

A VIRTUOUS WOMAN

PROVERBS 31

Text: Proverbs 31:10

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Introduction:

1. A WORTH THAT IS UNEQUALLED (VS 10-12)

Proverbs 31:10-12

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. [11] The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. [12] She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

A. She is a lady of virtue (10a)

B. She is a lady of value (10b-12)

2. A WORK THAT IS UNMATCHED (VS 13,15,19)

Proverbs 31:13

She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

Proverbs 31:15

She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

Proverbs 31:19

She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

A. It's a desired work (vs 13)

She willingly works with her hands

B. It's a devoted work (vs 15)

She rises before daylight, tending not to her needs but the needs of others.

C. It's a dedicated work (vs 19)

She is steadfast and persistent in her work.

3. A WISDOM THAT IS UNFEIGNED (VS 26,27)

Proverbs 31:26-27

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. [27] She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

A. There is wisdom in what she speaks (vs 26)

B. There is wisdom in what she shuns (vs 27)

4. A WEALTH THAT IS UNSHARED (VS 28-31)

Proverbs 31:28-31

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. [29] Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. [30] Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. [31] Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

The author concludes this section by not only showing us this godly mother's worth that is unequalled, work that is unmatched, and wisdom that is unfeigned; but, her wealth that is unshared. Though her wealth may

not be that on the world's scale, her wealth is calculated, and demonstrated:

- A. By the praise of her family (vs 28)
- B. By the praise of her Father (vs 30)
- C. By the praise of her fruits (vs 31)

Close:

See Acts 9