

**“The Value of a Woman”  
Proverbs 31:10-31**

**What is the worth of a godly wife?**

In Somalia 50 camels.

In Delhi, a new scooter, furniture, appliances, and thousands of rupees.

To King Saul, 100 Philistine lives.

To Kenny McCaughey (father of septuplets), priceless.

The Virtuous woman (wife of noble character) in Proverbs 31, is a model or ideal.

**Gives us characteristics and examples for all of us:**

Men and women, married and single.

***"AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR  
HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND,  
AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH."*** —Mark 12:30

**1. Soul**

Trustworthy—I've got your back

Proverbs 31:11, 12, & 23.

**If we have failed or others have failed us:**

- ❖ Ask for or offer forgiveness.
- ❖ Take or give opportunities to rebuild trust.

Confidence—There is nothing that God and I cannot face together.

Proverbs 31:18, 21, & 25.

Sermon in a sentence, from Psalm 23, "God says, 'And there is nothing that you and I cannot face together.'"

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me...”  
--Psalm 23:4

**2. Mind**—Takes time to rest, study, think, and reflect.

Notice the verbs of Proverbs 31:13, 16, 26, & 27.

Selects, considers, speaks with wisdom, watches.

3. **Strength**—love God with all your very much.

**Hard Working**—works, plants, holds, and grasps.  
Proverbs 31:13, 16, 17, 19, & 31.

Greatest strategy for victory over depression and discouragement—**work** forward.

**Zealous**—with all your might.

Proverbs 31:13, 15, 17, 18, 25, & 27.

Zeal comes from hearts **stirred** beyond themselves.

The virtuous woman is stirred by a **love** for God and **passion** to serve Him and others.

4. **Heart**—for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. –Matt. 6:21

To **family**: Proverbs 31:12, 15, & 27

To **others**: Proverbs 31:20

**Conclusion: Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Worth.**

*“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”*  
--Proverbs 9:10

**Being a virtuous person is not about working harder, but**

- ❖ **knowing** the Holy One.
- ❖ **being** the Lord’s.

**What are you worth?**

You are worth the **life** of God’s Son.

*“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”*  
–Romans 5:8

**Memory Verse:**

*Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.*  
–Proverbs 31:30