

A romantic scene of a man and a woman walking away from the viewer on a wooden pier. They are silhouetted against a bright, golden sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong lens flare and reflecting on the water. The background shows a dark, silhouetted shoreline with trees.

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Biblical Principles for Dating & Marriage

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Biblical Marriage and the Woman

Theme:

"A godly wife is one who fears the Lord and follows and respects her husband as his companion."



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The Marriage Covenant

I, Ms. **Bride**, take you Mr. **Groom**, to be my husband.

- ✓ I commit to love you as the church loves Christ.
- ✓ I will trust you by submitting to you.
- ✓ I will encourage you to treasure Christ above everything else in this world.
- ✓ I will forgive you as Christ has forgiven me.
- ✓ I will care for you with humility, kindness, gentleness, and patience.
- ✓ I will please you by putting your interests above my own.
- ✓ I will honor you with my purity.
- ✓ I will join with you in the mission God has entrusted to us.
- ✓ I will sacrifice my life for your sake.
- ✓ I will cherish you as a child of God.

And by the grace of God, **I will be faithful** to this covenant as long as we both shall live.



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Biblical Marriage and the Woman

- I. Her Character as a Wife (Prov. 31:10-12)
 - 1. Valiant / Strong (10a)
 - 2. Rare and Precious (10b)
 - 3. Trustworthy (11)
 - 4. Does him good all the days of her life (12)



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Biblical Marriage and the Woman

- I. Her Character as a Wife (10-12)
- II. Her Commitment as a Homemaker (13-19)
 - 1. Cheerful hard worker (13)
 - 2. Enterprising spirit (14-15)
 - 3. Careful planner (16-17)
 - 4. Prepares well (18-19)



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- III. Her Charitableness as a Neighbor (20)



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- IV. Her Clothing as a Woman (21-27)
 - 1. Her Confident outlook towards the future (21)
 - 2. Her Care for herself (22)
 - 3. Her Conduct provides the foundation for her husband to flourish (23-24)



Proverbs 31:10-31 (Chiastic Structure)

- A: High value of a good wife (v. 10)
- B: Husband benefited by wife (vv. 11–12)
- C: Wife works hard (vv. 13–19)
- D: Wife gives to poor (v. 20)
- E: No fear of snow (v. 21a)
- F: Children clothed in scarlet (v. 21b)
- G: Coverings for bed, wife wears linen (v. 22)
- H: Public respect for husband (v. 23)**
- G': Sells garments and sashes (v. 24)
- F': Wife clothed in dignity (v. 25a)
- E': No fear of future (v. 25b)
- D': Wife speaks wisdom (v. 26)
- C': Wife works hard (v. 27)
- B': Husband and children praise wife (vv. 28–29)
- A': High value of a good wife (vv. 30–31)*

*Duane A. Garrett, [*Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs*](#), vol. 14, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1993), 247–252.



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 - 4. Her Clothes reveal strength and dignity (25)
 - 5. Her Clothes unveil wisdom and kindness (26)



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- V. Her Commendation as a Woman that Fears the Lord (28-31)
 - 1. From her children (28a)
 - 2. From her husband (28b-29)
 - 3. From God's people (30)
 - 4. From all people (31)



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Application

1. Self Reflection

- Am I a woman whose life is marked by a 'fear of the Lord'

2. A Godly Wife

- Is a Follower (Eph. 5:22-24)
- Is a Companion (Gen. 2:18)
- Respects her husband (Eph. 5:33)



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