

THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN IN THE FAMILY

TEXT: PROVERB 31:10-31

I. The Family

- Family consists of the husband, the wife, the children
- The one that attracts greatest blessing is the wife that is virtuous
- Virtue is an embodiment of excellent qualities desirable personality traits, endearing comporment that every man longs for in His wife

II. Characteristics

- (a) Love and care – John 13:34, Prov. 31:11, 12, Titus 2:4, Rom 12:9, 13 – exhibits Christ-like love for husband, children and members of her household. Her husband happiness are becomes primary goal.
- (b) Submission and obedience – Vs 28, 1 Pet 3:1-6, Eph 5:22-24 Col 3:18 – respects, honour, and submit willingly to her husband’s authority and obey him – she rejects with humility and meekness things outside bible
- (c) Faithfulness – vs 11, 1 Tim 3:11 – confidence prudent in financial time management – helpmeet to her husband
- (d) Industry – skillful home maker – wakes up early to began days works – diligent and tireless labour, wisely done, meet domestic needs of home
- (e) Wisdom – vs 26, Pro 15:1,2, 1 Sam 25:23-38, Prov 14:1 edifying words, good listener, sensitive to the Holy Spirit.
- (f) Purity – Matt 5:8, 48, Heb 12:14 In word, thought, deeds and able to be at peace with God and man, discipline, diligent, dependable and full of faith, calm, praise God in all situation - Prov 31:9, 20, 2 kings 4:26

III. Biblical example

- ❖ Greatest woman are not those in “public news”
 - ❖ Greatness comes from a woman being what he ought to be biblically
- (1) Hannah - 1 Samuel 1:1-21, 2:1-21 provoked but never alter any vain words. Her prayer and faith brought blessing of Samuel.
 - (2) Abigail – 1 Sam 25:18-32
Wisdom and kind words – prevent blood shed
 - (3) Esther – Esther 2:7-10, 15-20, 4:1-12, 5:1-4, 7-10 Respectful to a pagan husband – sinless, loyalty, wisdom and brave won her husband’s heart, saved her people.
 - (4) Lois and Eunice - 2 Tim 1:5 – trained Timothy for ministry, loved the Lord
 - (5) Ruth – Ruth 1:16-18. Consistent, genuine love for her mother-in-law respect her, followed her to serve Living God, later became grand mother of Jesus her affection won Boaz
 - (6) Huldah – 2 Chro 34:22-33 – Submissive to God/her husband authority faithfulness/effectively discharged her duties as a housewife and a servant of God. (Catheme Book, Susannah Wesley, Florence Booth, Martin Luther’s wife etc.

IV. Steps to Becoming Virtuous Woman

- (a) Genuine Conversion – 1 John 1:9, John 3:3, Roman 10:9-10, 2 Cor 5:17.
Confess, repent, forsake sin, accept Jesus pray for purity of heart then power from on high
- (b) Fervent Praying Habit – Matt 7:7, Phil 4:16 Lk 18:1
- (c) Constant study and meditation on the Word and complete obedience to the Word of God – Joshua 1:8, 2 Timothy 1:19
- (d) Regular self examination – 2 Cor 13:5

A virtuous woman always influence her home, church and society.