

Traits of a Virtuous Wife



"Who can find a virtuous wife? For her *worth is far above rubies.*
The heart of her *husband safely trust her;* So he will have no lack of gain.

She *does him good* and not evil All the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax, And *willing works* with her hands.

She is like the merchant ships, She brings her food from afar. She also *rises while it is yet night,*

And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants.

She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard.

She *girds herself with strength,* And strengthens her arms.

She *perceives that her merchandise is good,* And her lamp does not go out by night.

She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hand holds the spindle.

She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, *she reaches out her hand to the needy.*

She is not afraid of snow for her household, For all her household is clothed with scarlet.

She makes tapestry for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her *husband is known in the gates,* When he sits among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them, And supplies sashes for the merchants.

Strength and *honor* are her clothing;

She shall rejoice in time to come. She opens her mouth with

And on her tongue is the law of *wisdom,*

She *watches over the ways of her household,* And does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and *call her blessed;*

Her husband also, and *he praises her;*"

Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all."

Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who *fears the Lord,* she shall be praised.

Give her of the fruit of her hands, And let her *own works praise her* in the gates."

Proverbs 31:10-31

