



A wife of noble character who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband

has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of

value.



She brings him good, not harm, all the days of

her life. She selects wool and flax and works

with eager hands. She is like the merchant

ships, bringing her food from afar.



She gets up while it is still dark; she provides

food for her family and portions for her servant

girls. She considers a field and buys it; out of

her earnings she plants a vineyard.



She sets about her work vigorously; her arms

are strong for her tasks. She sees that her

trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go

out at night.



In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the

spindle with her fingers. She opens her arms to

the poor and extends her hands to the needy.



When it snows, she has no fear for her

household; for all of them are clothed in

scarlet. She makes coverings for her bed;

she is clothed in fine linen and purple.



Her husband is respected at the city gate,

where he takes his seat among the elders of

the land. She makes linen garments and sells

them, and supplies the merchants with sashes.



She is clothed with strength and dignity;

she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks

with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her

tongue.



She watches over the affairs of her household

and does not eat the bread of idleness.



Her children arise and call her blessed; her

husband also, and he praises her: “Many women

do noble things, but you surpass them all.”



Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting, but

a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.



Give her the reward she has earned, and let

her works bring her praise at the city gate.