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THE SEARCH FOR A PRAISEWORTHY WOMAN

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- She is excellent in every sense of the word
- Such a woman is extremely rare
- She is priceless
- This type of woman is the one to pursue
- She is praiseworthy!

THE PORTRAITS OF THE PRAISEWORTHY WOMAN

1. The Praiseworthy Woman is a _____ wife who has the complete confidence of her husband
31:11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. ¹²She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
2. The Praiseworthy Woman is an enterprising homemaker who uses her creativity to _____ her family and others
31:15 She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens.
3. The Praiseworthy Woman is not _____ about the future
31:25 Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.
4. The Praiseworthy Woman is a godly lady who _____ God supremely
31:30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

To Fear God is to...

A. Hate evil

Proverbs 3:7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

B. Refuse to envy sinners

Proverbs 23:17 Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in the fear of the LORD all the day.

C. Walk in transparent uprightness

Proverbs 14:2 Whoever walks in uprightness fears the LORD, but he who is devious in his ways despises him.

D. Keep your heart soft towards God.

Proverbs 28:14 Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

E. Stay humble

Proverbs 15:33 The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

F. Know the Holy One

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

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