

**"THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN"****Introduction**

1. A beautiful conclusion to Proverbs
2. Often, the wrong women are praised
3. Here, it is the godly woman only

**1. GOD HERE PRAISES THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN**

- 1) Why should God do this?
  - i) Because few do so in this life
  - ii) A godly woman is great treasure on earth
  - iii) Worldly minds praise beauty, not virtue
  - iv) She is a great blessing to all around her

**OBSERVE**

  - i) The Bible shows examples: the six Marys
  - ii) History shows them: Wesleys, Mary Winslow
- 2) It is clear: God would have spiritually-minded women to be honoured + respected

**2. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO THE YOUNG**

- 1) The worldly attitude is all wrong – we need to get back to the biblical teaching:
  - i) how important to be a godly woman
  - ii) when unmarried to be faithful to God
  - iii) when married to be a good mother

**OBSERVE**: "Behind every good man..."
- 2) This biblical teaching is for men too:
  - i) pray for a good + godly wife

**ILLUSTRATION**: comment about preachers' wives

  - ii) "It is not good that the man...alone"

**OBSERVE**: To forbid marriage is Satanic – See 1 Tim. 4:1-3; Heb. 13:4

**APPLICATION**: Marry a wife who fears the Lord and puts Him first in her life: TEXT

**3. A WOMAN'S WORK IS NORMALLY BASED ON HER HOME AND HER FAMILY**

- 1) There are some things God forbids: 1 Cor. 14:34; 1 Tim. 2:11-12  
**OBSERVE**: This is God's word, not man's
- 2) There is a divine order in marriage: 1 Cor. 11:3-10  
**OBSERVE**: This is not tyranny
- 3) The woman is the centre of the home: Titus 2:4-5
- 4) The strength of the family-unit is very much related to the mother's role as the centre of the home. So:
  - i) father is normally bread-winner
  - ii) mother is his help-meet

**OBSERVE**: Mother's role is critical in society and vital to the salvation of the children

**Q.** Is this not what our society needs?

**4. A VIRTUOUS WOMAN IS A HOME-MAKER**

- 1) See here: v.14-19. See also Proverbs 14:1
- 2) Here concern for her husband: v.23
- 3) Here children also: v.27. 28-29
- 4) A good home is a place where:
  - i) father leads: family-worship, etc.
  - ii) mother supports: as "help-meet"

**OBSERVE**: Each role is vital

**ILLUSTRATION**: The comment of Matthew Henry
- 5) In a word: all pull together to this one end: to glorify God in the home-and to train up the children for God

## **CONCLUSION**

1. "Husbands, love your wives"
2. "Wives, submit..."
3. Children, obey your parents.

### **PSALM**

**112: 1 – 6**

**127: 1 – 5**

**128: 1 – 6**