

The Wife of Noble Character

➤ 10 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. 11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. 12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. 13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. 14 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. 15 She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family and portions for her servant girls. 16 She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. 17 She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. 18 She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. 19 In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. 20 She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. 21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. 22 She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. 23 Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. 24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. 25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. 26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. 27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 29 "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." 30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. 31 Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate. Prov 31:10 - 31 NIV

➤ 22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Eph 5:22-24 NIV

➤ 1 Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, 2 when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. 3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. 4 Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. 5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands, 6 like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

1 Peter 3:1-6 NIV

**Characteristics of the Wife of Noble Character
(Proverbs 31:10-31)**

Her husband trusts in her because:

- 1. She perpetually brings him good Proverbs 31:12**
- 2. She is shrewd with the household finances vs. 13-14; 16**
- 3. She is industrious vs. 15a**
- 4. She makes her household her primary focus vs. 15b**
- 5. She is skilled at all things domestic vs. 19**
- 6. She helps those in need vs. 20**
- 7. She does not worry vs. 21**
- 8. She dresses attractively and with dignity vs. 22**
- 9. She supports her husband and promotes his success vs. 23**
- 10. She supplements her husband's income through an "in home" business vs. 24**
- 11. She is strong and poised vs. 25**
- 12. She is wise and is able to teach vs. 26**
- 13. She is a great manager vs. 27**
- 14. She submits to her husband's leadership Eph. 5:22-24; 1 Peter. 3:1 & 5**
- 15. She is pure, reverent, gentle and calm 1 Peter 3:2 & 4**
- 16. Most importantly, she fears the Lord Proverbs 31:30**

The results: Her children love her; her husband holds her in the highest regard. Her family flourishes!!!

Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. Titus 2:3-5 NIV

