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Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:55 AM

Are You Visiting With Us?

If you are visiting with us, we want to welcome you to the Lord's church (Matthew 16:18 and Colossians 1:18). Our goal is to simply get to Heaven and to help you do the same. We use the Bible as our standard to govern what we do in our work and worship for the Lord (Colossians 3:17, II Timothy 1:13, II Timothy 3:16-17, and I Peter 4:11).

We welcome your questions and would love the opportunity to study further with you. Luke recorded a fascinating statement we all need to consider: *"Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able"* (Luke 13:23-24). We invite you to join us in being one of the few that are saved!

The Value Of A Godly Woman

By: Brian A. Yeager

Too often, when marriage is discussed, we hear about the submissive role of the woman but not the value of the godly woman. That is not to say that a woman is not to be submissive, she certainly is (Genesis 2:20-25, Genesis 3:16, Ephesians 5:22-24, I Corinthians 11:3, and I Peter 3:1-6). The woman who refuses this role is not at all a godly woman, therefore is not under discussion in this article.

The woman under discussion in this article is the woman whose desire is first, to please the Lord. This kind of woman is a treasure when found. In fact, the word of God says just that (will prove that in a moment). The godly woman who cares about pleasing the Lord will always pattern her life after the truth. The godly woman will love her husband, love her children, be discreet, chaste, a keeper at home, good, and obedient to their own husbands. Why? She will do these things so that the word of God will not be blasphemed (Titus 2:4-5). This is what makes her a woman who patterns her life after the truth.

Ladies, as you read through this article focus on your work in life and how wonderful you are when you are a godly woman. Men, learn about God's view of a good woman. For those men who find themselves "anti-female" because women "ought to just shut up and cook", you'd better read carefully what the word of God says about godly women. Likewise, if you are a man who talks about godly women in this manner, you should just shut up and go fix something ☺.

Brothers AND sisters in Christ, there are both worthless men (I Samuel 2:12) and worthless women (Job 2:9-10). Therefore, think twice before you condemn a whole sex of people based on the idiots with or without female genitalia.

I think often of the moral woman I have been blessed to find. As Ezekiel, she is the desire of my eyes (Ezekiel 24:15-18). She is a crown unto me (Proverbs 12:4). She is – Proverbs 31:10.

Her Price Is Far Above Rubies

Maybe some do not see the value in a godly woman because they haven't known one. Let me help you by showing the Bible definition of a moral woman: *"Who can find a virtuous woman? for **her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: **but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.** Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates"*** (Proverbs 31:10-31).

Men, if this does not define your wife have her read it through. If it does define her, give her the honor and praise she deserves. I have often noted that my house runs as it does not because of me, but because of my wife. She is the backbone of our home. A godly woman is always the backbone of the home. As you can see above, you don't want the godly woman to, "just shut up and cook". When a godly woman speaks, within her role, she has much wisdom to share. Brethren, this is why the Lord says her price is far above rubies. Let's learn this valuable lesson that when we talk about a Christian woman, we understand her value. When men want to rail on these godly women, we men should have a lot to say in defense of our godly wives. Beyond that, we that are blessed to have a godly wife should realize how lucky we are not to have the opposite.

The Ungodly Wife

Consider these Scriptures: *"It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house. It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman. It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house"* (Proverbs 21:9; 19; 25:24). I would think that we all know of a woman or two that fit the above descriptions. You know, her husband is the guy that takes a second and third job just so he does not have to be at home with his angry bride. So maybe your wife is working on being the virtuous woman, just rejoice that she is not the contentious one. The ungodly wife will not help her husband have Heaven as his home. She will be working on making his life here a living torment. Be thankful Christian men, for your godly wives!

Conclusion

More could be said in defending the godly woman. However, for those of us blessed enough to be married to one, nothing at all had to be said to begin with. For those who have a godly wife and have not cherished her as you should (I Peter 3:7), WAKE UP. Spend all the time you can with your wonderful wife. She is a rare blessing. Take the time to let her know how much you love her. Love her as Christ loved the church and gave himself for us (Ephesians 5:25). Whether you are married or not, men realize the value of a godly woman. Women, make sure you are filling the pattern God has designed for you to fit!

What must one do to be saved (Acts 2:37)? Hear and believe the Gospel (Mark 16:15-16 & Romans 10:17), repent of their sins (Acts 3:19), confess Christ (Acts 8:37), and be baptized (immersed) for the remission of sins into the church of Christ (Acts 2:38-41; 47, I Corinthians 12:12-13, and Romans 6:1-6; 16:16). One must then remain faithful (Colossians 1:23).