

Portrait of A Mother

A most beautiful portrait of a Christian Mother is given to us in the Bible. Proverbs 31 portrays for us those qualities of heart and mind that make a Mother one whose "price is far above rubies":

INDUSTRY: "She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness." (*Verses 13-19, 21-24*)

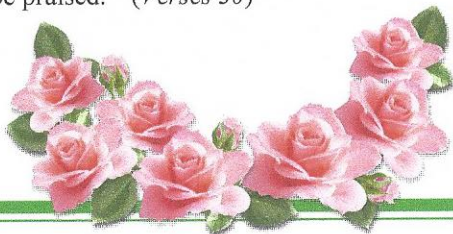
GENEROSITY: "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy." (*Verse 20*)

FAITHFULNESS: "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." (*Verses 11,12,23,31,28*)

CHARACTER: "Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." (*Verse 25,29*)

WISDOM: "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness." (*Verse 26*)

FAITH: "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised." (*Verses 30*)



HAPPY
Mother's Day

Her children arise up, and call her blessed.

Proverbs 31:28

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Regular Meeting Schedule

Sunday Morning

9:30– Breaking of Bread: Remembrance & Worship

10:30- Fellowship and Coffee

11:00- Ministry from the Word of God

Songs & Announcements for May: David Sanford

Pianists: Jan Hughes, Melissa Sanford

Speakers

May 3	No Meeting
May 10	No Meeting
May 17	Ken Sanford
May 24	Ken Sanford
May 31	Tom Davison
June 7	Herman Pinion

Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic, some Meetings during the month of May will be cancelled.

Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting

Pray for one another, daily!

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much!

James 5:16

Proverb

The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth,
and addeth learning to his lips. Pleasant
words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the
soul, and health to the bones

Proverb 16:23-24

A gracious
woman
retaineth
honour:
Proverbs 11:16

*For this child I prayed. Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD:
and the fruit of the womb is His reward.* 1 Samuel 1:27, Psalm 127:3

Only a woman can carry new life, the life of an eternal soul. This is the fruit of the womb. This is a holy gift entrusted to a mother. There is a cost of motherhood, and the price is no small sum to raise that child for God. Mothers, may God give you that needed grace! —Jim Comte, Choice Gleanings, May 2012

Bound by the grace Your love imparts, Make me a mother who follows Your heart.
—Claire Cloninger

In the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba. And Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him. 2 Kings 12:1-2

The little phrase “and his mother’s name was,” appears 23 times in the Old Testament. The significance seems to be the influence each mother had on her son. With the help of the priest of the LORD, Zibiah’s son was properly instructed and he was enabled to carry out his responsibilities with God’s approval. A godly mother is a treasure and one for whom Mother’s Day should be celebrated! —David McCulloch, Choice Gleanings, May 2014

*Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children.
And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish Thou the
work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.*
Psalm 90:12, 16-17

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move, at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be, swift and ‘beautiful’ for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be, filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use, every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour, at Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be, ever, only, ALL for Thee.

—Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874 (1836-1879)

Frances Ridley Havergal defined consecration as “the action of her will in surrendering herself completely to God.”