

A Woman of Virtue

Happy Mother's Day! We celebrate all Women, Wives, and Mothers through the womb or through your heart on this day. May this be the best day, knowing that you are a woman of virtue!

An excellent woman [one who is spiritual, capable, intelligent, and virtuous], who is he who can find her. *Amp Proverbs 31:10*

Other translations might use words such as Who can find a noble wife or a worthy woman, it is still referring to the nameless woman we find in *Proverbs 31*, that is full of virtue.

Throughout the book of Proverbs, wisdom has been portrayed as a woman, with the pronoun she. What better way to conclude the Book of Wisdom with describing this virtuous woman? The description of this woman includes many characteristics, all noble, but not all necessary in the same woman in order for her to be considered wise, ideal, and virtuous.

A paradigm shift is an important change that occurs when the usual way of thinking about or doing something is replaced by a new and different way.

Women of God, I challenge us to focus on the *Proverbs 31* woman as who she is instead of what she was doing.

Yes, she rises at night to provide food for her family, buy fields, make lamps that don't go out at night, and the list goes on. Let's turn our focus on who she is.

I

Virtuous, chayil in Hebrew (*Strongs #2428*) It means a force, whether women or men, means or other resources; an army, wealth, virtue, valor, strength; able, activity, to bear and bring forth, company, great forces, goods, host, might, power, riches, strength, strong, substance train, and worthy.

Put all these words together, and we have a powerful description of a godly woman that reflects her character.

II

Character is the total quality of a person's behavior, as revealed in their habits of thoughts and expression, attitudes and interests. In Webster's Dictionary Character is described best in *Hebrews 1:3* when God says His Son, Jesus, is the express image of His person. He is describing the relationship He has with His Son.

Express image is seen as an engraving tool, stamp, or even a branding iron and a seal for a certificate.

Just as Jesus is the expressed image of the Father, we as believers should have the same characteristics of Jesus, representing His brand, His seal, and His stamp.

The end of Proverbs gives us the key to this remarkable woman's success; she feared the Lord.

Her reverential awe of God motivated and guided who she was and what she did.

III

A Call to action is a result of her Virtue

She extends her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.
Proverbs 31:20

Just like she took care of her household and maidservants, she extended her hand to reach someone else.

This year, we are Reaching, Connecting, and Converting, and it starts with a reach.

Our call to Action: *The Nehemiah Action, Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at the Ohio State Fairgrounds, The Celeste Center, 6:40 pm pre-meeting 7:00 pm.*

We Begin!

Virtuous women, let's accept the call for action!

Women of God were the last to leave the cross of Christ and the first to arrive at the tomb. Let's be first and make sure all males have a ticket.

Virtuous Women can be found at The Rhema Christian Center!

Justice shirts are available for sale online and in the bookstore.

*Rhema Christian Center
Anita Dawson, Apostle
Saturday & Sunday, May 11 & 12, 2024
9:30 a.m.*