

Being a Virtuous Woman . . . Is It Possible?



You know I have read so many articles about the Proverbs 31 woman and how we shouldn't feel like we need to try to be the "super woman" or how we shouldn't feel bad if we don't have perfect homes or how she is just an ideal and no woman today could ever measure up.

My feeling is that yes, none of us are perfect. No we probably won't always do everything "just so". I don't recommend beating yourself if the house is a wreck and the kids are fighting and your husband is on the couch eating chips and watching football while you are looking at a mountain of laundry - I think we have all been there.

But what is wrong with trying to get it right - most of the time? With a little (or a lot) of organizing the house can stay clean most of the time and most nights you can have a nice supper on the table and most of the time you can have a happy hubby and be content yourself. And if you are very consistent with discipline as well as hugs and kisses your kids will turn out okay.

What if yesterday was great and today was the pits? Remember that tomorrow is a new day to try again. The virtuous woman loved the Lord - her faith is what gave her the strength to get it all done with a smile on

her face. We are no different - without God we won't have much of a leg to stand on.

Some women are naturally prone to being organized - these women can't understand why other women struggle to keep the house neat. I would suggest that all women are different and were given different talents. If you struggle with keeping the house clean, it is okay to admit you struggle, but don't let that be your excuse. So, you have to try harder. But maybe you are great at serving in the church or making others feel loved and appreciated where the woman who keeps the perfect house and perfect everything has to work harder to make friends or teach the Sabbath school lesson or whatever.

Being a virtuous woman - a woman of great worth and beauty - is about having a well rounded character. It is our goal as virtuous women in training to learn to:

1. "be keepers at home" Titus 2: 5
 2. "practice hospitality" 1 Peter 4:9
 3. "stretch out our hands to the needy" Proverbs 31: 20
 4. "train our children in the ways of the Lord" Proverbs 22: 6
 5. "love our husbands all the days of his life" Proverbs 31: 12
 6. "not deny our husbands intimacy" 1 Cor 7: 5
 7. "respect our husbands as the head of the home" 1 Peter 3: 1
 8. spend money wisely and "know our merchandise is good" Proverbs 31: 18
 9. "walk in fear of the Lord" Proverbs 31: 30
 10. "work willingly with our hands" Proverbs 31: 13
 11. and "without murmuring" Philippians 2: 14
 12. "speak with kindness to everyone" Proverbs 31: 26
 13. "prepare healthy food for our household" Proverbs 31: 15
 14. because our "bodies are like the temple of God" 1 Corinthians 6: 19
 15. "create beauty in our lives and homes" Proverbs 31: 22
 16. "provide for our family" Proverbs 31: 21
 17. "keeps His commandments" John 14: 15
 18. wake up each morning with "a song in our heart" Psalm 118: 24
- Be blessed, for the Lord is our STRENGTH! "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4: 13

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