

Far too many husbands have developed an attitude toward their wives of half-heartedly hearing what they say and not giving them the respect of 100-percent attention.

A husband who does this, or in any way shows disrespect, should consider how his words and deeds also affect his children. After all, he's not just speaking as a husband—he's speaking as a father who needs to teach his children to respect their mother.

In Proverbs 31, the writer mentions that the children of the virtuous woman will "rise up and call her blessed" (v.28). That kind of honour does not come easily. It comes to a mother who shows good character, but it also comes from children who have been taught by a trusting, loving father how important it is to show respect for Mom.

Husbands and fathers, renew your commitment to love and honour your wife by kind words, thoughtful actions, and respectful communication. Long after the flowers have died and the perfume is gone, that kind of present will continue to be appreciated. And your children will notice too. —JDB

*Husband, show your wife you love her;
Give her honour and respect;
Listen closely when she's speaking;
Acts of kindness; don't neglect. —Sper*

Love and respect is the greatest gift parents can give their children.



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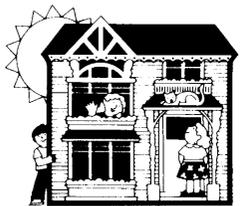
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What Dad Can Do For Mum

Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. —Proverbs 31:28

The bumper sticker states, "My wife says I never pay attention to what she says—or something like that." It's funny, I admit, but the more I think about it, the more I don't want to be that kind of a husband.





Our Home

A Beautiful Woman

(Proverbs 31:10, 15, 18, 16, 19)

Both Proverbs 31 in the Old Testament, and 1 Peter 3 in the New Testament, describe 3 aspirations of a beautiful woman:

1. Godly _____, Proverbs 31:30

(1 John 4:18) "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love."

(Philippians 2:12) "... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;"

(Psalms 36:1-2) "... An oracle is within my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes. {2} For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin." [NIV]



(Matthew 10:28) "... And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

(Proverbs 11:22) "As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, So is a lovely woman who lacks discretion."

(Matthew 5:5) "Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth."

(Matthew 21:5) "... Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, ...'"

(1 Timothy 2:2) "... we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."

2. Godly _____, Proverbs 31:26

(Psalms 111:10) "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; ..."

(Proverbs 31:26) "She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." [NIV]

(Proverbs 15:23) "A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!"

(Proverbs 16:1) "The preparations of the heart belong to man, But the answer of the tongue is from the LORD."

(Proverbs 16:23) "The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, And adds learning to his lips."

(Proverbs 10:19) "In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise."

(Proverbs 21:23) "Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles."

(Proverbs 16:27) "An ungodly man digs up evil, And it is on his lips like a burning fire."

(Proverbs 18:2) "A fool has no delight in understanding, But in expressing his own heart."

(Proverbs 26:9) "Like a thorn that goes into the hand of a drunkard Is a proverb in the mouth of fools."

(Proverbs 18:21) "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, ..."

(Proverbs 14:1) "The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish pulls it down with her hands."



3. Godly _____, Proverbs 31:12, 27, 20, 13, 16-19, 24, 14-15, 21-22,

(Matthew 11:28-30) "... Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. {29} 'Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. {30} 'For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.'"

(1 John 3:3) "And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."



(1 Peter 3:1-4) "Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, {2} when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear. {3} Do not let your adornment be merely outward; arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel; {4} rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God."

