

A High Value of a Good Wife (v. 10)

⌘ A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.

B Husband Benefited by Wife (vv. 11-12)

⌘ The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

⌘ She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

C Wife Works Hard (vv. 13-19)

⌘ She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.

⌘ She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away.

⌘ She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant girls.

⌘ She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

⌘ She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.

⌘ She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.

⌘ She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle

D Wife Gives to the Poor (v. 20)

⌘ She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.

E No Fear of Weather (v. 21a)

⌘ She is not afraid for her household when it snows,

F Household Clothed in Crimson (v. 21b)

for all her household are clothed in crimson.

G Personal Coverings and Clothing (v. 22)

⌘ She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

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H Public Respect for Husband (v. 23)

⌘ Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land.

G' Sells Garments and Sashes (v. 24)

⌘ She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes.

F' Wife Clothed in Dignity (v. 25a)

⌘ Strength and dignity are her clothing

E' No Fear of Future (v. 25b)

and she laughs at the time to come

D' Wife Speaks Wisdom (v. 26)

⌘ She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue

C' Wife Works Hard (v. 27)

⌘ She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

B' Children Praise Wife (vv. 28-29)

⌘ Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her.

⌘ “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.”

A' High value of a good wife (v. 30-31)

⌘ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

⌘ Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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