



A WOMAN OF MANY VIRTUES

It is noteworthy that the Bible's Book of Wisdom (**Proverbs**) concludes with a description of God's ideal wife and mother – the woman of many virtues. This person is so capable and so wise that she makes everyone around her satisfied and fulfilled. The Bible says that when you find such a woman, you are blessed because she is more precious than rare jewels. Actually, she is priceless!

This woman is completely trustworthy. Her husband has no worries about his personal needs being satisfied by her. And he never has to fear that she will ever do anything that will harm him. She is that good.

When it comes to practical skills in crafts – in the home or outside – she's talented in a multi-faceted way. She continually amazes her family with her hobbies and projects.

Her typical day starts with her being the first to get up, so she could prepare breakfast for her family and plan and organize her day.

She is not hampered by gender-based biases that prevent her from engaging in supposedly "manly" business ventures. She's capable of handling real estate transactions. In fact, she loves to surprise her family with her wise and profitable investments.

She takes care of her health because she needs her energy and strength in her activities. Also, her work-day is longer than most people's because she values her time and her work.

Her time and energy are not just confined to her household. She's concerned about the poor in her community. She is personally involved in helping the needy, sharing her time and resources to uplift them.

Because of her wisdom and diligence, her family is always prepared for bad times and emergencies. She does not need to depend on others for household items and clothes, she can make these things herself.

She is not only a great wife and mother, she is also an indispensable partner to her husband, who is well-known as an influential community leader who makes wise decisions and provides practical advice. Her husband values and seeks her advice, opinions and participation in all his activities.

She is always dignified under all circumstances, exhibiting unusual strength and calmness and encouraging humor. When she speaks she has something worthwhile to say, and she always says it kindly.

She pays attention to everyone in her household, and she encourages and motivates them to be diligent and productive. It is no wonder that her children always respect, admire and praise her. Her husband continually compliments her, telling her, "There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!"

There are many women who will be admired by people for their charm and praised for their beauty, but such things are really not lasting virtues. It is more blessed to be a woman who is intimate with God and who is willing to be used for His glory. The Bible says that when you find such a woman, you should give her everything she deserves. And whenever you have the opportunity, you should publicly honor her with affirming compliments.

On this Mothers' Day celebration, we want to pay tribute to all the mothers at Gospel Life for their dedication and commitment to their families and to God. We want to honor you, mothers, not only for your unselfish and valuable ministry to your husbands and children, but also for your continuing attitude of care and compassion towards everyone. We affirm the fact that as God's royal daughters, in His reality, you are already women of many virtues. This is your divine destiny. This is who you are now in Jesus Christ!

We bless all of you and we pray for our Heavenly Father to keep you in His heart and hands as you live out who you are – fulfilling His destiny for you.