

Volume 2 Books of Poetry Proverbs 31:27 – 28

"She looks well to the ways of her household, and doesn't eat the fruit of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." Proverbs 31:27-28

This virtuous woman – this gift of the Lord – sets an example, not only of a portrait of godly womanhood, but of diligent Christian living. The routine of life can easily ensnare us to place our own personal needs first, especially in our modern convenience oriented society.

The Christian is always called to place the needs of others before their own needs. "Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves, Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." (Philippians 2:3 – 4).

The Christian is always called to be productive and fruitful; thus honoring and glorifying the Lord God. (John 15:8).

The virtuous woman sets the pace then by her example! She is motivated to serve by her love for her family; her love enables her to continue giving when others long ago have run out of willingness or energy to love. The Christian woman, wife and mother has another well from which to tap an abiding flow of love for God Himself will fill her heart as she comes to the end of her own love! "Love (*Agape*) never fails." (1 Corinthians 13:8).

Every Christian is called to this "love life." To lay our lives down for others even as the virtuous woman does for her family. "For the love of Christ constrains me." (2 Corinthians 5:14).

Give thanks for those women in your life who have served you and cared for you, often without thanks and often without regard for their own weariness!

("Thank You Lord for my wife, Patty, who is such an example of Your tireless love – caring for me and my family!")

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