



Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price

is far above rubies. The heart of her husband

doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have

no need of spoil.



She will do him good and not evil all the days

of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and

worketh willingly with her hands.



She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth

her food from afar. She riseth also while it is

yet night, and giveth meat to her household,

and a portion to her maidens.



She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with

the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

She girdeth her loins with strength, and

strengtheneth her arms.



She perceiveth that her merchandise is good:

her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth

her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the

distaff.



She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea,

she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.



She is not afraid of the snow for her household:

for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her

clothing is silk and purple.



Her husband is known in the gates, when he

sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh

fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles

unto the merchant.



Strength and honour are her clothing; and she

shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her

mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law

of kindness.



She looketh well to the ways of her household,

and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Her children arise up, and call her blessed;

her husband also, and he praiseth her.



Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou

excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and

beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the

Lord, she shall be praised.



Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her

own works praise her in the gates.