



# She is Like Merchant Ships

*Seeking Additional Work*

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What does the Bible say about women working?

***How do I sort out whether or not I can take on a job without neglecting the main role that God has given to me?***

- Look to your own husband

- Look at your own situation

- Look at reality

- Look at your motivation

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"The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil all the days of her life."

**- Proverbs 31:11-12**

**We don't see the Proverbs 31 woman "doing it all," we see her "doing it well!"**

Do the things that are \_\_\_\_\_ and do them with \_\_\_\_\_.

## Contribute to the Financial Stability of Your Home Without Getting a Job

- Help your husband so that he is free to give the effort that his job requires.
- Pray before spending!
- Meal planning – be prepared for meals, and use what you buy
- Eat primarily at home
- Prepare foods from scratch
- Keep track of a budget
- Keep your home organized – avoid late fees, library fines, and purchasing items that you already have but forgot
- Shop coupons and sales
- Shop garage sales and thrift stores
- Buy and sell kids' clothes and toys at a consignment sale
- Homeschooling vs. private school tuition
- Bake your child's birthday cake and put together a party at home rather than paying a party fee somewhere
- Cut hair at home
- Negotiate bills and rates
- Repair something yourself

## Earning Money from Home

**1. Blogging** Write about a topic you love! Earn money from ads displayed on your site (income is based on traffic to your site), affiliate programs such as Amazon, writing sponsored content, selling products on your site.

**2. Be a Virtual Assistant** Get paid to work for another person who may not live anywhere close to you. Variety of tasks, depending on the employer.

**3. MLM or Direct Sales Businesses** Earn money by selling products that you love! But there are a few cautions with this one.

**4. Etsy Shop** Sell products that you create in an online craft market! Sell handmade clothing, jewelry, mugs, home décor, children's clothing and toys, etc.

**5. Ebay and Amazon** Buy things on sale, at flea markets, or at wholesale and re-sell them for a profit.

**6. Custom Sewing and Alterations** Create personalized items such as baby clothing and blankets. Earn money altering or repairing clothing.

**7. Cake Decorating** Earn money by creating custom cakes for birthdays and events.

**8. Clean Houses** Offer weekly cleaning, or come on an as-needed basis. Might be good to offer to organize rooms as well.

**9. Child Care** Offer paid child care in your own home, or work as a nanny.

**10. Photography** Photograph family sessions, weddings, and events. Photograph houses for realtors. Take stock photos.

**11. Private Lessons** Teach music lessons, art lessons, drama, swimming, tennis, etc.

**12. Teach a Class** If you have something that you need to teach your own kids anyway, why not make it a class? Or offer a class for something you are good at such as quilting, photography, painting, etc.

**13. Teachers Pay Teachers** Create educational materials for teachers to use in their classrooms. Customers will pay to download your resources.