

WHO CAN FIND A VIRTUOUS WIFE? (Proverbs 31:10-31)

- Titus 2:4-5, 11-14

Some initial observations:

- a) This is an _____ poem with the first consonant of each verse being the next letter of the Hebrew alphabet. This was done for stylistic and memorization purposes.
- b) This is a description of an _____ woman and is not an allegory, though it runs contrary to the world's mold for you.
- c) This is the _____ example, so be realistic yet growing and aspiring to this ideal, while seeking to instill these qualities into your daughters and granddaughters.

1. Her *value as a woman* is seen by the facts that she is called _____ (which means a woman of force, strength of character, or excellence) , is _____ (accentuated by the rhetorical question), and is _____ (as her worth is far above rubies). (vs.10)
2. Her *character as a wife* is underscored as she ...(vs.11-12)
 - a. is _____ (which allows her husband to pursue God's will without anxiety)
 - b. is devoted to her husband's _____ and _____ to the marriage for the long haul.
 - c. is an integral _____ and reason for her husband's success. (vs.23)
3. Her *devotion as a home-maker* is seen as she ...
 - a. is _____ and _____ , not lazy. (vs.13-15)
 - b. is _____ , seeking the benefit of her family, (vs.16)
 - c. is _____ due to her discipline and work. (vs.17 -19)
 - d. is _____ in her dealings and preventative actions (vs.21), and
 - e. is _____ in graceful simplicity. (vs. 22-24)

4. Her *generosity as a neighbor* is seen as she ... (vs.20)

- a. has a _____ (not an isolationist caught up with herself),
- b. is _____ (reaching out to others in need).

5. Her *influence as a teacher* is ... (vs.25-26)

- a. because of her _____ which lays the foundation for her teaching.
- b. because her instruction is _____, _____, and _____.
- c. because her attitude is _____ evidenced by _____.

6. Her *effectiveness as a mother* is evidenced ... (vs.27-29)

- a. by her _____ her family well and providing _____ and _____.
- b. by her _____ who _____ her and by her _____ who _____ her.

7. Her *secret to her virtue and value as a wife and mother* (vs.30)

- a. is not due to her _____ (which can be “deceitful”) and _____ (which is “passing”, though this may be present).
- b. is because she _____ (her godly attitudes & character are due to her personal walk of faith and obedience to the Lord and His Word).

- A word to husbands / men
- A closing admonition (31:31)