

“A WOMAN OF GREAT PRICE”
PROVERBS 31:10-31

INTRO: If you were to list the names of **FIVE WOMEN** in the Bible of **GREAT VALUE AND VIRTUE**, who would they be? I would list at least the following:

- Mary the Mother of Jesus because of her **Submission to God**.
- Jochebed the Mother of Moses for her **Motherly love and care**.
- Ruth for her **Faithfulness to Naomi and God**.
- Esther for her **Self-denial and Courage**.
- Mary of Bethany who had **Great respect for Jesus Christ**.

Without a doubt, each of these and many others found in the Word of God were **women of great value and virtue**. But here is another question for you ladies that is quite personal. No, I am not going to ask you about your age or weight. **THE QUESTION IS: ARE YOU A WOMAN OF GREAT VALUE AND VIRTUE?** As a Christian lady, **YOU CAN BE AND YOU SHOULD BE IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SURRENDER TO THE LORD AND FOLLOW BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES. IN FACT, IT IS GOD’S WILL FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN LADY TO BE OF GREAT VALUE AND VIRTUOUS IN HER LIFE AND SERVICE.** Today, we will study from PROVERBS 31 the **QUALITIES OF THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN - WHO IS A WOMAN OF GREAT PRICE BEFORE GOD AND OTHERS...WHICH QUALITIES EVERY CHRISTIAN WOMAN CAN AND WILL HAVE THROUGH OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD OF GOD.**

NOTE: THE WOMAN DESCRIBED in Proverbs 31 is what God would have every woman of faith in Christ to be. And because it is God’s desire for every Christian woman, then such qualities are possible through biblical obedience.

NOTE: Proverbs 31:10-31 is an “ACROSTIC POEM” in the Hebrew language. That means that EVERY VERSE begins with the CORRESPONDING LETTER of the Hebrew Alphabet. For instance: Verse 10 – ALPH; Verse 11 – BETH which continues right down through to Verse 31 and the last letter of the Hebrew Alphabet which is TAU. **This is significant in that it implies that the QUALITIES OF THE IDEAL WOMAN WOULD EXHAUST THE ENTIRE LANGUAGE!**

LET’S TAKE A LOOK AT THIS WOMAN OF GREAT PRICE

I. THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN’S QUALITIES

NOTE: The word “VIRTUOUS” means that which is of **GREAT STRENGTH, CHARACTER, COURAGE, ENERGY AND PURITY.**

- A. She is Spiritually Strong
- B. She is Godly in her Character.
- C. She is Courageous and without Fear
- D. She is Energetic and not Lazy.
- E. She is Spiritually Mature and Morally Pure

II. THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN’S VALUE

NOTE: Her value is **FAR ABOVE RUBIES = BEYOND ANY IMAGINED VALUE!**

- A. More Valuable than All Precious Stones Combined
- B. More Valuable than Any Material Object Imagined

III. THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN’S LIFESTYLE

NOTE: Read the literal Hebrew Translation

- A. She is Faithful to her Husband – Vss. 11,12
- B. She is Practical and Prudent in her Provision – Vss. 13-15
- C. She is Wise in Business – Vss. 16-19
- D. She is Compassionate toward Others – Vs. 20
- E. She is Fearless and Courageous – Vss. 21-23
- F. She is Industrious – Vs. 24
- G. She is Wise and Kind in her Dealings – Vss. 25,26
- H. She is Blessed by her Family – Vs. 28
- I. She Excels Above the Average Woman – Vs. 29

IV. THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN'S FOUNDATION

NOTE: She **FEARS THE LORD** and has **DEEP RESPECT FOR HIM**

- A. Through her Salvation
- B. Through her Obedience
- C. Through her Spirit-Filled Life
- D. Through her Ministry
- E. Through her Worship

V. THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN'S REWARD

NOTE Every Virtuous Woman Deserves Great Reward!

- A. Reward her with the Praise she Deserves – Vs. 30
 - Praise and thank her for the consistency of her qualities.
- B. Reward her with the Fruit of her Hands – Vs. 31
 - Treat her with the same action as she treats others.

LESSON AND APPLICATION

- 1) This passage applies to both married and un-married ladies.
- 2) This passage applies to both younger and older ladies.
- 3) This passage reflects God's expectations for ALL CHRISTIAN LADIES.

THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN IS PRICELESS AND A GREAT TREASURE TO GOD AND OTHERS OF HER FAMILY AND ASSOCIATES.

A PERSONAL EVALUATION:

- ARE YOU THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN?
- HAS ANYONE EVER COMPLIMENTED YOU AS BEING A VIRTUOUS WOMAN?
- HOW CAN YOU BE A VIRTUOUS WOMAN? – BY KNOWING CHRIST AND BY DEVELOPING A DAILY WALK WITH THE LORD THROUGH THE STUDY OF HIS WORD AND OBEDIENCE TO HIS WILL AS A PERSONAL PRIORITY.
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AS EVERY CHRISTIAN WOMAN IS TO BE VIRTUOUS BEFORE GOD, EVERY VIRTUOUS WOMAN IS TO BE PRAISED AND ENCOURAGED BY OTHERS.