



The Woman Who Fears The LORD . . .

She Willingly Works With Her Hands

(A Study on Proverbs 31)

Introduction

There are few women in the world who have truly committed themselves to the life-long service of working willingly with their hands to meet the physical as well as the spiritual needs of their own families and others. Jesus, the Son of Man¹ is the greatest example of one who offered His loving hands to be a servant. As a child He skillfully handled the Scriptures. When He was a young man He lovingly served His parents as a carpenter. As the Servant of All He fed the multitudes, tenderly held and blessed the children, and humbly washed the feet of His disciples. Ultimately, He let His enemies pierce His caring hands and nail them to the cross of Calvary² that all mankind might receive forgiveness for their sins. Jesus once said to His disciples . . . *I AM among you as One who serves* (Luke 22:27).

THEME SCRIPTURE

She seeks wool and flax, and willingly³ works with her hands (Proverbs 31:13).

MEMORY VERSE

She watches over⁴ the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness⁵ (Proverbs 31:27).

¹ Son of Man: one of Christ's earthly names; the son of Mary.

² Calvary: mount of the skull where Jesus was crucified.

³ willingly: with pleasure; desire, acceptance, delight, will, pleasantness, and purpose.

⁴ watches over: to lean forward, to peer into the distance; to observe, await, behold, look up[well], wait for, keep the watch.

⁵ idleness: indolent; to be slothful, laziness.

I. THE GODLY HOMEMAKER

1. READ the following verses from Proverbs 31 and WRITE the ways in which *The Woman Who Feels The LORD*⁶ serves her family and others.

v. 11 _____

v. 12 _____

v. 13 _____

v. 14 _____

v. 15 _____

v. 16 _____

v. 18b _____

v. 19 _____

v. 20 _____

v. 21 _____

⁶ Feels the LORD: to have reverent awe of God, to hate sin, the beginning of wisdom.

v. 22 _____

v. 24 _____

v. 27 _____

PERSONAL

Which Scripture exhorted you most? Why? _____

What are older women to teach younger women (Titus 2:3-5)? _____
_____ ⁷
_____ ⁸

Why (v. 5b)? _____

PERSONAL

REFLECT on the Scriptures you have written. Which verse will you ask the LORD to make a reality in your life? Why?

⁷ discreet: self-controlled, sensible, sound mind, temperate, moderate as to opinion or passion.

⁸ chaste: pure.

II. WILLING WORKERS

How did the following women do service in their homes and to those around them? LIST their names and what they did.

Genesis 18:6 _____

Genesis 29:9 _____

Exodus 2:16 _____

Exodus 35:25, 26 _____

Joshua 2:1-16 _____

Ruth 2:2, 3a _____

Mark 1:29-31 _____

Luke 8:1-3 _____

Luke 21:1-4 _____

Luke 23:55, 56, 24:1 _____

Acts 9:36-43 _____

I Timothy 5:9, 10 _____

PERSONAL

Which woman from these Scriptures was an example to you of serving the LORD? Why?

CHALLENGE

READ Acts 9:36-43 again.

Who was Dorcas? How did she serve the LORD? Name the people in the story and what they did for her. How was God glorified?

III. IDLENESS

What do the following Scriptures teach on idleness, the lazy⁹ person and the diligent¹⁰ one.

Proverbs 13:4 _____

Proverbs 15:19 _____

Proverbs 15:25, 26 _____

⁹ lazy: indolent, idle, slothful sluggard.

¹⁰ diligent: determination, eager, to be alert and decide.

Proverbs 19:15 _____

Proverbs 20:4 _____

Ecclesiastes 10:18 _____

Timothy 5:11-13 _____

PERSONAL

Is there an area in your life where you are idle? What will you do to change? _____

IV. SHE DID WHAT SHE COULD

1. READ Mark 14:3-9.

Where was Jesus (v. 3)? _____

What was the woman carrying with her? _____

What did she do with her costly gift? _____

Why was she criticized sharply (vv. 4, 5)? _____

What did Jesus say in her defense (vv. 6, 7)? _____

What did Jesus reveal that she had done (v. 8)? _____

How did He bless her (v. 9)? _____

NOTE

The woman's passion for Christ led her to carry her costly gift, break it, and pour it on her Savior. The fragrance of the oil filled the house and followed Jesus to the cross.

2. READ John 12:26.

What did Jesus say about those who serve Him? _____

PERSONAL

How will you start serving someone God has put into your life today? _____

CHALLENGE

READ Luke 10:38-42.

Women can get overwhelmed with too much serving. Martha and Mary served the LORD, what was each woman's service (vs. 38, 39)?

What was wrong with Martha's service to Him (v. 40)? _____

What did Jesus say about each of them (vv. 41, 42)? _____

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

Proverbs 31:31

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