

# A wife worth more than jewels

## (Proverbs 31:10-31)

### INTRODUCTION:

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#### **B. These verses compose a poem**

#### **C. It is an acrostic poem**

1. As we study previously the book of Psalms we have seen this type of poem. The original text (Hebrew), the first verse from this poem begins with the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
2. Then, each following verse commence with the next Hebrew alphabet.

#### **D. It is a poem that praises the honor and dignity of woman especially the wife.**

#### **E. The poem shows an extraordinary picture of the woman in the Jewish society.**

1. She has the total confidence of her husband.
2. She enjoys the liberty of choosing between many activities, all of them directed to the wellbeing of her home and her family.
3. Regardless of the many tasks she has, she is always generous and kind (vs. 20)
4. She is a wise and faithful teacher (vs. 26)
5. The book of Proverbs concludes with the praise the husband and children give to her.

#### **F. The objective of the following sermon is to learn from the virtuous woman, we are going to learn about:**

1. Her character
2. Her activities

3. And her reward

## **I. HER CHARACTER**

### **A. She has a more than average position**

1. Without any doubt not all of the women in the Jewish society had all of these privileges and or responsibilities that she had.
2. Her position:
  - a. She has maidens to supervise (**Prov. 31:15c**)
  - b. She had money to invest (**31:16**)
  - c. She is a trustworthy companion, wife to her husband (**Prov. 31:11**)
  - d. She had responsibility over what is theirs, which included the following:
    - 1) The administration of their lands (**31:16**)
    - 2) Transactions in the market such as...
      - (a) A smart seller (**31:11, 18, 24**)
      - (b) Also a smart buyer (**31:13, 14, 16**)

### **B. She does not practice excessiveness, she is not a compulsive buyer or selfish buyer, rather she practice responsibility.**

1. She considers this as an increase to her responsibility.
  - a. Many women today are found in such circumstances of power and riches, and live only in a way to pampered themselves by living exuberantly in excess of clothing, food, entertainment, etc.
  - b. Other women seek wealthy positions, and or positions of power for the same reasons. The feminist movement motivate woman to “leave the home” to the world of business which has the same base, selfishness.
2. In the other hand the pious woman knows that:
  - a. What are her priorities and she will seek first the wellbeing of her home and family (**Proverbs 31:27**).
  - b. They are people in need (**31:20**).
  - c. There are preparations to make for changes that may be unpredictable (**Prov. 31:21, 25b**).

### **C. Always amiable**

1. Regardless of her much work, she never manifested to be hard or severe. She is always kind.
2. She dresses in a feminine manner (**Proverbs 31:22**).
3. She is a friend in time of need (**31:20**).
4. She is the praise of her husband and children (**Prov. 31:28, 29**)

### **D. The fear of God and not casualty**

1. Her charm and the good success of this woman (**Prov. 31:30-31**) it has nothing to do with casualty.
2. The base of her good success is her fear for God (**Prov. 31:30**).
3. Her ability to teach wisdom (**31:26**) it is evident that she learned to fear the Lord for herself (**1:7**).

### **E. Other observations**

1. Except from the last quality (having the fear of God), the high level of this woman is not necessarily to the reach of every woman, because presupposes talents and extraordinary resources.
2. It is not the purpose of this passage to deal with the personal relationship of marriage.
3. The poem does demonstrate the zenith of being a house wife (see **Titus 2:4-5**). The poem reveals a sphere neither insignificant nor restricted. Rather it reveals the potential for a great success. For example:
  - a. To enjoy the fruit of her labor (**31:31**)
  - b. Her collaboration of the development for the good name of her husband (**Proverbs 31:23**)

4. We will compare it with the concept the world offers today.
  - a. There was a commercial for an automobile, Chevrolet Camaro. A young woman of about 20 to 30 years of age was driving a new Camaro in a country road with beautiful scenery on the background. Her hair waves in the sunshine as she drives away changing gears. She is thinking to herself the following:
    - 1) "Someday I will make substantial amounts of money"
    - 2) "Someday I will be my own boss"
    - 3) "Someday I will find the man of my dreams"
  - b. Suddenly a big bus gets close to her side and the male driver gives her a flirting look, she then changes gears and leaves the bus driver in the dust.
  - c. For the world this is the perfect picture of the fulfilled modern woman.
  - d. But this is an empty picture. This is what the Bible calls, "vanity"
5. Do not believe into that lie, what the world has to offer, the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and pride (**1 John 2:16**).
  - a. The real achievement (success, happiness) and or fulfillment of a woman is found here in **Proverbs 31:10-31**

## **II. HER ACTIVITIES**

### **A. A good woman**

1. She knows that character is more important than beauty (**Proverbs 31:30**).
2. She is a diligent worker (**31:13, 15a & 18b, 19, 27b**)
3. She has a good judgment for business (**31:16, 24**)
4. Her conduct is honorable (**31:25**).

### **B. She is a good wife**

1. She has the confidence of her husband and helps with the prosperity of her family (**31:11**)
2. She does what is best (good) for her husband (**31:12**).

### **C. She is a good mother**

1. She buys with wisdom, what is necessary (**31:14**)
2. She feeds her family (**31:15**).
3. She clothes her family (**31:21**)
4. She sees to all the necessities of her family (**31:27**).

### **D. She is a good neighbor**

1. She helps the needy, the poor (**31:20**).
2. When she speaks, she speaks words of wisdom (**31:26**).

## **III. HER REWARD**

### **A. She enjoys the labor of her hands and her works praise her (31:31)**

1. "Her children rise up and bless her" (**31:28**), and her husband as well, "Many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all"
2. God praises her: "An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is **FAR** above jewels" (**Proverbs 31:10**).

## **CONCLUSION:**

**A. Woman this is the fulfillment of being a woman! Live this poem**

**B. Teach them to your daughters**

**C. Wives and young ladies if you do this and get prepared you will find no better realization.**