

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Proverbs 31:10-22.**
- B. This is the fifth in a series of 7 lessons on God's Woman of Valor. Previous lessons are:
  - 1. The Xian Example (1Pet. 3:1-5).
  - 2. The Xian Deaconess (Rom. 16:1-2).
  - 3. The Xian Wife (Gen. 2:18-24).
  - 4. The Xian Mother (1Sam. 2:18-24).
- C. Tonight and next week, the following topics:
  - 1. God's Woman of Valor: Woman of Valor [Part 2] (Prov.31:23-31).
  - 2. The Xian Mentor (Titus 2:3-5).
- D. This morning, **God's Woman of Valor: Her Sphere and Her Character.**

## I. HER SPHERE.

- A. IN MARRIAGE (Prov. 31:10).
  - An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels.*
  - 1. The typical woman that God wants is not a mystical bride of X, or a virgin Mary, or a political leader, or ruler. We see her in Sarah, in Naomi, in Hannah, and in Eunice.
  - 2. Don't let the world convince you that there is a more noble service to the world, outside the home.
  - 3. One good spiritual work never competes with another. It is just as beneficial to "stay home with the baggage" than it is to "fight on the front lines" (1Sam. 30:24).
- B. IN THE WORK OF THE HOME (Prov. 31:15,18).
  - (Prov 31:15) She rises also while it is still night, And gives food to her household, And portions to her maidens.*
  - (Prov 31:18) She senses that her gain is good; Her lamp does not go out at night.*
  - 1. The virtuous woman is one who is will to rise early and stay up late to be of service to those in her home.
  - 2. Her gain is good because it is borne out in the fruit attained by those she is helping. The best service a person can render is that which helps another to their job even better.
- C. WITH THE DOMESTIC RESPONSIBILITY (Prov. 31:12, 19, 21).
  - (Prov 31:12) She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.*
  - (Prov 31:19) She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hands grasp the spindle.*
  - (Prov 31:21) She is not afraid of the snow for her household, For all her household are clothed with scarlet.*
  - 1. Aristotle said, "If women be good, the half of the commonwealth may be happy where they are."
  - 2. Luther said, "The greatest gift of God is a pious, amiable spouse, who fears God, loves his house, and with whom one can live in perfect confidence."
  - 3. The woman of valor is a person who knows their responsibility in the home and keeps it. She does her husband good, she works hard at her tasks, and she is not afraid of danger for she is prepared. (This breeds confidence.)

## II. HER CHARACTER.

- A. TRUSTWORTHINESS (Prov. 31:11, 27).
  - (Prov 31:11) The heart of her husband trusts in her, And he will have no lack of gain.*
  - (Prov 31:27) She looks well to the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness.*
  - 1. "Behind every good man, there is a great woman."
  - 2. "She is the rich source of revenue to her husband in all good things."
  - 3. Her work in the home is pleasing to her husband. She is a source of fame, complacency, and confidence to the man who is blessed enough to call her "mine."
- B. INDUSTRIOUS (Prov. 31:13-14).
  - (Prov 31:13) She looks for wool and flax, And works with her hands in delight.*

**(Prov 31:14)** She is like merchant ships; She brings her food from afar.

1. The woman of valor considers that work is a virtue worth pursuing.
2. Laziness and idleness are of the devil, and if one is to be “worth their salt” they will work hard and long to accomplish their tasks.
3. While busy looking, going, and working; God’s woman finds joy in what she does.

C. THRIFTY (Prov. 31:16).

**She considers a field and buys it; From her earnings she plants a vineyard.**

1. Good women know a bargain when they see, and will buy it. (Why do you think there are so many sale ads in the papers- women are always looking for a sale.)
2. But the purchasing of a field at a good price is not an end in and of itself. The field will be used for produce. She will return her investment over many times by working the field to its capacity.
3. The woman of valor is one who will always use her money wisely.

D. STRONG (Prov. 31:17,25).

**(Prov. 31:17)** She girds herself with strength, And makes her arms strong.

**(Prov 31:25)** Strength and dignity are her clothing, And she smiles at the future.

1. She is strong in two ways; physically and mentally.
2. The woman of valor knows to keep her body strong by exercise, good eating, and moderation in all things. She will pace herself so that she has the energy to do her tasks.
3. The woman of valor is mentally strong. She believes the old adage, “I don’t know what the future holds, but I know Who holds the future.” Good mental health includes being able to face each day with wisdom, laughter, and charm.
4. Abraham Lincoln said, “People are about as happy as they choose to be.”

E. LOVING AND BENEVOLENT (Prov. 31:20).

**She extends her hand to the poor; And she stretches out her hands to the needy.**

1. The woman of valor is not driven by selfish greed to improve her means and enlarge her revenues. She is sympathizing and charitable, and loves to extend to others the blessings which have rewarded her efforts.
2. And what is interesting is that no one can out give God. If the virtuous women will continue to be benevolent to others she will never be in need.

F. GRACIOUS IN SPEECH (Prov. 31:26).

**She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.**

1. A woman who lies, curses, and gossips is not lovable! Those who are gracious in speech are attractive, likable, and sought after.
2. The woman of valor will guide her family w/words of wisdom. When she speaks, you had better listen, because it will not be words of gossip, idle chatter, or empty flattery.
3. One translation says, “in her tongue is the law of kindness.” Ladies, is that true of your life? Are your words the standard by which kindness can be measured?

## CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. God needs faithful women to do His will.
- B. A wonderful check-list of spiritual maturity! What things are you lacking?
- C. Next lesson: God’s Woman of Valor, Her Reward and Her Religion.
- D. To become a woman of valor, one must obey X.
- E. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.