

A Godly Woman Family By Design

Personification: A figure of speech in which inanimate objects or abstractions are endowed with human qualities or are represented as possessing human form.

Proverbs 4:6 Don't turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you. (NLT)

Metaphor: A figure of speech in which a word or phrase that ordinarily designates one thing is used to designate another, thus making an implicit comparison. "I am the light of the world."

John 8:12 Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." (NLT)

Proverbs 31:10 Who can find a virtuous and capable wife? She is more precious than rubies. **11** Her husband can trust her, and she will greatly enrich his life. **12** She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. **13** She finds wool and flax and busily spins it. **14** She is like a merchant's ship, bringing her food from afar. **15** She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household and plan the day's work for her servant girls. **16** She goes to inspect a field and buys it; with her earnings she plants a vineyard. **17** She is energetic and strong, a hard worker. **18** She makes sure her dealings are profitable; her lamp burns late into the night. **19** Her hands are busy spinning thread, her fingers twisting fiber. **20** She extends a helping hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy. **21** She has no fear of winter for her household, for everyone has warm clothes. **22** She makes her own bedspreads. She dresses in fine linen and purple gowns. **23** Her husband is well known at the city gates, where he sits with the other civic leaders. **24** She makes belted linen garments and sashes to sell to the merchants. **25** She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. **26** When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness. **27** She carefully watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness. **28** Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: **29** "There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!" **30** Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised. **31** Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise. (NLT)

Element #1

The _____

Acrostic _____

_____ of Wisdom

The "Virtuous Woman" as a Real _____

The Complementary _____ And _____

Psalm 15:1 Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill? **2** Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, speaking the truth from sincere hearts. (NLT)

_____ of Daily Activities

Family as the Key _____

_____ as a Conclusion

Element #2

The _____

- Proverbs 31 is also a chiasm (Ky-as-m).
 - A chiasm (also called a chiasmus) is a literary device in which a sequence of ideas is presented and then repeated in reverse order. The result is a "mirror" effect as the ideas are "reflected" back in a passage.
 - The author structures Proverbs 31 in this chiasm acrostic poem in an intentional X-shaped pattern, where the first and last elements parallel each other, the second and second-to-last elements parallel each other, and so on.
 - There is a beauty in the topic (woman), the example she models, and the structure of the words.
- A. High value of a good wife (10)
 - B. Husband benefited by wife (11-12)
 - C. Wife works hard (13-19)
 - D. Wife gives to poor (20)
 - E. No fear of snow (21a)
 - F. Children clothed in scarlet (21b)
 - G. Coverings for bed, wife wears linen (22)
 - H. Public respect for husband (23)
 - (G). Sells garments and sashes (24)
 - (F). Wife clothed in dignity (25a)
 - (E). No fear of future (25b)
 - (D). Wife speaks wisdom (26)
 - (C). Wife works hard (27)
 - (B). Husband and children praise wife (28-29)
 - (A). High value of a good wife (30-31)

Hebrew to English

A a woman of noble character - her worth beyond precious gems
B bound in trust, her husband's heart rests secure in her
C constant in good, she does him kindness all her days
D diligent in labor, her hands delight in their work
E enterprising, she gathers provision from afar
F faithful, she rises early to care for her household
G giving with wisdom, she plants and provides with foresight
H held in strength, her arms are firm and able
I industrious, she sees that her labor prospers
J joined to endurance, her light does not fade at night
K knowing her craft, her hands work with skill
L lavish in mercy, she opens her hands to the poor
M mindful, she prepares without fear for what may come
N now centered - she clothes her household with care and provision
O outwardly adorned, she is clothed in dignity and strength
P publicly honored, her husband is respected at the gates
Q quiet in confidence, she wears strength and dignity
R rich in wisdom, her words are kind and true
S steadfast, she watches over her household with care
T treasured by her children, they rise and call her blessed
U unmatched among many who have done nobly
V virtue enduring - beauty fades, but her worth remains
W walking in reverence, she fears the Lord
X exalted by her works, her deeds praise her at the gates
Y yoked in honor, her husband is blessed through her life
Z zealous in virtue - a woman of noble character, crowned with praise

Chiastic Pairing

A ↔ Z: Noble character / enduring virtue
B ↔ Y: Husband's trust / husband's blessing
C ↔ X: Doing good / works praising her
D ↔ W: Diligence / fear of the Lord (inner foundation of work)

E ↔ V: Provision / true worth beyond beauty
F ↔ U: Care for household / excellence above all
G ↔ T: Provision & foresight / children's blessing
H ↔ S: Strength / watchful care
I ↔ R: Prosperous work / wise speech
J ↔ Q: Enduring light / enduring dignity
K ↔ P: Skillful hands / public honor (fruit of her work)
L ↔ O: Compassion / dignified covering
M ↔ N: Preparation / central image of provision

Element #3

The _____

A Godly Woman Is An _____

- She adds value to others

Proverbs 31:10 Who can find a virtuous and capable wife? She is more precious than rubies. (NLT)

- Wife: אִשָּׁה; (Hebrew - ishshah [ish-shaw']); wife; woman; female

Proverbs 31:11 Her husband can trust her, and she will greatly enrich his life. (NLT)

- Trust: בָּטַח; (Hebrew - batach [baw-takh']); trust; confident; sure; secure

Proverbs 31:12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. (NLT)

- Brings: גָּמַל; (Hebrew - gamal [gaw-mal']); brings; bestows; rewards; yields

A Godly Woman Is _____

- She works hard

Proverbs 31:13 She finds wool and flax and busily spins it. (NLT)

- Seeks: שָׁרַח; (Hebrew - darash [daw-rash']); seek; ask; inquire; search

Proverbs 31:14 She is like a merchant's ship, bringing her food from afar. (NLT)

- Become: הָיָה; (Hebrew - hayah [haw-yaw]); become; accomplished; committed; beacon

Proverbs 31:15 She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household and plan the day's work for her servant girls. (NLT)

- Rise: קָוַם; (Hebrew - quwm [koom]); arise; lift up; abide; stand; raise

Proverbs 31: 16 She goes to inspect a field and buys it; with her earnings she plants a vineyard. (NLT)

- Considers: זָמַם; (Hebrew - zamam [zaw-mam']); considers; purpose; think; imagines

Proverbs 31:17 She is energetic and strong, a hard worker. (NLT)

- Girds: חָגַר; (Hebrew - chagar [khaw-gar']); gird; put on; appoints; X on every side

Proverbs 31:18 She makes sure her dealings are profitable; her lamp burns late into the night. (NLT)

- Perceives: טָעַם; (Hebrew - ta'am [taw-am']); perceives; tastes; senses

Proverbs 31:19 Her hands are busy spinning thread, her fingers twisting fiber. (NLT)

- Hands: יָד; (Hebrew - yad [yawd]); hand (indicating power and direction); authority, means

A Godly Woman Is _____

- Unselfish; taking care of others

Proverbs 31:20 She extends a helping hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy. (NLT)

- Palm: כַּף; (Hebrew - kaph [kaf]); palm; middle; hollow hand; power

Proverbs 31:21 She has no fear of winter for her household, for everyone has warm clothes. (NLT)

- Not: לֹא; (Hebrew - lo' [lo]); not; cannot; without; none; never; nothing

Proverbs 31:22 She makes her own bedspreads. She dresses in fine linen and purple gowns. (NLT)

- Tapestry: מַרְבֵּד; (Hebrew - marbad [mar-bad']); coverings; tapestry; bedspread; coverlet

Proverbs 31:23 Her husband is well known at the city gates, where he sits with the other civic leaders. (NLT)

- Known: יָדָע; (Hebrew - yada' [yaw-dah']); known; recognized; observed; understand

Proverbs 31:24 She makes belted linen garments and sashes to sell to the merchants. *(NLT)*

- Linen: קָדִינַי; (Hebrew - cadiyn [saw-deen']); linens; wraps; garments; undergarments

A Godly Woman Is _____

- She is a lady
- She is free from anxiety, worry, and anger
- She is kind

Proverbs 31:25 She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. *(NLT)*

- Strength: יָעַז; (Hebrew - `oz [oze]); strength; strong; power; mighty; power; loud

Proverbs 31:26 When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness. *(NLT)*

- Mouth: פִּה; (Hebrew - peh [peh]); mouth; command; word; speech

A Godly Woman Is _____

- She knows what is going on around her
- She has the pulse or temperature of the room

Proverbs 31:27 She carefully watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness. *(NLT)*

- Watches: צָפָה; (Hebrew - tsaphah [tsaw-faw']); watch; watchman; keep watch; lookout; watching; peer into the distance

A Godly Woman Is _____

- She's probably not told it enough

Proverbs 31:28 Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: *(NLT)*

- Rise: קָוַם; (Hebrew - quwm [koom]); arise; lift up; abide; stand; raise

Proverbs 31:29 "There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!" *(NLT)*

- Many: רַב; (Hebrew - rab [rab]); many; abundant; exceedingly; much

A Godly Woman Is _____

- Godly - Attractive because of her godliness

Proverbs 31:30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised. *(NLT)*

- Deceitful: שֶׁקֶר; (Hebrew - sheqer [sheh'-ker]); deceitful; falsehood; lie; lying; liar

1 Peter 3:3 Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. **4** You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God. *(NLT)*

A Godly Woman Is _____

- She will get the honor she deserves

Proverbs 31:31 Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise. *(NLT)*

- Give: נָתַן; (Hebrew - nathan [(naw-than)']); give; gave; apply; ascribe; bestow