

# Being the Wife of Noble Character

*"If I'm worth more than rubies, then sell me and pay off the mortgage!"*

Ladies, are there days when you get to thinking thoughts like that? When you look in the mirror and feel more like the 'Wicked Witch' than that saintly woman in Proverbs 31?

When I was asked to write this article, I went back and re-read Proverbs 31 with new eyes- and felt a flush creep up the back of my neck! Children "arising and calling me blessed?" It's usually children arising and saying, "Mom! I'm hungry!" My 'wool and flax' have suffered some days as my 'eager hands' have picked up a good book, and I've gained a few pounds eating that "bread of idleness" (with dipping sauce!)

It is interesting, though, that I immediately focused on the negative: things I hadn't done, or hadn't done well. Why were my first thoughts not of my accomplishments, of my successes? My three years of



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home schooling, my summers of babysitting, cooking good meals for my family- the list goes on.

Too often, Satan (woman's greatest opponent since the Garden of Eden!) gets us so focused on what we haven't done that we lose the ability to remember the great things that we have done; In doing that, we not only feel inadequate with ourselves, we lose the courage to great things in the future for ourselves and our families. What a hoax! What a waste!

A verse that I have come to rely on when those negative thoughts try to intrude is: \*"Get behind me, Satan! (he said) You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." Satan needs

to get behind me. I do not want him in front of me, where I might be tempted to follow him. I do not want him beside me, like a familiar friend. I want him behind me; but I must never forget to watch my back, because the enemy never sleeps! It is his greatest delight when we women despair and fall victim to his manipulations, for we are taking our focus off of who God has made us. Wives! Mothers!

Ladies, the most important thing to remember is that the 'Proverbs woman' was a woman just like us. It has been said that she was the mother of King Lemuel, and that he wrote the passage about her. What are the first 9 verses of Proverbs 31 about? What his mother was telling him to do!

Don't we spend our days telling our children what to do? "Pick it up, put it back, clean it up, eat it all, don't hit, don't whine, and stop fighting!"

We may not know what a 'distaff' is, and wearing purple might be for old

ladies, but we know how to manage our homes, our husbands, our children, and our jobs.

How? Because God has given us the ability to be our 'very own' Proverbs woman; perfectly suited to our own husbands and families.

So, ladies, the next time Satan comes lurking around, trying to get you down, tell him to get behind you., and think to yourself: "Yes, I am worth more than rubies, but you won't see a dime!"

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*Seek Me and live*

*Amos 5:6*

## Just a Thought...



**Proverb.** The book of Proverbs is divided into 31 chapters of wisdom, making it possible to read one chapter everyday. How much would we benefit if we

commonly absorbed the wisdom of kings every morning over coffee instead of the news? What if the *Book of Proverbs* were required reading in High School, right along side *Lord of the Flies* and *Animal Farm*? What if the little kids in preschools were taught to sing song Proverbs along with Mother

Goose? Would it affect the generation growing up to be less violent and more loving?

If reading Proverbs could change our society for the better, then how can we get our society to read them? Just a thought...