

## Perfectly Designed

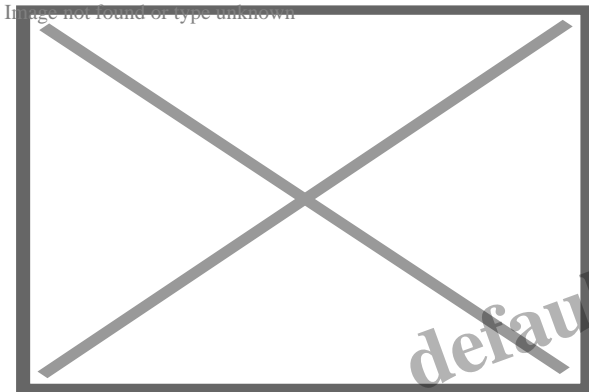
### Description

**“A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.**

**Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.**

**She brings him good, not harm all the days of her life.”**

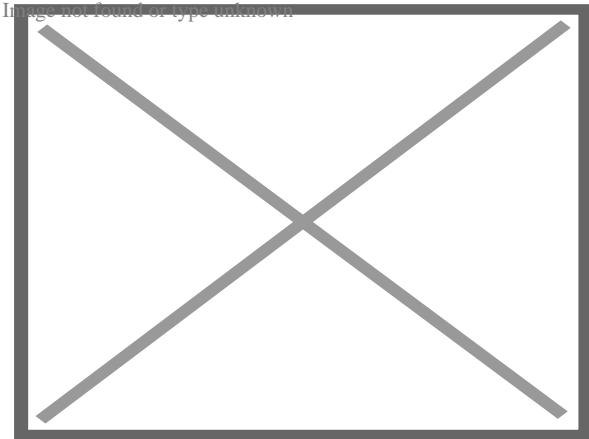
**~Proverbs 31:10-12**



Celebrating God's Design ~ Daily

What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day then to remind ourselves of what God expects of us? Solomon wrote the words of the Proverbs to young men warning them to stay away from promiscuous women. He shared this Proverb to help young men learn what kind of women they should be looking for. We often read it as a list of expectations, but I think we need to remember that marriage is a team effort. It takes two players to bring out this list of qualities.

Now I want to remember the single people who are reading this devotional too. Let me remind you that God wants you to prepare yourself as the woman in this passage too. He wants you to become the man who brings these qualities out in the Proverbs 31 woman. Our eyes need to turn to the Lord! We need to search the things of God and find what is lacking in ourselves, so we can become the full package for marriage. Marriage does not complete life, it only enhances life. God is calling us to grow daily in Him, so that we can reflect what Scripture says to each other. Let's take a look at this Proverb and find the virtues for our lives!



Beauty flows from a loving God! “We love because he first loved us.” ~1 John 4:19

1. **Beauty** ~ vs. 10, 20, 21, 22, 30

**Women** ~ Your worth comes from deep within. A heart dedicated to the Lord and His purpose. Your beauty comes from knowing God and reflecting His desires in your life.

**Men** ~ How will you become the man who brings out beauty in the woman you have married or the woman you one day will marry? ~Ephesians 5:25-27 – How will you protect a woman’s noble character?

2. **Trustworthy** ~ vs. 11-12, 23, 28, 31 “...all the days of your life.”

**Women** ~ The greatest gift you can give to your husband is respect. Admire him and trust him! Esteem him! Even now, before you know him... pray for him and entrust him to the Lord’s hands!

**Men** ~ The greatest gift you can give to your wife is love. Find out what her love language is and learn to speak it well. Even now, before you know her... pray for her, as she is waiting for you. Pray for her protection and that God’s arms will hold her tight through the nights she waits for you.

3. **Diligent** ~ vs. 13, 16, 19, 24, 27

**Women** ~ A virtuous woman uses her time wisely. She is diligent in the tasks that are given to her. She is full of zeal for the Lord and the work He has put before her.

**Men** ~ Your love for a woman increases her zeal, her diligence, and her drive for the Lord. She will be victorious in her marriage, her family, her ministry, and with her friends, if she knows your love is there to support her! May you continue to pray for the woman in your life or that has yet to join your life. God will use your prayers to help her become victorious!

4. **Spirit of Readiness** ~ vs. 14, 15, 18

**Women** ~ A noble woman is always ready to do the right thing for God. She is ready to provide for her family, long before they know they need that provision. She often keeps long hours without complaining. Single women ~ May you prepare yourself through prayer to be a woman ready to give

God's best to the family He will one day provide for you. Your relationship with God is the single most important thing you will ever cultivate in and out of marriage. It will give you the most successful marriage!

**Men** ~ The love of your life always has your best in mind. She is concerned about your health, your provision, your needs, your wants, and so much more! Take time to appreciate her! It goes a long ways! Single men ~ Choose wisely! Pray for a woman who puts God first and foremost in her life.

#### 5. **Strength & Wisdom** ~ vs. 17, 25, 26

**Women** ~ True strength comes from God alone. We cannot operate from our own strength. We will fail ourselves many times over, but with God's strength operating through us... we can conquer the world. Remember, "*the one who is in you is greater than he who is in the world* (1 John 4:4)."

**Men** ~ The truth is we are stronger when we work with you as a team. "*Two are better than one...* (Ecclesiastes 4:9)." We are grateful when you take time to listen, encourage us, and strengthen us by being there. Thank you for being the iron that sharpens us daily! "*As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another* (Proverbs 27:17)." Single men ~ Your prayers will continue to sharpen the wife you have yet to know!

*Dear Father God, Thank You for my dear husband who continues to bring out the best in me. I pray for him today that You will watch over him and protect him. May You guide his steps and continue to counsel him in Your ways. I praise You for the work You are doing in our marriage. I'm grateful for every day that You give us! May today be a celebration of Your design and the opportunity You have given us to love each other. Today I celebrate a marriage built on You! The Rock of my salvation! Thank You for a husband who loves You, serves You, and cherishes me through You! All honor, glory, and praise is due Your name!*

Celebrating God's Design,

Sarah

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