon find something for them to do—idle hands are the Devil’s workshop. This idleness may be in gossip, discontent or self-pity.*

18. _____ Prov 31:28

Held in high _____ by family.

Consistent life before them.

her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Husband notices good character in her and _____ her.

19. _____ Prov 31:29

Makes all other women _____ in comparison

Excelled because of walk with Lord.

20. Surface as being best. Prov 31:30

Favour is deceitful. Charm, _____

Beauty is vain. _____ beauty,

2 characteristics most women want: Charm and _____.

Woman of charm--many _____.

Woman of beauty--fun to _____.

Can have combination of both and not woman of _____.

Favour (charm and pleasantness) **is deceitful** (lie, sham),

and beauty (pretty on _____) **is vain** (lacks substance, fruitless and _____),

but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Has reverence and deep _____ for God

That feareth the Lord.. real sense of _____ toward God.

Not casual or flippant in relationship with God.

Takes it serious.

she shall be praised : Eventually will surface as being _____.

21. Character is obvious Prov 31:31

...**give her of the fruit of her hands.** What she deserves.

In the gates: Among _____ in city.

Lawson: *She is entitled to honor; and if no tongue should give it to her, the works of charity and wisdom, which she is constantly practicing, will be a monument to her name. ...*

So What?

1. Rare
2. Trustworthy
3. Supportive
4. Good shopper
5. Not lazy
6. Good investor
7. Physically fit
8. Good evaluator
9. Willing to give time to do important things
10. Gives to the poor
11. Prepared
12. Classy
13. Industrious
15. Strong inner man
16. Discrete tongue
17. Diligent observer
18. Praiseworthy
19. Superior
20. The best
21. Her character is obvious