

"THE PORTRAIT OF A GODLY WOMAN"

PROVERBS 31:10-31

1 TIMOTHY 5:14

INTRO: Today is **MOTHER'S DAY** and people, both secular and spiritual will be honoring **MOTHERS**. And doing so is a biblical act as the Bible says in Ephesians 6:2, "**HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER, WHICH IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT WITH PROMISE.**" What is the promise? The next verse gives the answer which says, "**THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH THEE, AND THOU MAYEST LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.**" (Oliver B. Green story). The word "**HONOR**" in this text means to "**REVERE OR HIGHLY VALUE.**" Honoring our parents will be the action of an obedient Christian for sure. **WHERE WOULD ANY OF US BE THIS MORNING WITHOUT OUR MOTHERS? WE WOULD NOT BE HERE!** Our mothers gave us our start in life at birth. Then she went way beyond that to influence and care for us for the rest of her life. The name **MOM, MOMMY, MAMA, OR MOTHER** is often the first word that comes out of the mouth of a baby and has often been the last word of a warrior dying on the battlefield. (Football player friend). Do you know that mothers who sing during their pregnancy often have children who sing? And mothers who scream and yell during their pregnancy often have children who scream and yell. **GOD PERFORMED A GREAT ACT WHEN HE CREATED THE WOMAN.** In fact, He did so because He knew that **MAN COULD NOT BE ALONE (Genesis 2:18).** **TRULY WE MUST GIVE HONOR AND PRAISE FOR GODLY WOMEN.** The Bible gives us examples of some great women: Eve (The first mother); Miriam (The ambitious woman); Deborah (The patriotic woman); Hannah (The ideal woman); Abigail (The capable woman); Virgin Mary (God's choice lady); Dorcas (The benevolent seamstress); Lydia (The business woman). In my life God gave me some great ladies to honor: (Mum Hood, Nana, Mom, Nancy). Today I want to speak on **THE PORTRAIT OF A GODLY WOMAN** which is a message the whole world should hear as many women are not too godly as they live in rebellion to God's standards. **BUT THE PORTRAIT OF THE GODLY WOMAN IS ONE WHO IS BORN AGAIN, HONORS GOD, GUIDES HER FAMILY, PICTURES CHRIST, IS BLESSED BY GOD AND IS HONORED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS.** The **GODLY WOMAN** is described for us in Proverbs 31:10-31 and we know her as the **VIRTUOUS WOMAN**. In that text she is portrayed as 1) Priceless - Vs. 10; 2) Precious - Vs. 11; 3) Prudent - Vss. 12-29; 4) Praised - Vss. 30,31. In the **NEW TESTAMENT** we have a text that summarizes this valuable woman found in 1 Timothy 5:14 that we shall study today.

I. THE GODLY WOMAN MARRIES – 14a

A. God's Original Intent – Genesis 2:24

B. God's Special Gift – Some ladies are called to singleness – Mary/Martha

-Single ladies are gifted by God to serve Him more effectively

- Young girls should pray for a godly husband.
- Young men should pray for a godly wife.

II. THE GODLY WOMAN BEARS CHILDREN – VS. 14b

A. God's Original Intent – Genesis 1:26-28

B. God's Special Gift – Some ladies physically cannot bear children, but God has gifted them with a special purpose...perhaps adoption or other ministry.

1. Lady with 13 children, adopted children
2. Ladies who prayed for children and God blessed.
 - Hanna in 1 Samuel 1 (Samuel's mother)
 - Nicole Stern

III. THE GODLY WOMAN GUIDES THE HOUSE – VS. 14c.

A. God's Original Intent – Genesis 2:18

1. The wife is the **"HELP MEET"** for the husband.
 - a. **"HELP MEET"** literally means **"A CORRESPONDING HELPER.)**. This is not at all a demeaning term as it is often used in scripture to describe God in passages as Psalm 33:20; 70:5; 115:9 where it is translated **"HELP."**
 - b. As God is our helper, He has designated the wife as **HIS SPECIAL HELPER TO THE HUSBAND TO "GUIDE THE HOUSE."**
2. The wife completes the man physically, spiritually, emotionally, socially.

B. God's Special Gift

1. Single women are often used of God as a gift to the ministry.
2. Married women are gifted of God to aid the husband in leading the family.
 - a. By her Very Title – **MOTHER MEANS "BOND/KEEPER."** Moms are the glue that binds and keeps the family together.
 - b. By her Spousal Relationship – Ephesians 5:22-24

IV. THE GODLY WOMAN MAINTAINS A GODLY TESTIMONY – VS. 14d

A. God's Original Intent

-God's desire is for the woman to maintain a household that is so strong spiritually that Satan cannot bring any real accusation of sinful practice.

B. God's Special Gift

-God has gifted women to bring spiritual strength into the family that will guard against Satan intrusion.

1. By Her Personal Salvation
2. By Her Daily Prayer Life
3. By Her Personal Testimony
4. By Her Biblical Instruction
5. By Her Personal Order

LESSON/APPLICATION

- 1) Godly women are special gifts from God to the family, the church, and the culture. Every woman should strive to be the godly example God desires.
- 2) Godly women are to be honored but all...Her family. Her friends. Her associates. Let us all give the honor and respect to godly women as God desires.