

A TOPICAL STUDY OF THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

Lesson 16

SECTION : TREASURES IN PROVERBS

TOPIC: The Woman Worthy of Praise

INTRODUCTION

As you are now nearing completion of your topical study of Proverbs, we pray that you have sensed how precious your life is to God. He has given you specific guidelines to keep your hearts pure and open before him. May the wisdom that you have received from your diligent studies continue as you grow in Him!

In His "final act" of this book on wisdom, God draws us a portrait of one who epitomizes all that *He* desires a woman to be. Speaking of the Proverbs 31 woman, Derek Kidner wrote, "Her charm and her success owe nothing to chance, because her outlook and her influence have the solid foundation of the fear and wisdom of God." Interwoven throughout these 22 verses are the qualities that make a woman worthy of praise. Truly this woman is an example to us of one whose utmost desire was to fear God and seek excellence - a goal worth pursuing!!!

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Read Proverbs 31:10-31. Write down all that this remarkable woman does and is...
(Use a Living Bible or other translation to help bring these verses to life.)

vs. 10 -

vs. 11-12 -

vs. 13 -

vs. 14 -

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vs. 15 -

vs. 16 -

vs. 17 -

vs. 18 -

vs. 19 -

vs. 20 -

vs. 21 -

vs. 22 -

vs. 24 -

vs. 25 -

vs. 26 -

vs. 27 -

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SCRIPTURE REACTION

In what way did you find the following qualities: surrender, obedience, discipline, purity, discretion, gentle and quiet spirit, wisdom. Make a note of the verses where these qualities are evident.

What rewards await "the woman worthy of praise" ? (Proverbs 31:28-31)

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SCRIPTURAL ACTION

What desirable character traits did you see for you own life as a woman of God?

What specific actions can you take to develop these characteristics?

SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE

When we think of women in the Bible whose lives are "worthy of praise", many names come to mind. Look up the following passages and write down the excellent traits you find about these women.

Sarah - Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-13; Hebrews 11:11; I Peter 3:6; Ephesians 5:22-23

Ruth - Ruth 2:1-23; 3:1; 4:13

Abigail - I Samuel 25:23-42; James 3:17