

When You Honor

Text: Proverbs 3:13 *Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.* ¹⁴ *For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.* ¹⁵ *She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.* ¹⁶ **Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.** ¹⁷ *Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.* ¹⁸ *She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.*

Introduction: Today is a day of honoring all women, moms, grandmothers and spiritual mothers.

We will see by wisdom that when you honor, you cause the dignity and true worth of some person or thing to become manifest and acknowledged!

1. Everyone rejoices when we honor those in need!

1 Corinthians 12:23 *And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.* ²⁴ *For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:* ²⁵ *That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.* ²⁶ *And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or **one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.***

2. Husband's prayers get answered when they honor their wives!

1 Peter 3:7 *Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.*

3. Many women have risen out from abuse, betrayal, and hardships! Ladies, you have a God-given ability to both receive honor and live in the dignity of your Called Excellence!

Today we declare you are lifted to HONOR!

Out of ashes we impart Beauty!

From the spirit of heaviness, we clothe you with the garment of Praise!

A. Hannah the mother of Samuel who for many years was barren and persecuted by Penniah, Elkanah's other wife with several children and Eli the priest though she was drunk. But her husband and God honored her prayer to dedicate her son to the Lord.

1 Samuel 1:6-20 ²⁰ *Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.*

B. Many Rabbis have attributed Proverbs 31 to Solomon's Mother, Bathsheba. She was summoned by King David who slept with her - being the wife of another man, suffered the murder of her husband, death of her son with David and the public humility of David's sin being known to all! But, God honored her dedicating her second son to the Lord. Solomon is now in the lineage of Jesus!

Prov 31:1 *THE WORDS of Lemuel "Belonging to God" king of Massa, which his mother taught him:*

Prov 31:10 - The Message Bible –

A good woman is hard to find, and worth far more than diamonds. Her husband trusts her without reserve, and never has reason to regret it. Never spiteful, she treats him generously all her life long. She shops around for the best yarns and cottons, and enjoys knitting and sewing. She's like a trading ship that sails to faraway places and brings back exotic surprises. She's up before dawn, preparing breakfast for her family and organizing her day. She looks over a field and buys it, then, with money she's put aside, plants a garden. First thing in the morning, she dresses for work, rolls up her sleeves, eager to get started. She senses the worth of her work, is in no hurry to call it quits for the day. She's skilled in the crafts of home and hearth, diligent in homemaking. She's quick to assist anyone in need, reaches out to help the poor. She doesn't worry about her family when it snows; their winter clothes are all mended and ready to wear. She makes her own clothing, and dresses in colorful linens and silks. Her husband is greatly respected when he deliberates with the city fathers. She designs gowns and sells them, brings the sweaters she knits to the dress shops. Her clothes are well-made and elegant, and she always faces tomorrow with a smile. When she speaks she has something worthwhile to say, and she always says it kindly. She keeps an eye on everyone in her household, and keeps them all busy and productive. Her children respect and bless her; her husband joins in with words of praise: "Many women have done wonderful things, but you've outclassed them all!" Charm can mislead and beauty soon fades. The woman to be admired and praised is the woman who lives in the Fear-of-God. Give her everything she deserves! Festoon (Overwhelm) her life with praises!

Worship God with your First-Fruits, Tithes, Offerings and Sacrifices:

Proverbs 3:5 *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. ⁷ Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. ⁸ It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. ⁹ Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: ¹⁰ So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.*