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## The Resume of a God-Honoring Woman

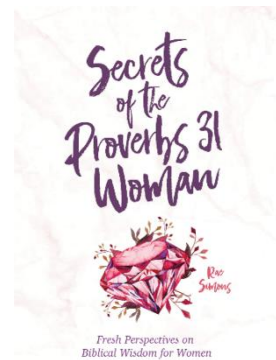
### *Virtue in Character*

The Word of God lifted the status of woman in a time when women were put down in society in ancient times. The 5<sup>th</sup> commandment speaks of honouring our father and mother, not father alone. There are many godly ladies in the Bible including Sarah, Priscilla, Phoebe, Dorcas, Mary, Abigail, Deborah, Ruth and Rahab among others. King Solomon wrote one whole chapter on the character and place of godly women in Prov 31 and is worthy of our study.

A redeemed person with an edifying character is a prerequisite when we choose a husband or wife. Infidelity or unfaithfulness is intolerable in any marital relationship and a God-centred heterosexual and monogamous marriage is biblically sanctioned. Marriage vows must be jealously observed and kept with all our hearts in this fallen world. **Many homes have been destroyed by sinful influences and the malevolent wiles of the devil in this world. Be careful and alert to the subtle temptation of the world and the evil one (2 Timothy 2:22).** Let us beware of the wiles of the evil one and let us pursue after godliness and righteousness. The virtue of a born-again wife should encompass spiritual goodness. The sanctified Christian strives to be an effective witness for Christ in a crooked and perverse generation. Consider the following traits expounded from Proverbs 31.

### *Heart Work and Industry (vs 13-15, 18-22)*

One of the greatest joys and benefits of marriage is having an industrious and disciplined spouse to live with. There is nothing like seeing the home spick and span or a cooked meal, well cleaned floor and well-ironed clothes. As for the husband, he works hard to support the family and helps to repair things in the home, beautify the place, teach the children the Word of God and set an example of industry for them to follow. The spouse here in Proverbs 31:12-15, rises up early and works diligently with her hands. She is energetic and zealous of good works, and she labours tirelessly every day for the home and her Lord. She is not idle (vs 27) for there is a curse for the slothful and the indolent.



### ***Prudence and Godly Discretion (vs 16)***

She is wise as she considers a field or possible investment with her resources and then buys it. She is patiently prudent and discreet and has a good sense of judgement. This is important as a kind of spiritual and practical wisdom in life is necessary. Wisdom comes with the fear of God (Psalm 111:10) and by prayer (James 1:5). A man or woman is thoroughly blessed when he/she has a wise and judicious spouse. Wisdom can be acquired through the study and application of the Word of God. In vs 25, she opened her mouth with wisdom. The choice of words like what Nabal's wife Abigail did to avert bloodshed by David from killing her husband. **Herein is wisdom as careful and soft words can turn away wrath and harsh words can have the opposite effect (Proverbs 15:1).**

### ***Companionship and Mercy (vs 20, 26)***

**She shows kindness and love to the needy, strangers and poor and there is a law of love and tenderness in her heart. This is important as she will also impart this to the children** and this work of Christian hospitality in our homes will bless many saints and strangers. We are told by Paul in Romans 12:13, 14, 'Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.' She enhances the ministry of her husband as he serves God (vs 23). Be a good example to your spouse and family, edify and encourage each other in the fear of God. Be a blessing to others. Be careful with your words, actions and conduct as they will influence the good name of God, your husband and God's family.

### ***Devotion to and Fear of God and His Word (vs 30)***

**The most important quality of a godly spouse is that she is regenerated in her heart, justified by faith in God and she has reverential awe and godly fear for God. This is evident in her speech, conduct, desires and demeanour.** The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom and is pure and it brings joy, blessing and prosperity to the home. It keeps you from falling into sin. It is something that we are to cultivate in our minds according to 2 Corinthians 7:1, 'perfecting holiness in the fear of God.'

A godly woman seeks to develop the following characteristics (adapted and edited):

1. **Knowing God.** She trusts and knows the Lord Jesus as her personal Lord and Saviour and loves God and carries herself well in a gracious manner (Proverbs 11:16). Always marry a Christian who loves and fears God and be not unequally yoked with unbelievers (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).
2. **Caring Heart.** She has a loving, caring concern for souls, both young and old including children and is selfless in her heart (Psalm 113:9, Titus 2:4, Acts 9:39).
3. **Prayerful Warrior.** She is a prayerful, prudent and discreet lady in her conduct and speech (Proverbs 31:26). Wisdom in her can be acquired as she seeks to know and practice the Word of God.
4. **Inner Beauty.** While beauty is important, note that her beauty is more than an external façade. She has the inner beauty of a meek and humble spirit and godly

wisdom and sound character including gentleness and patience (Proverbs 11:22, 1 Peter 3:3-4).

5. **Faithful Spouse.** She is a reliable and faithful spouse and she is loved and trusted by loved ones (Proverbs 31:11), friends and family. Consider how does your girlfriend relate to your friends and your family and others in need?
6. **Covenant Companion.** She is a covenant companion for man in marriage and is a good confidant (Malachi 2:14) to her husband and a good example and testimony to her family and others (Psalm 113:9, Romans 12:11).
7. **Able Co Labourer.** She is a able and diligent person and can manage the house well (under her parents now) (Proverbs 31:27, Titus 2:5, 1 Timothy 5:14). While the man is the head of the house, remember the wife is the heart of the home. Thank God for the Woman of the home who is pivotal to the vitality and health of the family.
8. **Kind Disposition.** She has a caring concern for others including strangers and friends (Proverbs 31:13, 1 Timothy 5:10) and is a good witness for the Lord in the saving and succour of souls (Mark 5:19).
9. **Biblical Convictions,** She has sound biblical convictions concerning God and sin and life and is able to communicate to other women or children biblical truths through her example and godly instruction (Titus 2:4, 5). A mature godly woman helping other younger women is right before God and men.
10. **Respect Authority.** She supports the leadership of men in their families and churches and serves God with her gifts and talents. She does not usurp authority but humbly respects her husband and other leaders in the fear of God (Isaiah 3:12, Ephesians 5:23-25, Titus 1:5-6, 1 Corinthians 14:34-35, Ephesians 5:33). Humility and meekness are important attributes of godly Christian women.
11. **Responsible Steward.** She commits her limited time, talent and energy to glorify God and to edify and build up a vibrant and closely knit home (Proverbs 14:1) and helps out faithfully in the local church (Romans 12:11-12) and in missions in the extension of the kingdom of God. Faithful Stewardship is important to her
12. **Godly Mother.** She is committed to sacrificial raising godly children (if any) in the fear and knowledge of the Lord (Deuteronomy 7:14, 33:24, Psalm 127:3) and is prayerful (Acts 16:13) and is a faithful steward (1 Corinthians 4:2). Like Eunice, the mother of Timothy, we may be used of God to raise up a preacher, missionary or pastor (not just an Olympian or a doctor or lawyer) one day (2 Timothy 1:5).
13. **Hospitable Hostess.** She is kind to others and hospitable and likes to open her home to serve God and minister and exhort to others selflessly (1 Timothy 5:10) in edifying fellowship (Hebrews 12:24-29) and in humble and willing service.
14. **Talented Chef.** She has developed good culinary skills to cook and prepare meals for her family and bless others with her kind hospitality (Proverbs 31:15;

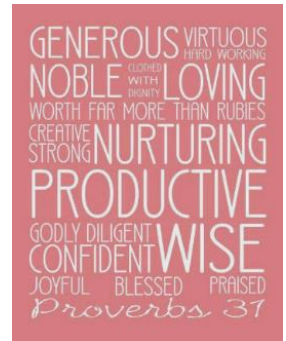
Romans 12:13-15). Be willing to invite others and consider opening your home to be a blessing to others.

15. **Astute Entrepreneur.** She has good business acumen and can even help to manage enterprise like her home capably (Proverbs 31:18) and supports the gospel ministry in missions (Luke 8:3). Pray to be involved in the church and minister to the ladies and children and the admin work and of the gospel as the Lord leads.
16. **Erudite Woman.** As an intelligent woman, she is wise and discreet in her expenditure and spending and has judicious financial planning (Proverbs 31:16). She respects your decisions.
17. **Benevolent Spirit.** She also has a benevolent and caring heart for the downcast, the poor, sick, bereaved, elderly and the needy (Proverbs 31:20, John 13:34-35, 1 John 3:18). Visit and reach out to others for there are many who are hurting today.
18. **Modest Example.** She is modest and does not desire to seduce or distract men's eyes in an unedifying manner through her dressing or demeanour (1 Peter 3:3-4, 1 Timothy 2:9-10). She has a godly and gracious testimony to all.
19. **Compassionate Soul.** She has a compassionate and helpful attitude and is generally bright and productive, prudent and has a deep interest in the understanding of the Word of God and in spiritual and secular things in general (Proverbs 31:26-27; 19:24).

## Conclusion

The godly woman is a rare gem today and we need to pray for our ladies in the church and family to grow in the fear of God **The measure of happiness in a Christian home is directly proportional to the godliness of both spouses (with or without the children). The closer we are to Christ, the closer we will be as a covenant family. While marriages may be made in heaven, maintenance is done on earth.**

Every believer should strive to develop and nurture the fruits of the Spirit, or Christian character and edifying demeanour both at home and the office / school. A godly woman is worth more than gold and is hard to find these days. Let us seek the wisdom of Christ and endeavour to build up the fruit of the Spirit in ourselves and especially the women through the sanctification of the Spirit of God.



*Jack Sin*

*(NB. For deeper studies read Herman Hanko, Far Above Rubies, Today's Virtuous Woman, 1992)*



**MAY DAY SEMINAR**  
**Biblical Perspective  
of Work and  
Retirement**

BY REV JACK SIN

AS WE APPROACH AN AGEING WORKFORCE, KNOW  
WHAT THE WORD OF GOD HAS TO TEACH US  
ABOUT THE NATURE OF WORK AND THE MANNER OF  
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LORD'S DAY PROGRAMME FOR APRIL - JUNE 2023

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE OT FOR OUR LEARNING

The Preaching and Ark Building of Noah (Gen 6:9-22)

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Good Friday 8pm  
The Agonizing Cross of Redemption and Hope (John 19:13-42)

Easter - The Day Death Died (Matthew 28:1-12)

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The Call and Equipping of Moses (Exodus 3:1-22)

Final Challenge from General Joshua (Joshua 24:14-31)

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The Decisive Victory of David (1 Samuel 17: 32-51)

The Special Test of Gideon (Judge 6:14-32)

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The Marks of Awakening under a godly King (2 Kings 23:1-14)

The Uncompromising Testimony of Daniel (Daniel 1:1-14)

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The Sober Challenge of Samuel (1 Samuel 12:14-24)

The Effectual Supplication of Elisha (2 Kings 4:26-38)

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The Reason for Triumph at Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18:17-40)

The Divine Testing of Job (Job 1:1-21)

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Gospel Sunday - Who will or will not be in Heaven? (Revelation 20: 10-15, Hebrews 12:22-24)

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***Pastor Lazarus Children's  
Ministry in Bangalore, India***



***← Walking  
Fellowship at  
Botanic  
Gardens,  
14 Apr 2023***

***Visitors from Brunei  
at our worship service  
on 16 Apr 2023***



## Memory Verse

*Josh 24:14* Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

## Announcements

1. Welcome to our Lord's Day Sunday Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund.
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on "**Final Challenge from General Joshua (Jos 24:14-31)**", **continuing the new quarterly series on "Significant Events in the OT for our Learning"**.
3. Pastor will preach next Sunday on "**The Decisive Victory of David (1 Sam 17:32-51)**".
4. Sunday School classes after worship service:
  - Westminster Confession of Faith – Pastor
  - Studies in 1 Chronicles – Dn Kwong Leen
  - Sermon Reflections – Dn Yue Kay & Paul Kong
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on Basic Theology, and the Parables of Jesus. Join us for a time of profitable learning. [**Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode:625551**]
6. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. [**Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode:218178**]
7. The **Annual May Day Seminar** on "**Biblical Perspective of Work & Retirement**" on **Monday 1 May 2023 9.30am – 1pm IN CHURCH**. Register by **TODAY**.
8. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class will next meet on **Fri 5 May 2023, 7.30pm in church** on the study of 2 Samuel. Come and join us!
9. The **Annual Church Camp** will be held at **Pulai Springs Resort (Johor Bahru, Malaysia), June 7-10, 2023**. Rev Philip Heng is our camp speaker "**Exercise unto Godliness in an Ungodly World**".
10. We need willing hands and hearts to assist in the weekly cleaning of the premises. Do let Dn Yue Kay if you are available to serve in this area.
11. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
  - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
  - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB Account 392-308-825-1**
  - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

Kindly indicate "**Church Building Fund**" if you would like to designate towards this cause.