

## The Virtuous Wife

<sup>10</sup>Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth *is* far above rubies.

<sup>11</sup>The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain.

<sup>12</sup>She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

<sup>13</sup>She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands.

<sup>14</sup>She is like the merchant ships, She brings her food from afar.

<sup>15</sup>She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household,  
And a portion for her maidservants. <sup>16</sup>She considers a field and buys it;  
From her profits she plants a vineyard.

<sup>17</sup>She girds herself with strength, And strengthens her arms. <sup>18</sup>She perceives that her  
merchandise *is* good, And her lamp does not go out by night.

<sup>19</sup>She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hand holds the spindle. <sup>20</sup>She extends her  
hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.<sup>21</sup>

She is not afraid of snow for her household, For all her household *is* clothed with scarlet. <sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup>She makes tapestry for herself; Her clothing *is* fine linen and purple.

<sup>23</sup>Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land.

<sup>24</sup>She makes linen garments and sells *them*, And supplies sashes for the merchants.

<sup>25</sup>Strength and honor *are* her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue *is* the law of kindness.

<sup>27</sup>She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness.

<sup>28</sup>Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband *also*, and he praises her: <sup>29</sup>“Many  
daughters have done well, But you excel them all.”

<sup>30</sup>Charm *is* deceitful and beauty *is* passing,

But a woman *who* fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

<sup>31</sup>Give her of the fruit of her hands, And let her own works praise her in the gates.