

## The Woman Who Feels the Lord-

The Proverbs 31 Woman

### ***How to be the proverbs 31 woman in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?***

#### **NOTES**

(Proverbs 31:10-31)

10 An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.

Implies rarity. This kind of woman is not common, just like precious jewels

11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

She uses money wisely. She is not a spendthrift. She does not spend lavishly on expensive stuff.

12 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

Not speak negatively about him to others/ or to him/

If she earns more than him, he does not insult or embarrass him

She validates and affirm him before the kids

13 She seeks wool and flax and works with willing hands.

How can I help to augment the family's finance with my resources? This is her recurring question. Even if she stays at home, she is thinking, how can I help him with my talent and resources?

14 She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar.

She seeks for deals/ not just to spend lavishly on the expensive stuff. She handles money well. She purchases durable goods, as opposed to cheap

15 She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens.

She warns the kids to rise at early dawn for family worship. Sow in their hearts the good seeds before the devil sows his thorn.

She takes care of husband and children.

She is kind to others- She asks, How can I pour into my community?

16 She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

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**She is resourceful.**

**17 She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong.**

**She keeps herself healthy and looking good. She looks well to her health and appearance. She may not be Cinderella, but she makes the best of what she has. She keeps herself attractive before her own husband. Goes to the gym if she needs to.**

**18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.**

**She saves for the proverbial rainy day.**

**19 She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.**

**20 She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.**

**She loves people and think of how to enhance the well-being of others.**

**21 She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. She purchases durable goods as opposed to cheap**

**22 She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple.**

**23 Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land.**

**She supports her husband. She affirms and validates him. Provide for his needs. He looks good and makes great progress because of her involvement in his life. He is better for having her in his life.**

**24 She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant.**

**25 Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.**

**26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.**

**She thinks before she speaks. She does not tear down or destroy, but rather build up with her tongue**

**27 She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.**

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**28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:**

**She loves and cares for her children. Physically and emotionally. This woman deserves the praise and affirmation of her husband and children.**

**29 "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."**

**30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. She is committed to God. She is plugged into God.**

**31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.**

**She is worthy of praise.**

### **Additional Notes**

**She does not over-extend herself. She knows how to say "NO"**

**Not quick to cause strife**

**Is faithful to God with her resources- Tithe**

**She is thankful for what God has given her.**

**Be patient with husband if you work more than he does.**