

A HYMN FOR THE HEROINE OF THE HOME *Proverbs 31:10-31*

“Who can find a virtuous wife?” uses the same word meaning “heroic” as “mighty men of _____”
Proverbs 31:10-31 is an _____ : each verse begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet
This poem was recited every Friday evening, as the _____ began, by Jewish husbands and children
The secret to becoming more like this model woman is the _____ of the Lord—a right relationship with Him

I. THE MARKS OF A WISE AND GODLY _____

A. Her _____ (Her Work Ethic)

- 1) A woman in the ancient Near East could spend much time _____ : there was no Walmart!
- 2) This woman has servants and money: she could pursue leisure but takes pleasure in _____
- 3) This woman’s sense of satisfaction illustrates that a woman’s ego is tied to her _____

B. Her _____

She is an _____ riser (v.15) and she is no procrastinator—she plans for the _____ (v.21)

C. Her _____

- 1) She keeps up her appearance (v.22) but she also realizes that true beauty is _____ beauty (v.25)
- 2) V.30 teaches that outward beauty must fade, but _____ beauty of the spirit can grow over time

II. THE MARKS OF A WISE AND GODLY _____

A. Her Husband _____ Her _____ 31:11 & 16

- 1) The ideal husband _____ the ideal wife and because he does, so he prospers financially
- 2) Gen.2 calls the wife a helper who _____ : her view is given to him to complete his viewpoint
- 3) Most men reason _____ while most women reason _____ --“women’s intuition”

B. She _____ Her Husband _____ 31:12 & 23

- 1) The wife is to aid/support her husband in accomplishing the _____ which he as the leader sets forth
- 2) This woman’s husband is a prominent _____ because she is behind him, doing him good
- 3) Contrary to what women are taught today, they can have their own lives and interests yet make their _____ priority doing their husbands good and furthering the goals of their homes and families

III. THE MARKS OF A WISE AND GODLY _____

A. She _____ Her Family Well _____ 31:21

B. She _____ Her Family Well _____

C. She _____ Her Family Well _____ 31:26

D. She _____ Her Family Well _____ 31:27

3 RESPONSES: 1) Children of any age must give such a mother their gratitude and _____

2) A woman’s ego is attached to her _____ with her husband; he must also praise and call her blessed

3) It is in the context of her _____ with the LORD that a woman will build strength of character worthy of praise