

# **A MARVELOUS MOM'S HUSBAND**

## **Proverbs 31:11-12, 23, 28-31**

**Any man is blessed to have a wife that demonstrates excellent qualities**

### **I. HER HUSBAND'S TRUST** (11-12)

#### **A. THE NATURE OF THIS TRUST** (11a)

1. It's sincere: From his heart
  - An absolute, unconditional confidence - See Manoah in Judges 13
2. It's safe: Complete trust ("safely trusts" NKJV or "full confidence" NIV)
  - a. Because she is loyal to him
  - b. Because she has insights and wisdom
  - c. Because she is discreet and wise
3. It's sweet: Therefore he keeps no secrets

#### **B. THE VALUE OF THIS TRUST** (11b)

1. Stated: He lacks no gain > The idea is that he'll not go broke
2. Supported: Because she is frugal and industrious

#### **C. THE DEEDS OF THIS TRUST** (12)

1. Her Conduct: She does him good
2. The Contrast: Not evil
3. The Consistency: All the days of her life
  - a. Even if he's an unbeliever
  - b. Even as they age and decline in health
  - c. Even when he's died

### **II. HER HUSBAND'S REPUTATION** (23)

#### **A. HE IS KNOWN IN THE GATES**

1. A man's virtue begins with his wife and home - See Proverbs 18:22
2. His wife respects and builds him up > If she doesn't others won't
  - a. She contributes to his honor
  - b. She compensates for his weaknesses
  - c. She compliments his strengths
  - d. She coordinates his calendar and his clothes
3. His wife has freed him for public service by caring for their home
  - Her private care provided for his public advancement

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## B. HE IS AN ELDER IN THE LAND

1. Because he's demonstrated sound judgment in selecting an excellent wife
2. Because he has an admirable marriage
3. Because his wife has not disqualified him from special service

## III. HER HUSBAND'S PRAISE (28-31)

### A. THE CONTENT (28-29)

1. Private Praise (28a)
  - At home ... like his children are doing
2. Public Praise (28b-29)
  - From the housetops!
  - a. He shouts about her: "and he praises her" > Literally, He "Hallelujahs" her
  - b. He speaks about her: "Saying ..."
  - 1) An observation: Other women have virtue
  - 2) A comparison: But you excel them all
  - c. "She basks in the sunshine of her husband's constant approval." [Joseph Exell, Pulpit Comm. p. 607]

### B. A COMMENTARY (30-31)

1. The Right Celebration (30)
  - a. Not focused on temporal things like charm and beauty
  - b. But focused on spiritual things - See I Peter 3:1-6
2. The Right Compensation (31a)
  - Let her enjoy what she has worked for
3. The Right Recognition (31b)
  - a. Praise for her works: The things she's actually done > Note Dorcus' friends in Acts 9:39
  - b. Praise in the gates

## CONCLUSION:

**Girls should seek to be like this marvelous mom and boys should seek a wife like this**

**Marvelous moms are trustworthy (11-12), helpful (23) and outstanding (28-31)**

**The husband of a marvelous mom should trust her (11-12), thank her (23) and praise her (28-31)**