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# **LAYERS IN THE FAMILY**

## Proverbs 31:

10 ¶Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. 12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. 13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. 14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. 15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

## **Proverbs 31:**

16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. 17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. 18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. 19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. 20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

## **Proverbs 31:**

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. 22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. 23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. 24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. 25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

## **Proverbs 31:**

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. 27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. 29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. 30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

## **Introduction**

Much of what is in this section gives insights to the qualities of a great home.

We will consider three of them:

1. Trust.
2. Toil.
3. Tenderness.



## *Layers in the family*



TRUST

*"The heart of her husband doeth safely TRUST in her, so that he shall no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life." (Proverbs 31:11-12).*

## **Trust:**

A foundational principle of successful marriages and home is in the word “TRUST

Strong confidence in the credibility of the words of the VOWS that were made the day the two became ONE is without parallel in importance.

Having a mutual confidence in the other when AWAY from each other is a peace that all should know.

It is tragic to see a husband who is controlling and suspicious of his wife’s every word and step.

## **Trust:**

Equally as damaging is the wife's probing into every action of her husband to see if he is really truthful and loyal to the marriage.

TRUST allows each to be away from each other in different activities of the day and yet knowing that each is working for the common goal: "a happy and productive life together."

# Toil

“She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.”

This section is filled with words of productive labor.

1. “Seeketh” and “worketh willingly. (Proverbs 31:13).
2. “She planteth a vineyard”. (Proverbs 31:16).

## Toil

A casual look into the life of this woman would show that she had no time to be idle with all the production that she gave.

She worked for the present needs and prepared for the future ones.

“Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates”. (Proverbs 31:31).

When all are working together for the good of the home, a GREAT home is produced.

Building a home is much labor. (Proverbs 14:1).

# Toil

Proverbs 14:

1 Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

*Tenderness*

**No home is great where compassion is absent.**

**It is stated of this worthy woman- "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness" (Proverbs 31:26).**

**She is compassionate to those unfortunate ones outside the home.  
(Proverbs 31:20)**

## **Tenderness**

Showing mercy and kindness is to be close to the character of God himself. (Titus 3:4-5).

Love and tenderness is to be sought after in the home than material riches.

1. Proverbs 15:17.
2. Proverbs 17:1.



## **Tenderness**

Proverbs 15:

17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

Proverbs 17:

1 Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife.

## Conclusion

Since the Lord God made the home to be a BLESSING to humanity, it should follow that the Lord KNOWS what is best for it.

Would that each HOME be a taste of HEAVEN on earth!

## **Conclusion**

The Layers of the home are so important when it comes to pleasing. Can these be found in your home?

1. Trust.
2. Toil.
3. Tenderness.