

## *Week 6: A Woman Rewarded*

### *Day One:*

1. Read Proverbs 31:27-29

Look now at vs. 27. Throughout our study we have established that the woman is a hard worker. Here is our last confirmation of that.

The word, “looketh”, is similar in translation to “to spy or keep watch.” She literally spies on the doings of her household. She keeps an eye like a watchman for anything that may endanger her home. Whether this is ungodly entertainment, gossip, foul language, pornography, anything that is not God-honoring, she seeks out.

Knowing this literal translation of the first part of verse 27, the second part begins to take on a new meaning. I submit to you that “and eateth not the bread of idleness” means that she quickly cuts out that which is displeasing to God. She does not ponder on those things in the grey areas of life. Instead, the model woman spies them out, finds answers to her questions and quickly assesses what action to take.

2. Do you keep watch over the doings of your home? Are there things, like those examples above, that have entered into your home?
3. How should you react to those things that are questionable in your household. .those grey areas of life?

### *Day Two:*

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## *Day Four:*

I don't know about you, but I love reward! I feel satisfaction in hearing praise, gathering accolades and looking onto a job well done. This is my favorite part of our woman of worth!! Here she is recognized for the hard work she has really done. She is rewarded for her endurance of faith!

1. Read Proverbs 31:28

Her children and her husband arise and call her blessed! The word translated as "blessed" is actually the Hebrew word 'âshêr, pronounce *aw-share*'. In the fullest definition of the word, it means "to be level, right or happy." An alternative meaning for the word is "blessed, honored, prosperous." How wonderful for your husband and children to recognize you as not only prosperous in your work but happy too!

There is a children's animated movie called, *Enchanted*. In this Disney film, there is a scene where the lost princess Giselle cleans a dirty apartment. You can watch her perform the diddy on-line at <http://biblestudy.meetup.com/334>. Her cheesy little song is written here:

Come, my little friends  
As we all sing a happy little working song  
Merry little voices clear and strong  
Come and roll your sleeves up  
So that we can pitch in  
Cleaning crud up in the kitchen  
As we sing along

And you'll trill a cheery tune in the tub  
As we scrub a stubborn mildew stain  
Lug a hairball from the shower drain  
To the gay refrain

Of a happy working song  
We'll keep singing without fail  
Otherwise we'd spoil it  
Hosing down the garbage pail  
And scrubbing up the toilet

How we all enjoy letting loose with a little  
La-da-da-dum-dum  
While we're emptying the vacu-um  
It's such fun to hum  
A happy working song  
Oo-oooh  
A happy working song

2. While, it might not be likely that you'll sing with glee about cleaning up shower drain hairballs and the like, what the Proverbs 31 woman makes clear is that your children, your household observes your attitude when managing the tasks God has laid before you.

## *Day Five:*

1. Read Proverbs 31:29
2. What tense is used in this verse?

Did you catch that throughout our weeks of study, we've been talking about this woman in the third person? Until this verse, it could be substantiated that the woman of worth is just an ideal, not a real person.

But, now, amidst instruction for how to select a godly wife, Hebrew men also have a clear instruction to praise their wives. This is a distinctly different teaching.

This infers that the woman is actual real. There is purpose in telling her husband how to cheer her on.

And though this woman is the best of the best, this verse assures us that there are many women who have lived victoriously and virtuously.

## *Day Six:*

1. This week, has God been showing you any areas of your life or home that need to be “cleaned up”? Meaning . . . what grey areas should you examine to see if they reflect a life of your high calling?
2. When your children are grown and think of you, how do you want them to remember you as a parent?
3. We learned this week that Hebrew men were taught, given a concise example on how to praise their wives. Does your husband give you praise in ways that make you feel special?

If you answered no to the previous question, speak with him about the words of affirmation that would make you feel most valued.

4. In your notebook, right out a prayer based on Proverbs 31:27-29. We do this because we are literally asking God for what we know He wants for our lives. It confirms that we desire God’s Will. Here’s an example:

*Dear Lord, I pray that I am able to best be a watchdog over my household, and help me not to be lazy or idle. God, I want nothing more than for my children to called me blessed and happy and for my husband to give me words of praise and pride. I pray that You help me to live out my high calling, and, in doing so, supplement my life with these blessings. In Your name, I pray. Amen.”*