



God's Design for Marriage

The Role of the Wife



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A Suitable Helper

Genesis 2:18

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”



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The Value of an Excellent Wife

Proverbs 31:10–12

¹⁰ An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above 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 evil All the days of her life.



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The Value of an Excellent Wife

Proverbs 18:22

²² He who finds a wife finds a good thing And obtains favor from the LORD.



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The Value of an Excellent Wife

Proverbs 19:14

¹⁴ House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the LORD.



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Warning Signs

Proverbs 11:22

²² As a ring of gold in a swine's snout So is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion.

Proverbs 25:24

²⁴ It is better to live in a corner of the roof Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

Proverbs 27:15

¹⁵ A constant dripping on a day of steady rain And a contentious woman are alike;



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Warning Signs

Proverbs 19:13

¹³ A foolish son is destruction to his father, And the contentions of a wife are a constant dripping.

Proverbs 21:9

⁹ It is better to live in a corner of a roof Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

Proverbs 21:19

¹⁹ It is better to live in a desert land Than with a contentious and vexing woman.



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Instructions from Ephesians

Ephesians 5:22

²² Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.



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Ephesians 5:23

²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.



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Instructions from Ephesians

Ephesians 5:24

²⁴ But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.



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Instructions from Ephesians

Ephesians 5:33

³³ Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.



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Instructions from the Book of Titus

Titus 2:3–5

³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

⁴ so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

⁵ to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.



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Characteristics of a Godly Woman

Proverbs 31:10-31

Trustworthy – vs. 11

She does him good all the days of her life – vs. 12

She works hard – with delight – vs. 13-15

She is financially responsible – vs. 16, 24

She is diligent vs. 17-19



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Characteristics of a Godly Woman

Proverbs 31:10-31

She cares for the needy vs. 20

She does not live in fear— vs. 21

She cares for her family vs. 21-24

She lives in anticipation of the future vs. 25

She is wise and teaches kindness – vs. 26



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Characteristics of a Godly Woman

Proverbs 31:10-31

She is not lazy – vs. 27

Her husband and children bless her – vs. 28-29

She fears the Lord – vs. 30

She reaps the benefit of what she sows – vs. 31



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Application

Are you contentious?

Are you in biblical submission to the Lord?

Are you in biblical submission to your husband?

Do you respect and love your husband?

Which characteristics of a godly woman do you need to work on?