

THE WIFE OF NOBLE CHARACTER

Proverbs 31:10-31

Many gemologists opine that a flawless ruby of rare color will be much more expensive than a diamond of similar weight. And God in His wisdom said, that the lady of the home – a wife of noble character – is far more precious! Proverbs 31:10 says: "A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies." Why is there so much value given to a wife of noble character?

1. She is a blessing to her husband (vv. 11-12, 23)

- The summary of her care: She brings him good not harm, all her life.
- The outcome of her care: Her husband is both respected and accomplished.

2. She is a blessing to her household and community (vv. 13-24)

- a) She blesses her household with added income (vv. 13-19, 22)
- b) She blesses her household with food (v. 15)
- c) She blesses the needy of the community (v. 20)
- d) She blesses with her business the entire community (v. 24)

3. She is a blessing to her children (vv. 26-27)

- She sets a good example.
- She speaks with wisdom and faithful instruction.
- She manages the household well.

Conclusion:

God gave this list for our ladies today, not to discourage or disparage, but to inspire and instruct. He said: "Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." And what is her reward? Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all" (vv. 28-30).

The bottom line is this: "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised."

A BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MOTHERS!