

**December 20, 2015**

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**Proverbs 31:10-31**

**“Biblical Womanhood - Part 3”**

**1. A rare woman – v10**

**2. Her character as a wife - v11-12**

**3. Domestically industrious - v13-24**

**4. Praised for her great character - v25-31**

### **Thoughts for Sabbath Meditation and Discussion:**

1. Matthew Henry wrote: “But he that designs to marry ought to seek diligently for such a one, to have this principally in his eye, in all his enquiries, and to take heed that he be not biased by beauty or fun, wealth or parentage, dressing well or dancing well; for all these may be and yet the woman not be virtuous, and there is many a woman truly virtuous who yet is not recommended by these outward qualities.” Discuss.

2. Read 1 Peter 3:3-4; 1 Tim 2:9; Titus 2:3-5. Review from last week: What are the characteristics of a godly woman?

3. Read Proverbs 11:22. Why ought all young unmarried men to memorize this passage?

4. Read 1 Kings 11:1-3; Ecclesiastes 7:26-28. What did King Solomon find to be true of women in his experience? Why?

5. The prohibition against adultery (Exodus 20:14) along with the clear qualifications for officers in the church to be the "husbands of one wife" (1 Timothy 3:2, 12; Titus 1:6) clearly show us that God requires a man to be a "one woman" man. There is an old Spanish proverb that goes: “A man who loves many women actually loves none of them. And a man who loves one woman, has loved them all.” How does this capture the biblical truth (especially in Solomon's life)?

6. The kind of woman described in Proverbs 31:10-31 is as rare as rubies. Read v11-12. Why is it so rare that a woman's husband's heart would safely trust her? And why is it so rare that a wife would actually do her husband good and not evil all the days of her life?

7. Discuss Proverbs 31:25. Why does this godly woman rejoice in the days to come in her life?

8. Read Proverbs 31:29. What is the significance of the manner in which her husband praises her in terms of how she ranks in his heart and affections?