

A Portrait of a Godly Woman

Selected Scriptures

1. **A Common Holiness**

Men and women are alike as sinners, indistinguishable in how they receive salvation, and have the exact same standing before the Lord (cf. Matt 16:24; Gal. 3:28; 5:16-25; 1 Pet. 3:7). Most of the ways in which the Lord calls believers to holiness are exactly the same, in command or in application, for both men and women (cf. Gal. 5:22-25; Eph 5:15-21).

2. **An Intentional Beauty**

We live in a society that is confused and unmoored when it comes to beauty. Physical beauty is enjoyable, but it is fleeting (cf. Song. 4:1-7; Prov. 31:30). A godly woman will strive to have both a priority and an emphasis on cultivating what God has esteemed. A godly woman should strive to dress in such a way as to draw attention to who she is and not what she looks like, and her actions should speak louder than her clothes (1 Tim. 2:9-10; cf. Acts 9:36). A godly woman should continually strive to refine those characteristics which are precious to God (Titus 2:3; 1 Pet. 3:3-4)

3. **An Essential Vocation**

The culture in which we live esteems women who are titans of industry or who are true to their own hearts, but a godly woman will strive to excel at the tasks God has assigned to her. Godly women have been given a difficult task in the single greatest and most important institution in the world: the home (Titus. 2:5). Throughout the course of her life, a godly woman will need to be an excellent student, a diligent worker, and a dedicated teacher (Titus 2:3-5).

4. **An Esteemed Goal**

A godly woman will strive to be faithful to the Lord and to continually beautify herself in His eyes. A godly man will likewise know the lasting value of God's priorities (Prov. 31:10-11), and eventually so will her children (Prov. 31:28). The Christian individual, the Christian family, and the Christian church must strive to be biblical, not cultural, in how we esteem women.