"The ABC's of An Excellent Wife"

Intro: On this last day of the Year of our Lord 2014 we come to the closing section of Proverbs where we find a rather _______ poem. Of this poem Jay Adams writes, "Nothing else in all of literature approximates it. It is a poem of unparalleled magnificence, yet preeminently _____________." Amen! Through this magnificent poem our Lord teaches His sons what to look for as they consider a godly wife while simultaneously instructing His daughters in those wifely qualities that are most pleasing to Him, by which they are _____________ as they bless all whom they love.

A. While indeed the Holy _______ inspired King Lemuel to record these words they were ____________ out to His mother by the Holy Spirit as she instructed her son in the excellence of a virtuous wife.

I. The wisdom of God calls for _______ _________ of excellence and virtue.

A. An ___________ _________ is to be desired as she is more precious than all the accumulated treasures of this world. She is strong because she _______ in _______. She is selfless because she understands the nature of her salvation. She valiantly pursues obedience to God whereby her husband and family is most blessed. Such a wife is a gift from God's own hand and ___ ____ _____________ as such.

B. As the _______ is to be __ ___________ so is the virtuous _______ to be __ __________: trust-worthy, ever-faithful, working what is good and not evil, honoring his name while never maligning him. And that husband's heart - if he is wise and filled with faith in Christ - will be secured and filled with joy as his wife is whom Christ calls her to be.

C. The virtuous wife ______________ ______________ with the care of her family. Her hands, her feet and all her waking hours are devoted to the excellent care of her own. She serves God in practical ways by serving those whom God has placed under her care. She knows that whatever she does to the least of God's people, she has done it unto God. In this, she is __________ to serve her family for this is her faithful service to and worship of God.
D. An excellent wife does what she does for the purpose of blessing her family, and not for selfish gain. Her concern is not for “her ____________”, that she makes a name for herself, but she does what she does seeing her husband and children as her God-ordained career. She excels in the works of her labors and investments for the purpose of excelling in her ________________ __ her ____________, and this as worship to God.

E. The excellent wife maintains and builds upon her ________________ and ________________ health, knowing that the state of her health and soul affect the quality of her ________________ to her family.

F. The virtuous woman understands her God-ordained role, and in earnestly fulfilling that role and ________________ the blessings of ______ upon her she is encouraged and ________________ to continue on the path of the excellent wife.

Closing: At the hearing of God’s Word may we all humbly bow before our Lord, ________________ to do His will by trusting in His Savior Jesus, for He is the ____________, the Savior of the world.

As we consider the practical wisdom concerning the excellent wife as expressed to us in this last chapter of Proverbs may ____ also realize that we who have believed in Christ are the very ________________ of ________________. And if the earthly bride is called to such virtuous excellence then how much more is saved bride of Christ called to virtuous excellence? As Christ cleanses by the washing of the water of His word, may we follow after Him striving to live a pure and spotless life, being a faithful bride, holy and blameless. Let us apply this word to our life that Christ our Husband will be glorified. Let us be consumed with our Husband ____________, His glory being ____ great ____________.

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