

Her Worth is Far Above Rubies

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"A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie." Tenneva Jordan

There is so much we can learn in the way of good examples when watching a woman who loves both her husband and children. Tenderness, compassion, love, caring, understanding, and a cherished closeness are just some of what pours out from this type of a woman. In the book of Proverbs, Solomon describes her worth as "far above rubies", and this is written from a man who was blessed by God with both great wisdom and riches.

I may not be as eloquent in my writings as Solomon; however, let me say that a woman of this nature stands far above the crowd when she is seen, not because of the clothes or jewelry she wears, but because she is joyful in her service to God and family. She is indeed a blessing from the Most High God; not only to her own family, but to everyone she meets. It quickly becomes evident that it is her desire to please God first above all things. She is the epitome of a godly homemaker as each member of the family feels the "most special" by her daily actions and outpouring of love. She is often underappreciated and overworked, but continues to smile knowing that she is pleasing God.

Sadly, the most wonderful blessings from God can be taken for granted, as it is sometimes with this most special woman. We should be thankful as we can look around today and see these godly women in our midst. The world has set a day aside to celebrate "moms" but Christians should celebrate mom every day for the selfless life she leads. She should respectfully be called mom by her children and gratefully called wife by her husband. She is to be shown her "worth in rubies" each and every day by her family, and if this is not being done then perhaps this is a perfect time to read the following:

"Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil All the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands. She is like the merchant ships, She brings her food from afar. She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants. She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, And strengthens her arms. She perceives that her merchandise is good, And her lamp does not go out by night. She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hand holds the spindle. She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household, For all her household is clothed with scarlet. She makes tapestry for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land She makes linen garments and sells them, And supplies sashes for the merchants. 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. She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her: "Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all." Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, And let her own works praise her in the gates" (Proverbs 31:10-31).



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Godly women are a blessing to us all, tell them and most importantly show them, how much they are loved and appreciated not only today, but every day!

