

# THE WOMAN WHO FEARS THE LORD

Proverbs 31:10-31

- 10 An excellent wife who can find?  
She is far more precious than jewels.
- 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
and he will have no lack of gain.
- 12 She does him good, and not harm,  
all the days of her life.
- 13 She seeks wool and flax,  
and works with willing hands.
- 14 She is like the ships of the merchant;  
she brings her food from afar.
- 15 She rises while it is yet night  
and provides food for her household  
and portions for her maidens.
- 16 She considers a field and buys it;  
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- 17 She dresses herself with strength  
and makes her arms strong.
- 18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
Her lamp does not go out at night.
- 19 She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her hands hold the spindle.
- 20 She opens her hand to the poor  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of snow for her household,  
for all her household are clothed in scarlet.
- 22 She makes bed coverings for herself;  
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- 23 Her husband is known in the gates  
when he sits among the elders of the land.
- 24 She makes linen garments and sells them;  
she delivers sashes to the merchant.
- 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.
- 26 She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
- 27 She looks well to the ways of her household  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- 28 Her children rise up and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her:
- 29 "Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all."
- 30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
- 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the gates.