

## An Ideal Woman

### Proverbs 31:10-31

Intro: Two neighborhood women were walking down the sidewalk one summer and came to the Henry Smith home. The yard grass was knee high. Coke bottles, papers, and trash littered the porch. Through a front window, Henry's bare feet protruded slightly. He was sound asleep. Said one of the ladies, "I see that Lottie Smith is still away!"

The ideal woman is epitomized in Proverbs 31:10-31. She is of great worth – perfect partner—does good!—works hard as family manager and planner—watches over her household affairs—children arise and call her blessed—husband praises her – a woman who fears the Lord is to be PRAISED

\*\*\*An Ideal woman is that in any generation!

#### I. The Ideal Woman Maintains her Personal Attractiveness (v.21-22, 25-26)

1. She knows how to clothe herself eloquently.

Made her own clothes (Attractive, fashionable).

2. She maintains a spiritual and intellectual attractiveness.

Psalms 45:13 – The King's daughter is all gloriousness within

ILL. "Beauty is only skin deep, ugly goes to the bone"

Outer and Inner beauty

#### II. The Ideal Woman Sustains Constant Industriousness (v.12-22; 24)

1. She provides for her family. (food and clothing)  
(develops business ability) (makes wise investments)
2. She does not hesitate to work
3. Her family benefits from her desire to provide for them

### III. The Ideal Woman Enables Family Success (v. 21-27)

1. Her family feels secure by her help. She sees their future is made secure.
2. Her family benefits from her wise words. Personal kindness. Knowledge of God's law.
3. Her family benefits from her invaluable oversight in every area of life.

### IV. The Ideal Woman Achieves Lasting Blessedness (v 28-31)

1. Her works praise her.
2. Her husband and children praise her.

Conclusion: A life of fulfillment.

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