

Inspiring Bible Characters

The Wife of Noble Character

- In our study of inspiring bible characters, we examine *The Wife of Noble Character*. Because of the difficult state of many marriages today, it is necessary that we say something that might inspire both husband and wife. While this particular passage of scripture we will study focuses on the role of the wife, we shall also look briefly at instructions the Bible offers for the husband.

The Wife of Noble Character

- Proverbs 31: 10-12
 - The Bible is telling us that it is difficult to find a wife of noble character and that if found, she is worth far more than rubies.
 - Her husband has full confidence in her. He knows she has dedicated herself to him and no other man. He believes in her and he lacks nothing of value because she makes sure he is taken care of.
 - She brings him good, not harm. The noble wife is good for her husband. She is of help to him and he benefits from her presence in his life.

She is a Hardworker...

- Proverbs 31: 13-21
 - The wife of noble character works extremely hard to take care of her husband and children.
 - She works to provide food for her family, she is smart with money, she's not afraid to roll her sleeves up, she is up late at night to make sure things are done right. She not only takes care of her family, but she cares for others as well.

She meets the needs of her family...



She is a Manager...

- Proverbs 31: 22-27
 - She takes time to make her house a home for her family. She keeps herself looking nice (fine linen and purple were the equivalent of really nice clothes back then).
 - Her husband is respected (and she has something to do with that because she has stood along side him to support him).
 - She is strong and dignified. She gives great advice to her husband and speaks with wisdom (and not anger). She is the manager of her household and is constantly busy making sure that things are in order.

She is respected and praised...

- Proverbs 31: 28-31
 - Her children and husband respect and praise her because of her character and work ethic.
 - She fears the Lord. She is a Godly woman.
 - She is to be honored and rewarded for the type of woman she is.

Okay, I know that is a tall order!!
But, it is the example God's Word
gives us for *The Wife*.

Let's now take a look at the role of
The Husband...

The Husband

- Ephesians 5: 25-33
 - The Husband must love the wife as he loves himself. He must take care of her in the way he should take care of himself and his own body.
 - He must love his wife so much that he is willing to give himself up (die) for her as Christ gave himself up for the Church.

How God intended it to be...

- The Husband loves his wife as he loves himself. He provides for her in a way that he should provide and care for himself. He loves her so much that he would die for her.
- In return, the wife feels loved and appreciated by her husband. She, then, reciprocates by being the best wife she can be to this man who adores her. She works hard to fulfill the role of The Wife of Noble Character.
- Because of her dedication to the family and to the Lord, she is respected and praised.



The Wife of Noble Character Inspires Us

- She inspires our married sisters to be good to their husbands and families; and evaluate areas that they may improve upon
- She should cause all married people to examine their marital roles and relationships
- She gives standards for unmarried women to follow as they seek a husband and a family for themselves
- Unmarried men can look at The Wife of Noble Character as an example of the type of woman they should look for when considering a wife for themselves.
- She is a role-model for young women and a reminder for young men that they must respect women because of the incredible role they have in the family
- She reminds husbands of what they will receive if they are good to their wives...for the Wife of Noble Character is worth far more than rubies!!