

A graphic at the top of the page features a stylized brain in the background. Overlaid on the brain is a white rectangular box containing the word "TRUTH!" in large, bold, orange-outlined letters. To the right of the brain, there are several black arrows pointing in various directions, some of which are curved. The entire graphic is set against a solid orange background.

TRUTH!

WISDOM FOR FLOURISHING PEOPLE

SERIES RESOURCES

Truth!: Wisdom for Flourishing People
What kind of woman do you want to be?
Proverbs 31:10–31

“Wise daughters aspire to be like her, wise men seek to marry her, and all people aim to incarnate the wisdom she embodies” (Bruce Waltke, *The Book of Proverbs, Chapters 15–31*, 520).

Know your value – vv. 10–12

10 An excellent wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

11 The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.

12 She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.

- You are valuable because you are uniquely created
 - “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them” (Genesis 1:27)
- Do you know what makes you uniquely you?

Serve others wisely – vv. 13–27

13 She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.

14 She is like the ships of the merchant;
she brings her food from afar.

15 She rises while it is yet night
and provides food for her household
and portions for her maidens.

16 She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

17 She dresses herself with strength
and makes her arms strong.

18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
 Her lamp does not go out at night.
 19 She puts her hands to the distaff,
 and her hands hold the spindle.
 20 She opens her hand to the poor
 and reaches out her hands to the needy.
 21 She is not afraid of snow for her household,
 for all her household are clothed in scarlet.
 22 She makes bed coverings for herself;
 her clothing is fine linen and purple.
 23 Her husband is known in the gates
 when he sits among the elders of the land.
 24 She makes linen garments and sells them;
 she delivers sashes to the merchant.
 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing,
 and she laughs at the time to come.
 26 She opens her mouth with wisdom,
 and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
 27 She looks well to the ways of her household
 and does not eat the bread of idleness.

- You serve others diligently
- You serve others generously
 - “The hands that grasp to produce open wide to provide” (Bruce Waltke, *The Book of Proverbs, Chapters 15–31*, 527).
- Do you serve others diligently and generously?

Receive praise from the ones who matter most – vv. 28–31

28 Her children rise up and call her blessed;
 her husband also, and he praises her:
 29 “Many women have done excellently,
 but you surpass them all.”
 30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
 but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands,
 and let her works praise her in the gates.

- “The woman so concerned for others now becomes the central concern and praise of others?” (Bruce Waltke, *The Book of Proverbs, Chapters 15–31*, 533).
- “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge” (Proverbs 1:7)
- Do you receive praise?
 - Kids, are you praising your mom?
 - Husbands, are you praising your wife?

Application: Answer for yourself this question: What kind of woman do you want to be?

Be the kind of a woman that knows her value, serves others wisely, and receives praise from those who matter most.