

**“The Woman God Praises”  
Prov. 31:30**

**Big Idea – The woman that God praises knows she is God’s creation.**

Genesis 1:27 So God created human beings in his image. In the image of God He created them. He created them male and female.

God only made two sexes or genders, male and female.

God made them differently both on the outside and the inside. Females have 2 XX chromosomes, while males have an XY chromosome. Men and women are different physically and emotionally with differing strengths and weaknesses. Men are often stronger physically, so women are weaker physically – that’s why it’s not right, honest or good to have tran-women who are biological men competing in women’s sports.

Proverbs 31:30b “...a woman who fears the LORD will be greatly praised.”

**1. If married she is a blessing to her husband and family**

Proverbs 31:11 Her husband can trust her, and she will greatly enrich his life.  
12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

Doesn’t have to be married

**2. Fears the Lord – Prov. 31:30**

“...a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.”

- Saved – knows the Lord (explain “saved” here)
- Surrendered – loves and obeys the Lord’s Word

**3. Cares about her character first – vs. 25a**

She knows that ...beauty is passing,

Contrast this teaching with what 1 Peter 3:3,4 says,

“3 Don’t be concerned about the outward beauty that depends on fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. 4 You should be known for the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.

Today's magazines, TV, movies, society all tell young girls they have to be skinny and look beautiful, but that's a trap, a lie of Satan to make you dissatisfied with how God made you

#### **4. Has a positive, optimistic outlook on life – vs. 25b**

“...she laughs without fear of the future.”

Ilion Jones writes that “On the great biographer Ida M. Tarbell's 80th birthday, someone asked her to name the greatest persons she had ever met. She responded, ‘The greatest persons I have ever met are those nobody knows anything about.’

“Once the New York Times was asked to help a group of club women decide on the twelve greatest women in the United States. After due consideration, the editors replied, ‘The twelve greatest women in the United States are women who have never been heard of outside of their own homes.’”

Jones concludes, “I ask you, who was greater, Thomas A. Edison or his mother? When he was a young lad his teacher sent him home with a note which said, ‘Your child is dumb. We can't do anything for him.’ Mrs. Edison wrote back, ‘You do not understand my boy. I will teach him myself.’” And she did, with results that are well known. Morning Glory, January 8, 1994

- Proper self esteem – God made you in His image.

#1 challenge of women/ladies today is low self esteem and the perfectionism brought on by that, and the struggle for approval and acceptance.

- No bitter, or critical spirit – a gracious, sweet spirit.

Many women wrongly demand the perfection they struggle for in themselves, from others, both in their family, and in their church family, and all this does is cause them a lot of strife and conflict.

#### **5. Words are full of wisdom and kindness – vs. 26**

26 When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness.

To say what is untrue, what is unkind, or to say it unkindly, constitutes failure in Christian living and Christian witness.

-- George Duncan in Every Day With Jesus. Christianity Today, Vol. 32, no. 16.

Eph. 5:

#### **6. Hard working, not lazy – vs. 13 – 19, 22, 24, 27**

- 13 She finds wool and flax and busily spins it.  
14 She is like a merchant's ship, bringing her food from afar.  
15 She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household and plan the day's work for her servant girls.  
16 She goes to inspect a field and buys it; with her earnings she plants a vineyard.  
17 She is energetic and strong, a hard worker.
- 18 She makes sure her dealings are profitable; her lamp burns late into the night.  
19 Her hands are busy spinning thread, her fingers twisting fiber.

27 "She carefully watches all that goes on in her household and does not suffer from laziness."

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A MOM

One afternoon a man came home from work to find total mayhem in his house. His three children were outside, still in their pajamas, playing in the mud, with empty food boxes and wrappers strewn all around the front yard. The door of his wife's car was open, as was the front door to the house. Proceeding into the entry, he found an even bigger mess. A lamp had been knocked over, and the throw rug was wadded on the wall. In the front room, the TV was loudly blaring a cartoon channel, and the family room was strewn with toys and various items of clothing. In the kitchen, dishes filled the sink, breakfast food was spilled on the counter, dog food was spilled on the floor, a broken glass lay under the table, and a small pile of sand was spread by the back door. - He quickly headed up the stairs, stepping over toys and more piles and piles of clothes, looking for his wife. He was worried she may be ill, or that something serious had happened. He found her lounging in the bedroom, still curled in the bed in her pajamas, reading a novel. She looked up at him, smiled, and asked how his day went. He looked at her bewildered and asked, "What happened here today?" She again smiled and answered, "You know every day when you come home from work and ask me what in the world did I do today?" "Yes" was his incredulous reply. "This is it." (used 5/13/01)

## 7. Lives for others, not self – Prov. 31:20, 21

- 20 She extends a helping hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy.  
21 She has no fear of winter for her household, for everyone has warm clothes.

About 6:00 A.M. on a Wednesday morning James Lawson of Running Springs, California (in the San Bernardino mountains) left home to apply for a job. About an hour later his thirty-six-year-old wife Patsy left for her fifth grade teaching job down the mountain in Riverside--accompanied by her two children, five-year-old Susan and two-year-old Gerald--to be dropped off at the baby-sitter's. Unfortunately, they never got that far. Eight and a half hours later the man found his wife and daughter dead in their wrecked car, upside down in a cold mountain stream. His two-year-old son was just barely alive in the forty-eight-degree water. But in that death the character of a mother was revealed in a most dramatic and heart-rending way. For

when the father scrambled down the cliff to what he was sure were the cries of his dying wife, he found her locked in death, holding her little boy's head just above water in the submerged car. For eight and a half hours Patsy Lawson had held her beloved toddler afloat and had finally died, her body almost frozen in death in that position of self-giving love, holding her baby up to breathe. She died that another might live. That's the essence of a mother's selfless love.

## **8. Praised by her own good works**

1 Tim. 5:10 She must be well respected by everyone because of the good she has done.

Prov. 31:31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Make a list of 31 things your wife does for you and the family which you seldom thank her for. Make a point of thanking her specifically for one on each day of the coming month. On each day of the following month pay her a new compliment on one of her good attitudes, character qualities, habits or talents. And be prepared for a better relationship than you've enjoyed in quite a while.

## **9. Prays about everything – 1 Tim. 5:5**

1 Timothy 5:5 “The true widow, who is all alone, puts her hope in God and continues to pray night and day for God’s help.”

### **Prayer Of A Mother**

I cannot tell how much I owe to the prayers of my good mother...I remember her once praying, “Now Lord, if my children go on in sin it will not be from ignorance that they perish, and my soul must bear swift witness against them at the day of judgment if they do not lay hold on Christ and claim Him as their personal Savior.” Charles Spurgeon

[Prodigals and Those Who Love Them, Ruth Bell Graham, 1991, Focus on the Family Publishing, p. 69](#)

Tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

-- 1 Timothy 5:13

A gossip is one who talks to you about other people. A bore is one who talks to you about himself. And a brilliant conversationalist is one who talks to you about yourself.