

Living a Resurrected Life: A Life of Noble Character

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Proverbs 31:10-15, 20, 23-31

10 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. 11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. 12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. 13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. 14 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. 15 She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family and portions for her servant girls. 16-19... 20 She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. 21-22... 23 Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. 24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. 25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. 26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. 27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 29 "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." 30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. 31 Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

A Person of Noble Character...

1. IS RARE AND PRECIOUS

Proverbs 31:10, 12

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Noble: exalted moral character or excellence

Character: attributes that distinguish an individual

Matthew 7:13-14

13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

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2. SERVES

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3. CONDUCTS THEMSELVES WITH INTEGRITY

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26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

Matt 5:37

"Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'"

A Person of Noble Character...

4. BRINGS HONOR TO THEMSELVES, THEIR FAMILY AND GOD

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