

"THE GODLY WOMAN OF PROVERBS"

INTRO: In searching the scriptures we find that God has given a lot of information on the role of the man, the woman and the children in the family relationship. One book that is rich with teaching familial and personal qualities is the Book of Proverbs. Today we are going to **WALK THROUGH PROVERBS** to see what it has to say about the GODLY WOMAN.

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I. THE GODLY WOMAN IS GRACIOUS RESULTING IN HONOR – 11:16

- A. To be "Gracious" in this text means to be **"FULL OF GRACE."**
- B. The "Gracious" woman has a lifestyle of GRACE or **UNMERITED FAVOR** toward others.
 - 1. She is kind to all people in all situations
 - 2. She is giving to others at all times
 - 3. She is loving to others even in the face of the unlovely
 - 4. She is unselfish toward others in the matter of service

NOTE: **Because of her GRACIOUSNESS, THE GODLY WOMAN** retains honor always from God and others.

ILLUSTRATION:

II. THE GODLY WOMAN IS VIRTUOUS RESULTING IN EXCELLENCE – 12:4

- A. To be "Virtuous" in this text means to be **"MORALLY EXCELLENT."**
- B. The "Virtuous" Woman has a lifestyle of EXCELLENCE or **GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE NORM** in character development.
 - 1. She is excellent in spiritual growth and development
 - 2. She is excellent in social growth and development
 - 3. She is excellent in mental growth and development
 - 4. She is excellent in physical growth and development

NOTE: **Because of her EXCELLENCE, THE GODLY WOMAN** is a **CROWN** to her husband. According to the PULPIT COMMENTARY, this means that the GODLY WOMAN adorns and beautifies the life of her husband without criticism and judgment. W.J. Dean says that **THE GODLY WOMAN PROVIDES FOR HER HUSBAND A "JOYFUL FESTIVAL" IN LIFE.**

ILLUSTRATION:

III. THE GODLY WOMAN IS WISE RESULTING IN PRODUCTION – 14:1

- A. To be "Wise" in this text means to be **"KNOWLEDGABLE AND UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S TRUTH."**
- B. The "Wise" woman knows and applies biblical truth in her home life.
 - 1. She knows God's Chain of Authority – 1 Corinthians 11:3
 - a. The Head of Christ is God
 - b. The Head of Man is Christ
 - c. The Head of the Woman is Man
 - 2. She knows God's Requirements of Home Making – 1 Timothy 5:14
 - a. She is to Marry
 - Unless called by God to be single
 - b. She is to Bear Children
 - Unless called to be without child by God
 - c. She is to Guide the House
 - Work along with her husband to establish biblical principles in the Home.
 - d. She is to Guard the Home
 - Develop a godly attitude in the home so as not to give Satan a reason to bring blame in one way or another.

NOTE: **Because of her WISDOM, THE GODLY WOMAN** builds a home life of sweet godliness and biblical strength.

ILLUSTRATION:

IV. THE GODLY WOMAN IS PRICELESS RESULTING IN VALUE – 31:10

A. To be “Priceless” in this text means to be **“FULL OF GREAT WORTH.”**

B. The “Priceless” Woman has spiritual worth beyond secular imagination and has every necessary quality to honor God.

(Verses 11-29)

1. In her Behavior – Vss. 11-24
2. In her Character – Vss. 25-27
3. In her Family Life - Vss. 28,29

NOTE: **Because of her PRICELESSNESS, THE GODLY WOMAN** has great value to God, her family, her church and her community.

ILLUSTRATION:

V. THE GODLY WOMAN FEARS THE LORD RESULTING IN PRAISE – 31:30,31

A. To “Fear the Lord” in this text means to have **“REVERENTIAL RESPECT FOR GOD.”**

B. The woman who “Fears the Lord” has the spiritual foundation to be used of God and glorify Him consistently.

1. Her Salvation
2. Her Service
3. Her Obedience
4. Her Faithfulness
5. Her Separation from Sin

NOTE: **Because of her FEAR OF GOD, THE GODLY WOMAN** is praised for her works by her family and others (Vss. 28,29,31)

ILLUSTRATION:

LESSON/APPLICATION:

1) Every lady here should examine her life to see if she is the GODLY WOMAN God desires her to be.

2) Every man, boy and girl here should pray for all ladies that they will be the GODLY WOMAN God desires her to be.