

“The Virtuous Woman”

Proverbs 31:10-31

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Today we examine the biblical portrait of a godly woman as given by God in Proverbs 31. Written 3,000 years ago, this inspired Scriptural poem is as practical, instructive and worth emulating as it has ever been. May God continue to raise up virtuous women in our families and in the Church.

1. The Virtuous Woman respects her husband (vv. 10-12)

2. The Virtuous Woman maintains the right priorities (vv. 13-15)

3. The Virtuous Woman is industrious (vv. 16-25)

4. The Virtuous Woman loves her children (vv. 26-29)

5. The Virtuous Woman fears her God (vv. 30-31)

Recommended Summer Reading for Girls and Women

For further study and edification on matters of growing in godliness as a woman I strongly recommend the following practical resources. All five books are available at the GBF Book Table at a discount price. They would make excellent gifts for mom, wife or female friend. There are many books for women, but from a biblical point of view, these are modern-day Christian classics:

“Beautiful in God’s Eyes: The Treasures of the Proverbs 31 Woman,” by Elizabeth George. Elizabeth George is one of the leading disciplers of Christian women today and a prolific author. More importantly, she walks the talk. Her husband, Jim, was Cliff’s mentor in seminary and they were exemplary models to all as a Christian family. This book is an easy to read and practical exposition of Proverbs 31:10-31. Any book you can get by Elizabeth George you should buy—then read it and live it.

“Becoming A Woman Who Pleases God,” by Dr. Patricia Ennis. Dr. Ennis is the Chair of the Home Economics Department at *The Master’s College* and an incredible woman of God. Having the gift of singleness and having trained thousands of young women for the past four decades (including Debbie McManis), Dr. Ennis is a storehouse of wisdom and insight for women who want to have a deeper walk with God. This book will help.

“Designing A Lifestyle That Pleases God,” by Dr. Patricia Ennis. This is the follow up to her first book and is a series of studies from Scripture on how women can grow spiritually in every area of life—with an emphasis on having the right priorities and leading a balanced life. Books like this—rich with biblical truth and application—are rare these days.

“The Excellent Wife,” by Martha Peace. This is the modern day classic. Martha Peace is one of the foremost biblical counselors for women today and this book cuts to the heart—she challenges wives in every area of life with Scriptural mandates. She emphasizes the reality of confronting one’s own sin and the need to grow in personal character. If you are a wife and a Christian you should own this book.

“Raising Maidens of Virtue,” by Stacy McDonald. This is a great book! It is designed as a study for Christian moms and their daughters. The sub-title is ‘A Study of Feminine Loveliness for Mothers and Daughters.’ If I was a daughter, I’d want my mom to read through it with me this summer.