

SUBJECT :

The Godly Woman

BIBLE BASIS:

Lesson Scripture: Proverbs 31:9-15, 25-30

BIBLE TRUTH:

He that findeth a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor with God. Gen. 2:18

MEMORY VERSE:

Proverbs 31:30

Lesson Aim:

That your students would see the value in following Godly principles

Introduction

- There is no question that the household and family life reflected in the book of Proverbs is quite different from what we see in the modern, industrialized world. The idea of a woman having a job or career outside the home would have seemed impossible.
- With the simple daily tasks of preparing meals, clothing the children, fetching water, growing fruits and vegetables and raising animals for food for the family would fill the average day. When families lived off the land, there was no time for any work outside the family. Stay at home wives then were not women of leisure. They worked hard from dawn until dusk just keeping their households functioning. Prov. 14:1
- Only in eternity will we see the blessing that godly women have been down through the years in stabilizing family life among the nations
- In the first seven chapters of the book of proverbs, Solomon urges his son to pursue divine wisdom. In chapter 8 the speaker recommending wisdom changed to an **anonymous woman**. Perhaps this was done to emphasize the role of women in **leadership roles** in the family as well as the community. Before the fall, men and women had equal rights to rule in the earth realm. It wasn't until after the fall women were given a subordinate role. Gen. 1:26-28, Gen. 3:16, Gal. 3:28

A Mother's Desire For Her Son

- Proverbs 31:9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.
- Principles are like the piles on which you build bridges, or on which you construct railways over rivers and swamps. Principles are the building blocks of life. Unshaken convictions and principles are only found in the minds of kings and rulers. King Lemuel's mother taught him from a child up to be a man of justice and always lookout for the poor and needy. We see here her primary concern was not just her sons chores and homework, but was with her sons character as it should be.
- Job was an excellent pattern to all that would be rulers. Job 29:14-16 Such a prince the mother of Lemuel wishes her son to be. She exhorts him to do justice and judgment to all his people, but to regard with peculiar tenderness those unfortunate men that were in danger of losing their place in live for some unfortunate circumstances. If they were unable, through ignorance, or awkwardness, or fear, to plead their own cause, she would have him to be their advocate, and to plead everything that truth and equity would allow on their behalf. It is the business of rulers, in the administration of justice, to see that the poor do not suffer. Ex. 22:25-27, Due. 15:7-9

The Kind Of Woman Fit For A King

- **[10] Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.**
- The question with which this verse begins is rather a startling one. “Who can find a virtuous woman?” Were good women scarce then? and are they rare now? Devoted women, domesticated women unselfish women,, are not too easy to find.
- A virtuous woman’s heart is true, her hands are gentle, her voice is kind, and she lives not to herself nor to the world, but to the little circle that includes God and family. This is the virtuous woman of whom the wise man spoke.
- This is the kind of woman that King Lemuel’s mother wanted for her Son. No wonder so many mothers are disappointed in the wives there Sons marry. The virtuous woman is the standard every mother has set for her sons. Prov. 31:1
- Next to making a decision for Christ, the most important decision a Christian will make is the choice of a life's mate. They are to marry in the Lord. 2Corn 6:14-18
- If you think you have married the wrong person, the Bible can speak to you and give you instructions on how to make the relationship work. 1Corn. 7:10-16
- In other words, If you married the wrong one and treat them like they is the right one, according to the bible, they becomes the right one. If you married the right one, but treat them like they were the wrong one they becomes the wrong one. What or who makes the difference?

Matters Of The Heart

- [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..
- The two key words here are heart and trust- love and faith. Marriage is a matter of the heart; there must be true love between husband and wife. What kind of love should a man show to his wife?
- The same kind of love that Christ shows for the Church. Eph. 5:18 sacrificial, patient, suffering, tender, constant. A wife has no problem submitting herself in obedience to a husband who loves her and shows it. Husbands need to take care that their jobs and household chores do not take them away from their wives and children. A happy home does not just happen; it is the result of hard work, prayer, and real love, when husbands and wives trust the Lord and each other, there will be much blessing. The marriage vows are promises that must be taken seriously. To break these vows is to sin against God and each other. Heb. 13:4, Matt. 19:3-11, 1Corn 7:39
- Now often a dedicated wife sacrifices for the happiness of the home and never receives so much as a simple Thanks. What a sin of lack of appreciation is in our homes. This kind of appreciation must not be reserved for Mother day or Christmas, rather, it must be shown sincerely all year long.

She's A Worker

- [13] She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands[14] She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
- This priceless woman is a worker Whether it be sewing or cooking, taking care of the children or assisting her husband in family business. She is faithfully doing her share. Note that she works willingly; it is not a matter of compulsion but compassion. She loves her husband and therefore seeks to please him. 1Cor 7:32-35 for a wonderful principle of marriage live to please the other person. This ideal woman does not spend the morning in bed; she is up early to do her task.
- Note Paul's instructions to young women in 1 Tim 5:14. While there are sometimes emergencies and situations that require women to work outside the home, it must be remembered that even then her first responsibility is to her family.
- Proverbs has nothing good to say about laziness, whether it involves a man or a woman. Prov. 13::21-25, 6:6-11,

It's Not The Outward Appearance

- Proverbs 31:25-26 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. [26] She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
- The Godly woman does not depend on fancy clothing to be successful; she wears strength of honor an on the inner man Peter talks about the outward adorning of extravagance and the inward adorning of a meek and quiet spirit. 1Peter 1:1-3
- Paul commands woman to were modest apparel. and to depend on spiritual beauty, not the artificial beauty of the world. 1 Tim 2:9
- It has always been too fashionable to distort her character, and with cruel cowardice cast on her the entire blame for all the ills humanity endures. Others have said, woman to be “a necessary evil, a national temptation, a desirable calamity, a domestic peril, a deadly fascination, and a painted ill.”
- Similarly the Germans say, “There are only two good women in the world — one of them is dead, and the other is not found
- Vs 26 tells us that the godly woman is careful in her speech as well as in her dress. How wonderful it is when the law of kindness rules the tongue.

That's Mama

- [27] She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. [28] Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
- A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. This is the secret of her life; she fears God and seeks to obey His Word. No doubt she would arise early in the morning to meditate on the Word and to pray. All day long she would pray for her husband to her family. Her true beauty is within; through the years might mark her body, her beauty in the Lord only grow greater. Her praise comes from God. I do always those things that please Him.
- How does God praise this woman: By blessing her labors and her life. The fruit of her life will praise her. She will certainly reap life everlasting because she has sown to the Spirit, not to the flesh. Gal 6:7-8
- Her husband and children also rise up and praise her, What a need there is today for husbands and children to show constantly their appreciation for what the wife and mother does in the home. One of the greatest weaknesses in many homes today is that family members take each other for granted. Husbands need to set the right example before their children by openly praising the Lord and the wife for the blessing of the home.

Nothing Like A Mother's Love

- [29] Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all
- The words of the wise man. The words seem to picture before us a race with women runners, the goal, perfect virtue. The race is three-score years and ten; the umpire, God; the spectators, men and angels. We see the maiden entering the lists before she reaches her teens. Young, innocent, inexperienced, and trustful, she begins the race; we watch her pressing on through youth, adolescence, and old age. Now surpassing some who started with her, then being surpassed by some who began long after her.
- The world has dealt severely with woman. It cannot be denied that the devil employed woman to accomplish the ruin of the race; cast innocent Joseph into prison, robbed Samson of his strength, brought trouble upon David, seduced Solomon into idolatry, caused John the Baptist to be beheaded, and drove Paul and Barnabas from Antioch.
- But let us go over to the other side, and deal fairly with woman. Whilst we hear the harsh voices of men shamefully reviling our Saviour we cannot discover an instance of a woman insulting or injuring the Savior. Whilst men, even the disciples, forsook Christ and fled, women responded to the loving appeals of Jesus, clung to His person, ministered to His needs, and watched patiently at His cross
- Remember that it is not a few who stand before us for our admiration and gratitude. It is to whom the Church will ever be, indebted.

Beauty Is Only Skin Deep

- [30] Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.
- The text glances at means of winning admiration which you must not rely on. “Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain.” The praise these will bring you is not worth coveting. Beauty of form and feature is almost always a snare when it is not an index to beauty of soul. A woman should not place her worth in these outward advantages. She is to aim at a higher beauty, to seek to be beautiful in the eyes of Him “who seeth not as man seeth.” Three things should guide you
- This text recognizes the fact that a woman seeks admiration. She loves to be praised. What is so natural and universal cannot be wrong. Generally speaking, a woman who has lost the desire of praise is a lost woman. Her self-respect has gone, and she has parted with her strongest motive to strive after personal excellence. A woman wins her way and strengthens her influence by the admiration she commands and the affection she inspires. Praise is more necessary to the right growth and happy development of human character than is commonly supposed.

- And, further, recollect that they became what they were, and accomplished what they did, by personal effort. They strove to excel. They reasoned thus: “The thing is right, reasonable, desirable; circumstances demand that it should be done; therefore, with all my heart I will do it or fail in the effort.”
- Young
- women, I ask. you each. to enter on this holy competition. Let me say,
- then, that you should cultivate affection for, and obedience to, your
- parents. We have known cases in which daughters have been callously
- absorbed in thoughts of themselves whilst all sympathy for the anxious and ageing mother has been wanting — where the young woman has deemed it beneath her to help a hard-toiling parent. I beseech you to remember that next to God you cannot love too deeply and lastingly those who have so sympathetically watched over and waited upon you. Never suffer either
- parents or friends to have cause for pronouncing you idle or indifferent to
- home claims
- We do each other a moral wrong by withholding it when deserved. The desire to be commended may be thought an unworthy and selfish motive. It is unworthy when the heart is satisfied with the praise of foolish people. Very important it is whose praise we seek. All dishonest gains are bad. To claim commendation when we are conscious of not deserving it, or even to accept it without protest, is mean and destructive of personal integrity. To seek the honour that cometh from God, to deserve well of the good, can only spring from sympathy with goodness.

- in dress — truth, order, and harmony. You violate the rule of truth if you ever dress so as to be mistaken for what you are not. You should never purchase what will have an ill look when it is shabby. If you do you violate the law of order. You offend against the law of harmony if what you have on excites remark. A woman is dressed harmoniously when her dress seems part of herself. As the world is, marriage is the goal of a woman's existence. Marriage makes or mars a woman. Girls whose chief talk is about young men merit severe reprobation. On this matter good advice may be summed up under three heads: Think little. Talk less. Do nothing. It will be time enough for you to think what your chances are and whom you will marry when the question comes before you in a practical form. This advice is based upon sound reasons and justified by manifold experiences. Piety is the bond of feminine virtues, the crown of womanly graces. A cold theology of intellectual ideas will never satisfy you. The religion that will command your devotion and obedience must offer a living person to your faith and loyal affection. The gospel offers you the Lord Jesus. Translate the description of fidelity, kindness, industry, and prudence given in this chapter into the language of to-day. Picture to yourselves this model of womanly excellence set in the duties and circumstances of your own lives, and then aim to be like her, for such will be the woman that feareth the Lord, and whom He will deem worthy of praise.
- *(E. W. Shalders, B.A.)*
- Husband and wives must be on guard lest Satan move in and breakup the home. They have spiritual material, and physical responsibilities to each other, and if these are no met, Satan goes to work, 1Corn 7:1-6, 1Tim 5:8, Eph 5:21-33, 1Peter 3:7
- It is especially important to be on guard after the children have grown up and leave home, for then the true strength of the home is tested. A man and woman can no longer say, we will stay together for the children's sake. May God help us all to choose the right mates, and build the kind of homes that glorify his Name