"The ABC's of An Excellent Wife"
(Pt. II Verses 19-31)

Intro: We give all praise to God on this first Lord’s Day of the year 2015 for today it is our privilege to complete our study of the Proverbs. This past Sunday, having begun to consider the portion of 31\textsuperscript{st} chapter which speaks of the ___________ wife, it is ours today to visit verses 19-31 where we learn more of those ___________ that make for a wife of ___________ and godliness.

A. An excellent ________ is a rare treasure, worth far more than the accumulated treasures of this world and is to be __________________ as such.

B. The excellent wife seeks to ___________ ______ through her industry with her family’s welfare motivating her.

C. The excellent wife is a ___________ woman who employs her strength not in defiance but for the advancement of her ____________.

I. The _______ of all wisdom ____________ His _______ to wisely choose and cherish a wife of godly virtue, and by this His ____________ learn what it is that makes for an excellent wife, whereby she will well-serve her Savior through the worship of being the excellent wife He calls her to be.

A. The excellent wife busies herself in caring for her own and the needy. As she is not greedy for herself nor her family for her ___________ ___ ___________ toward God.

B. The excellent wife does not ignore her own needs or desires but understands that properly ____________ for herself is a means by which she properly ____________ for her husband and children. The virtuous wife is glad to be a woman and in wisdom and the ____________ of the Holy God who gave her life “she makes coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple”.

C. The excellent wife not only sees it as her responsibility but actually enjoys being a ___________ ___ her _____________. As much as it depends upon her she advances her husband’s name, and this to advance the name of ____________.

D. Above all things the virtuous wife is ___________ ___ her ____________, and respected for who she is over what she does. The wise know that what she does results from the nature of her character. Fearing _______ and seeing His hand and favor in her life she is _________________ in Him for the future.
1. Those who know her will give her their attention, and so does she employ her ________________ for their good that they may know of the ________________ of God revealed to us through the Savior, Christ ____________.

E. The excellent wife is ______ about her Father’s business, occupying the moments of her day by ________________ out ______ care of her family. In this her family learns of God and His caring ________ for them.

II. Exceptional ________________ ________________ to the godly wife of virtue.

A. The excellent wife will be an excellent mother, and recognizing her as such, if her ________________ possess any wisdom from God, will rise up and ____________. And what joy will fill that mother’s soul! Then, even here on earth, she will realize that her days of sacrifice were well spent, bringing ____________ __ her _______ and Savior.

B. As he sings her praises, glorifying God, the excellent wife will know that she is cherished by her husband above all others. What great ________________ ________________ to the excellent wife! She is due the security of her husband’s love and esteem for truly, she is a rare treasure.

C. As God desires to ________ such humble servants as the excellent ________ so must we see to it that His will is done. As a virtuous woman reaps the fruit of what she has sown so will the ____________ __ her ________ be spread abroad.

Closing: While we have learned what kind of a virtuous woman a wise man will seek as he considers a wife, and how such a virtuous woman is to be cherished and appreciated, we have also learned what the ________________ __ to be to Christ. The picture of the excellent wife is a picture of how the church is to ________________, and a picture of how Christ cherishes His ____________, the church.

With Christ being our Husband let us be the virtuous bride who for the sake of our Husband’s name is a bride of godly excellence. Let us consider the virtues of the excellent wife and in the ________ of ________ wisely fulfill His will for us in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior.

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