

The Noble Character of a Godly Wife

Proverbs 31:10–20, 30–31

1. *She has an excellent, noble character*

- a. She is very rare
- b. She is trustworthy:
Her husband can rely on her
 - 1) She enriches his life
 - 2) She helps him —
does not hinder nor harm him

2. *She manages her household well*

- a. She provides clothing
(selects and sews wool...)
- b. She purchases food
- c. She gets up early
and prepares breakfast
- d. She plans the day's work
for her servant
- e. She takes care of household
affairs (finances, purchases,
gardens, vineyards...)

10 A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.

11 Her husband has full confidence in her
and lacks nothing of value.

12 She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.

13 She selects wool and flax
and works with eager hands.

14 She is like the merchant ships,
bringing her food from afar.

15 She gets up while it is still night;
she provides food for her family
and portions for her female servants.

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

**3. *She is diligent
and hard-working***

- a. She is energetic and strong
- b. She searches for bargains,
plans ahead, and works
late at night
- c. She stays busy weaving fabric
and sewing clothes
for the family
and to sell to others

**4. *She is compassionate
and caring***

5. *She has strong faith in God*

- a. She is not focused on
deceptive and fleeting beauty
- b. She fears the LORD
- c. She deserves to be rewarded:
Her works are to be praised

17 She sets about her work vigorously;
her arms are strong for her tasks.

18 She sees that her trading is profitable,
and her lamp does not go out at night.

19 In her hand she holds the distaff
and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

20 She opens her arms to the poor
and extends her hands to the needy.

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30 Charm is deceptive,
and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD
is to be praised.

31 Honour her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise
at the city gate.