

5. **She carefully plans for the well-being of her family**  
21, 25

6. **The excellent woman will be rewarded** 28-31

The reward of godliness is longer lasting this side of eternity, but most importantly it is eternal | **Ti 4:8**

The way to a long lasting reward | **Ti 2:9-11**

**CONCLUSION:** 30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, *but* a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised

a) Middle age crisis:

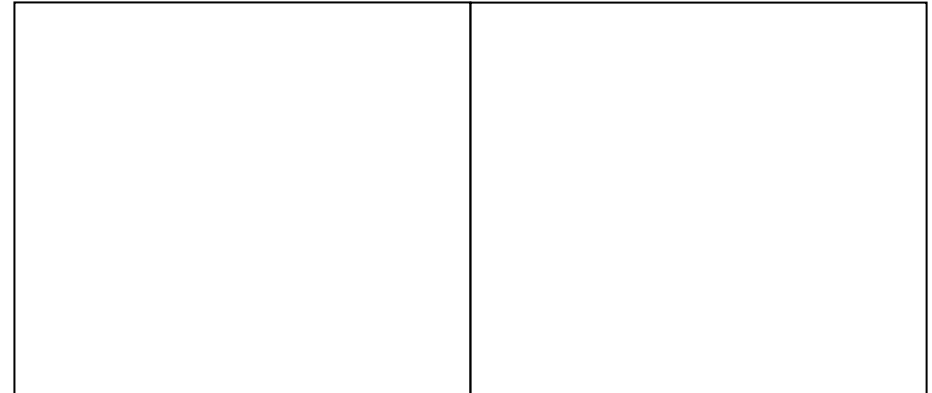
b) Young and single men: Pr 6:26

c) Where is Christ in this sermon?:

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## The Priority of the Glory of God #12 In our family life (3)

### Introduction:

**Review:** We have considered the priority of the Glory of God in our redemption, in our worship, in our prayer life, in our good works and more recently, the priority of the Glory of God in our family life.

### The family in God's purpose to Glorify Himself

1. From the beginning, God set man on earth to live in a family
2. He purposed to work in Redemptive History through families
3. The immediate family of a believer is under a covenant shelter!

### The Man of a God-Glorifying home

1. From Eph 5:26-ff he must be: a loving man
  2. From I Ts 2:10-12 this man must be: firm and yet tender as a father
  3. From I Co 14:34-35 he must be: a man of the Book
  4. From Matthew 7:7-11 he must be: a caring provider
- Conclusion: a model of servant-leadership like his Savior Mk 10:45

**Thesis:** The Woman of a God-Glorifying home - Read Pr 31:15-31

**My purpose:** I do not intend to beat you down and have you leave church guilty, despondent and defeated.

**Reference:** Pastor Stu Johnston's sermons.

**Method:** *six traits* about the woman whose priority is the Glory of God

### 1. She is the most valuable commodity in her house 10-12

10 An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels

**Def.:** The "excellent wife": the Hebrew word means strength & power, valiant, even the strength of an army.

**a. Against the stereotype:** strength is mentioned twice in the passage  
17 She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong  
25 Strength and dignity are her clothing, And she smiles at the future.

### b. She is the source of unmixed good:

11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, And he will have no lack of gain.  
12 She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

### c. Her worth exceeds that of "rubies"

A rebellious, demanding and contentious woman is not a cause of gain to her husband, but of great loss. **Pr 25:24**

### 2. This woman is industrious and diligent

- a. She is creative in her domestic abilities to the benefit of her family 13,14
- b. She also has commercial abilities that bring profit to her family 16

We cannot deny that this *text praises the woman who is able to enrich her family*, not at the expense of abandoning her primary sphere of dominion which is the home

- c. The excellent woman is hard-working and entrepreneurial 18, 19, 24
- d. She is a good administrator and tenacious
- e. Practical: dividers versus multipliers / consumers versus increasers

### 3. The virtuous woman is caring, kind and sensible 15, 20, 26

- a. She is sensible to the needy and helps them materially
- b. She is a woman of true spirituality.
- c. Practical: "may your words be with grace, and seasoned with salt" in order to bring grace to the hearers.

### 4. Her character and labors are visible in the small details 21-23

- a. Her diligence shows:
  - home decoration
  - orderliness.
  - the way her family dresses.

b. Practical: vs 27 She **looks well to the ways of her household**, And does not eat the bread of idleness.

*The tracks of her diligence are observable in the sphere of her dominion*