

# Mother's Day

Intro: In Pro. 31:10-31 <sup>10</sup>Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies. <sup>11</sup>The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. <sup>12</sup>She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. <sup>13</sup>She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. <sup>14</sup>She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. <sup>15</sup>She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. <sup>16</sup>She considereth a field, and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. <sup>17</sup>She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. <sup>18</sup>She perceiveth that her merchandise *is* good: her candle goeth not out by night. <sup>19</sup>She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. <sup>20</sup>She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. <sup>21</sup>She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household *are* clothed with scarlet. <sup>22</sup>She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing *is* silk and purple. <sup>23</sup>Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. <sup>24</sup>She maketh fine linen, and selleth *it*; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. <sup>25</sup>Strength and honour *are* her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. <sup>26</sup>She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness. <sup>27</sup>She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. <sup>28</sup>Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praiseth her. <sup>29</sup>Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. <sup>30</sup>Favour *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain: *but* a woman *that* feareth 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." We are given the attributes of a virtuous woman. This morning, on this special day for mothers, I want to speak on some of the attributes for Christian wives and mothers.

## I. SUBMISSION TO HUSBANDS.

### A. Man was created first.

1. Gen. 1-2
2. 1 Tim. 2:12-13 <sup>12</sup>But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was first formed, then Eve."

### B. Man is the head of woman.

1. 1 Cor. 11:3, 8-9 <sup>3</sup>But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.... <sup>8</sup>For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. <sup>9</sup>Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man."
2. Eph. 5:23 <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body."

### C. Thus, wives are to be subjective to their husbands.

1. Eph. 5:22-24 <sup>22</sup>Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. <sup>24</sup>Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing."
2. Col. 3:18 <sup>18</sup>Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord."
3. Tit. 2:5 <sup>5</sup>To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."
4. 1 Pet. 3:1, 5-6 <sup>1</sup>Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;... <sup>5</sup>For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: <sup>6</sup>Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement."

### D. This in no way means they are inferior to man.

## II. HOMEMAKERS.

- A. Tit. 2:3-5** <sup>3</sup> The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; <sup>4</sup> That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, <sup>5</sup> To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”
- B. Pro. 31:**
1. A cook; Pro. 31:15 <sup>15</sup> She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.”
  2. A provider; Pro. 31:21 <sup>21</sup> She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household *are* clothed with scarlet.”
  3. A seamstress; Pro. 31:19, 22, 24 <sup>19</sup> She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.... <sup>22</sup> She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing *is* silk and purple.... <sup>24</sup> She maketh fine linen, and selleth *it*; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.”
  4. A gardener; Pro. 31:16 <sup>16</sup> She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.”
  5. A shopper; Pro. 31:14 <sup>14</sup> She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.”
  6. A counsellor; Pro. 31:26 <sup>26</sup> She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness.”
  7. A burden-bearer; Pro. 31:25 <sup>25</sup> Strength and honour *are* her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.”
- C. This includes motherhood.**
1. The term woman; that is man with a womb.
  2. 1 Tim. 2:15 <sup>15</sup> Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.”
  3. 1 Tim. 5:14 <sup>14</sup> I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.”
  4. Gen. 30:1 <sup>1</sup> And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.”

## III. PURITY OF LIFE.

- A. They are to be chaste (not chased).**
1. Tit. 2:5 <sup>5</sup> To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”
  2. 1 Pet. 3:2 <sup>2</sup> While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.”
- B. This will demonstrate itself in:**
1. Modest apparel.
    - a. 1 Tim. 2:9-10 <sup>9</sup> In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; <sup>10</sup> But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.”
    - b. 1 Pet. 3:3-4 <sup>3</sup> Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; <sup>4</sup> But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.”

2. Sexual conduct.
  - a. Heb. 13:4 <sup>4</sup> Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.”
  - b. 1 Cor. 7:2-5 <sup>2</sup> Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. <sup>3</sup> Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. <sup>4</sup> The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. <sup>5</sup> Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.”
  - c. Outside of marriage it is sinful.
    - (1) Gal. 5:19 <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,”
    - (2) Eph. 5:3 <sup>3</sup> But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;”
    - (3) Col. 3:5 <sup>5</sup> Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.”

#### IV. SUBMISSION TO GOD.

##### A. To wives.

1. Eph. 5:22 <sup>22</sup> Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.”
2. Col. 3:18 <sup>18</sup> Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.”

##### B. It is a command to all.

1. Jam. 4:7 <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” 1 Pet. 5:6 <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:”
2. Mat. 6:33 <sup>33</sup> But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”
3. Rom. 12:1-2 <sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

Conclusion: When women practice these attributes, then they will certainly be worthy of honor.

Rom. 13:7 <sup>7</sup> Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.”