THE GODLY WOMAN

PROVERBS 31:10-31

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INTRO: Women, I have a very simply question for you? ARE YOU A GODLY WOMAN? If you are not sure about that answer, perhaps you could ask people around you to answer the question for you, as I am sure they would know. Would you consider doing that? Ask your family members, your work associates, your neighbors, your friends and your enemies. I am certain they all could give you a commentary on your godliness. Believe me…THEY KNOW! What do you think they would say? Godliness is a character trait EVERY CHRISTIAN WOMAN should have, and when she has it, everyone around her is affected in a positive way, and God is glorified. So, ask the question and give an honest answer: ARE YOU A GODLY WOMAN?

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DEFINITION OF GODLY: There are two Greek words for “godly” in the New Testament.

1) EUSABEIA: To be devout and to maintain a godly attitude.
2) THEOSEBEIA: To have a fear or reverence for God.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF GODLINESS: TO RESPECT GOD, TO FEAR GOD, TO SERVE GOD, AND TO OBEY GOD.

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GODLINESS IS DIRECTED IN TWO WAYS:

1) Toward God: He is feared, obeyed and respected.
2) Toward Others: They see a holy, devout and godly life style.

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I. THE GODLY WOMAN IS BORN AGAIN - JOHN 3:3-7

A. The Call to be Born Again is open to everyone.
B. To be Born Again means to be GIVEN NEW LIFE IN CHRIST BY TRUSTING CHRIST ALONE AS SAVIOR.
C. To be a Godly Woman, YOU MUST FIRST BE BORN AGAIN!

ILLUSTRATION:
APPLICATION: MA’AM, ARE YOU A GODLY WOMAN?

II. THE GODLY WOMAN AS A HELP-METE - GEN. 2:18-23

Note: The basic idea of a “HELP-METE” is to “complete,” or “to fulfill.” THE GODLY WOMAN COMPLETES AND FULFILLS HER HUSBAND.

A. By Way of Providing Prayer Support
B. By Way of Providing Emotional Support
C. By Way of Providing Social Support (Fellowship).
D. By Way of Providing Discretionary Support
E. By Way of Providing Spiritual Support

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III. THE GODLY WOMAN IN THE HOME - 1 TIM. 5:14,15
Note: The context here is for widows. But there are some definite applications.
   A. The Godly Woman Marries (Unless called by God to be single).
   B. The Godly Woman Bears Children (Unless prevented by God).
   C. The Godly Woman Guides the House (Gives spiritual direction to children and husband).
   D. The Godly Woman Maintains a Testimony (Does not give Satan any room to bring reproach on her or the household (By living a spirit-filled life).
   E. The Godly Woman is Careful (That she does not give herself to Satan).

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IV. THE GODLY WOMAN IN HONOR - PROV. 31:29-31
Note: This is in the context of the “virtuous woman.”
   A. To be “virtuous” means to be “excellent.” The GODLY WOMAN is therefore EXCELLENT, NOT PERFECT, BUT EXCELLENT IN ALL SITUATIONS.
   B. To be “excellent,” means to be “superior, good and to go beyond the ‘call of duty.’” in all things. The GODLY WOMAN, who is the VIRTUOUS WOMAN, is not satisfied with MEDIOCRITY.
   C. The woman who is therefore GODLY BY HER VIRTUE will be honored by all.
      1. Her Children Vs. 28a
      2. Her Husband Vs. 28b
      3. Her Associates Vs. 29-30

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V. THE GODLY WOMAN BEFORE GOD - HEB. 6:10
   A. God will remember the works of the Godly Woman.
   B. God will give a special reward to the Godly Woman.

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LESSON: THE GODLY WOMAN HAS BOTH EARTHLY AND HEAVENLY INFLUENCE. IN HEAVEN, GOD IS HONORED AND ANGELS REJOICE, ON EARTH PEOPLE ARE BLESSED.