

Noble Character—Valuable

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Proverbs 31:10-31

Proverbs 31 serves as a beautiful testimony of the diligent, quiet life. We do not know the name or identity of the woman. But she is known by her habits, her compassion, and her wisdom. She is a valuable asset to her husband and to her family.

Many see this as an ideal description of a good wife and an impossible standard for any woman to achieve. While it is true that Proverbs 31 describes a “perfect wife,” it is important to remember that Proverbs is not a biography. Looking past the specifics of each verse we see is a woman who lives out her daily life with integrity. She does what she needs to do to care for her family and others around her. She is diligent, hardworking, and resourceful. This woman certainly has value because of what she does. But she also has value for who she is—one who fears God (v.30).

The way to be a woman after God’s heart has nothing to do with charm or beauty, cooking or cleaning, sewing or planting. God desires whole-hearted commitment to his Kingdom values.

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