

# Proverbs

## *A Noble Woman*

### Introduction

Faith is at the heart of femininity. From it flows confidence, beauty, and submission which are simply expressions of godly femininity. Without faith it is impossible to please God or be what he calls us to be.

### Discussion Questions

- In Proverbs there is much advice given to young men on what kind of woman to look for and what kind to avoid [12:4]. A noble woman and an excellent wife are priceless gifts [31:10] that are to be sought and desired [18:22]. What criteria are defining women today? What are men looking for? What are women trying to be?
- The virtuous woman is not idle [31:13-16]. She is willing to work hard for not only her sake, but for the sake of others [31:20]. What keeps you busy? Are you idle in your spirit? What are you waiting for? Are you working to help others or self-absorbed?
- Quite confidence is an expression of true strength [31:17]. Yet many women seek attention because of their insecurity [11:22]. Where do you find your security? Where do your strength and confidence come from?
- A woman has the power make her home a place of peace [31:26] or a place of distress [27:15]. The true home-wrecker for women is a spirit of contention [21:19]. A wise woman builds her world up instead of tearing it down [14:1]. How would others categorize your speech? Is kindness on your lips or contention? Are you more likely to speak your mind or hold your tongue?
- Pleasing God results in the praise of people who recognize the blessings of godliness [31:28-31]. Beauty and charm are superficial qualities in a world that needs the enduring attributes of character and integrity. Those that matter most will value what truly matters. What superficial things are you most likely to concern yourself with? Why? How do you seek the praise of people? How do you handle praise from people?

### Think About It

The noble woman has faith in what God has done and who he says she is. She doesn't strive for approval. Her faith gives her confidence and assurance. Her works will make her recognizable, but they are not what make her precious and beautiful. Faith in God does that.

### What Will You Do?

Seek the treasure that God treasures. Look to Jesus who was neither beautiful or desirable in the worldly sense. His rejection is your acceptance. Walk in a manner worthy of this good news instead of waiting for some other good news to come along.

### Renewing Your Mind

*He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD.*  
[Proverbs 18:22]

*An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rottenness in his bones.* [Proverbs 12:4]

*The wisest of women builds her house, but folly with her own hands tears it down.* [Proverbs 14:1]

*An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.*  
[Proverbs 31:10]

*It is better to live in a desert land than with a quarrelsome and fretful woman.* [Proverbs 21:19]

*Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman without discretion.*  
[Proverbs 11:22]

*Women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works.* [1 Timothy 2:9-10]

*Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair, the wearing of gold, or the putting on of clothing—but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves.* [1 Peter 3:3-5]

*Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.* [Proverbs 31:30]

### Prayer Requests

*Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."* [Luke 1:38]

