

A Godly Woman - She fears the Lord

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Proverbs 31:10-31 is a poem written by King Lemuel, based on words of advice given to him by his mother on how to choose a wife. In this poem, she describes characteristics of a virtuous woman, so that King Lemuel would recognize her when he saw her.

She is commended for all the wonderful things she does, BUT what is most important about her is that she fears the Lord. She lives her entire life out of a desire to honour and serve the Lord.

This is what makes her a virtuous woman!

"Charm can be misleading, and beauty is vain and so quickly fades, but this virtuous woman lives in the wonder, awe, and fear of the Lord. She will be praised throughout eternity."

Proverbs 31:30 (TPT)

The God-fearing woman approaches her Lord with reverence and awe.

She clings tightly to her Saviour.

She realises the vanity and sinfulness of her own fleshly pursuits, but knows there is strong confidence in God, her Rock.

She delights in meeting His approval and fears the way of sin.

She rests in the shadow of His wings, depending on Him for guidance, strength and perseverance.

She fears independence from God.

She trusts God.

She yields to her Lord, and His design for womanhood asking Him to reign in her mortal body where He might use her for His greatest glory.

She will wait for the Lord.

She will hope in God.

She will stay close to the heart of God and trust in His promises.

If we approach life from this perspective, we will be radically transformed by the living God. The Spirit will continually strip away the impurities, whereas the gem that remains reflects the beauty of God's glorious character.

What a remarkable woman she is! What a beautiful portrait of godliness!

Her excellence is due to her godliness and her godliness is due to her fear of the Lord. Everything is an overflow from that!