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What is the evidence we lived a life truly fearing the LORD?

An excellent wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.

Proverbs 31:10-11 ESV

She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.

Proverbs 31:12-13 ESV

She is like the ships of the merchant;
she brings her food from afar.

She rises while it is yet night and provides food
for her household and portions for her maidens.

Proverbs 31:14-15 ESV

She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
She dresses herself with strength
and makes her arms strong.

Proverbs 31:16-17 ESV

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.

Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.

Proverbs 31:18-19 ESV

She opens her hand to the poor
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid of snow for her household,
for all her household are clothed in scarlet.

Proverbs 31:20-21 ESV

She makes bed coverings for herself;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
Her husband is known in the gates
when he sits among the elders of the land.

Proverbs 31:22-23 ESV

She makes linen garments and sells them;
she delivers sashes to the merchant.
Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.

Proverbs 31:24-25 ESV

She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
She looks well to the ways of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Proverbs 31:26-27 ESV

Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”

Proverbs 31:28-29 ESV

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the gates.

Proverbs 31:30-31 ESV

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Proverbs 9 – *Invites all to her table who are willing to leave behind simple ways in order to fear the LORD and gain wisdom*

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Luke 10:38-40 ESV

But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:41-42 ESV

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