

Praising Mothers

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¹⁰ An excellent wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.

¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in
her, and he will have no lack of gain.

¹² She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.

¹³ She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.

¹⁴ She is like the ships of the merchant;
she brings her food from afar.

¹⁵ She rises while it is yet night and
provides food for her household
and portions for her maidens.

¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a
vineyard.

¹⁷ She dresses herself with strength
and makes her arms strong.

¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise
is profitable. Her lamp does not go out
at night.

¹⁹ She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.

²⁰ She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

²¹ She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet.

²² She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

²³ Her husband is known in the gates when
he sits among the elders of the land.

²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells
them; she delivers sashes to the merchant.

²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.

²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

²⁸ Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ²⁹ “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.”

³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

Unpraised

- By society
- By children
- By husband

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A woman's worth

- Warrior
- Wife
- Worker
- Merchant
- Minister
- Mother
- **Worshiper**

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Praised

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- By children
- By society

Excellent

Rejoice in the wife of your youth. (5:1)

A gracious woman gets honor. (11:16)

An excellent wife is the crown of her husband (12:4). He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord. (18:22) A prudent wife is from the Lord. (19:14)

Prize her

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Praise her

Her husband praises her: “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.” (31:28-29)

- Notice her excellence.
- Nourish her excellence.

Praised

- By husband
- By children
- By society

Honor & bless

Honor your father and your mother.
(Exodus 20:12). A foolish man
despises his mother. (15:20) There
are those do not bless their mothers.
(30:11) Her children rise up and call
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