

Many today have a distorted view of how the Bible treats women, and how women are to be treated. The Godly woman is no less of a person than a man. Like everyone, a woman who lives as God directs leads a happier and full life, than one who strikes back against God's plan.

Genesis 2:18-25 From the Beginning

Man and Woman created differently, and they are not the same, and were never intended to be the same. A helper/helpmeet and companion. Of the same kind, but different. Meant for each other.

Genesis 3:16 Unique punishments

Conception made more difficult and, controversially, man to rule over her.

Ephesians 5:22-24 Submission to husbands

Unpopular in modern culture, but still directed by God. One in charge of the family, responsible for both decisions and their consequences and defense against threats and challenges. A wife should recognize the husband's role and defer to him.

Titus 2:3-5 Active but not dominating

Recognizing universal Christian traits, and teaching them to others. Going against the virtues of righteous living and against God's instructions for the Church and the family, harms both in the perception of the world.

Proverbs 21: 10 – 31

The last set of Proverbs is perhaps the most moving and instructional; it sets the bar for what defines a Godly woman. Not only do women see the standard they should rise to, but men see the full precious value of such a woman and see how they should search for such a one, rather than a silly, fleeting, and unrighteous companion.

V10 In contrast to physical wealth, not as a possession or an addition to wealth

V11 The husband will find peace in a wife who lives by God's laws

V12 No greater harm can come to a man, than from a woman he loves and trusts

V13-14 Activity and industry, not idleness and sloth

V15 Self sacrifice isn't a folly, but is praiseworthy. For her inconvenience, her whole household prospers

V16 Engagement out of the home is not only allowed but encouraged; but it part of the service to her family, not instead of it

V17 Women take care of themselves, not neglecting themselves in their daily responsibilities

V18-19 She takes pride in the quality of her work, paying attention to completing the tasks and to doing them well

V20 Charity towards others comes more naturally to women than men, and she especially is called to not forget this virtue

V21-22 Her family is appropriately attired, both for public modesty and practical concerns. The use of red (showing strength and health) and purple (showing nobility and beauty) highlights the importance

V23 The old phrase "Behind every successful man is a good woman" is true, in at least as much as no man should expect to be able to take his role in society if his wife is not supporting him at home. He will not be able to handle all his responsibilities and hers (neither could or should she take on both roles)

V24-25 Again, she can make profit outside being a mother and wife, but her work of her hands shouldn't define her the way it does a man. Her fulfillment should come from her virtues

V26 A good guide for all of us, but critically important for the wife and mother in those roles

V27-28 If she maintains these traits as God intended, her family will recognize and praise her for it all

V29-30 These Godly traits in the end count more than mere physical beauty. That is why these traits are to be her focus, although beauty is a positive not a negative. The most beautiful maid cannot maintain for her whole life that outward beauty, but virtues and righteousness can be kept up until the end

V31 We should not be embarrassed or scandalized at the Biblical description of a Godly wife and mother. Instead we should celebrate such a woman, and she should be proud to be seen as such