

“THE WOMAN WHO FEARS THE LORD”
PROVERBS 31:30,31

INTRO: Mother’s Day is always a special time of the year for us here in America as well as in the church. What a blessing it is to focus on Godly mothers and give them special respect and recognition for their walk with and service unto the Lord. Personally, I am very thankful for the grandmothers and mothers God placed into my life:

- 1) Mum Hood – A great prayer warrior and servant of the Lord
- 2) Nana – A great Christian who loved and walked with the Lord
- 3) Mom – A loving mom who went out of her way to bring me up in the Lord
- 4) Nancy – A committed mom who biblically trained our three boys.

THE BIBLE has a lot to say about women in general and mothers specifically. The Word of God has at least **359 verses which speak of WOMEN and at least 245 references to MOTHERS** in which godly instruction is given so that the ladies of society might know how to live to honor God. The Book of Proverbs has at least 22 verses which speak of **THE WOMAN** and at least 14 verses which speak of **MOTHERS**. The most commonly known and complete instruction given for women in Proverbs is chapter 31 where it speaks of the **VIRTUOUS WOMAN**. **ANY LADY WHO WANTS TO BE A GODLY WOMAN WILL SURELY SPEND TIME IN PROVERBS TO SEE WHAT THE WORD OF GOD HAS TO SAY ABOUT WOMEN WHO PLEASE AND HONOR GOD.** Today for a few minutes we are going to search the scriptures to see what they say about the **WOMAN WHO FEARS THE LORD. OUR KEY TEXT WILL BE PROVERBS 31:30,31.**

NOTE: The word “FEARETH” in the text means to have **GREAT HONOR FOR GOD THAT RESULTS IN OBEDIENCE, PRAISE AND WORSHIP**. On the practical level the word “FEARETH” means to have a **STATE OF MIND, ATTITUDES, ACTIONS, GOALS, FEELINGS AND DEEDS WHICH REFLECT THE CHARACTER OF GOD IN EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE.**

I. THE WOMAN WHO FEARS THE LORD HAS A SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION

- A. She has a Genuine Respect for God in Daily Life
- B. She has a Genuine Reflection for God in Personal Testimony

II. THE WOMAN WHO FEARS THE LORD HAS A SPECIFIC CONSTITUTION

NOTE: This speaks of her **SPIRITUAL MAKEUP and RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.**

- A. She knows the Lord Personally – John 17:3
 - By trusting Jesus Christ as her personal Savior
- B. She Learns about the Lord Progressively – 2 Peter 3:18.
 1. Through Bible Study
 2. Through Church Involvement
 3. Through Christian Fellowship
- C. She Teaches about the Lord Persistently – Titus 2:3,4
 1. To her own children
 2. Through local church ministry
- D. She Lives for the Lord Practically – 1 Timothy 5:14
 1. Through her Obedience to the Lord
 2. Through her Testimony for the Lord
- E. She Reflects the Lord Plainly – 1 Timothy 4:12
 1. In her Speech
 2. In her Attitudes
 3. In her Lifestyle

- F. She Worships the Lord Properly
 - 1. Through her Inward Respect for the Lord
 - 2. Through her Outward Response to the Lord

III. THE WOMAN WHO FEARS THE LORD DESERVES A SPECIFIC RECOGNITION

- A. Give her the Praise she is Due.
 - Treat her with kindness and godly manners
- B. Give her the Respect she is Due.
 - As she labors for others, see that what she does for others is extended back to her as well.

LESSON/APPLICATION

- 1) God made the woman out of man to complete him as it is not good for him to be alone – Genesis 2:18-23
- 2) God made the woman to bring children into the world – Genesis 3:20
- 3) God made the woman to be loved and respected by her husband and children – Ephesians 5:25; 6:2

WITHOUT THE WOMAN:

- 1) Society would not exist
- 2) Children would not be properly loved
- 3) Many ministries could not function.

THE CHALLENGE:

- 1) To All Women – Love, reflect and serve the Lord – By knowing Christ as your personal Savior and growing spiritually every day.
- 2) To all Men – Love, Honor and Respect Godly women – By giving her the care she deserves.