

GOOD MEN AND WOMEN

Old Testament Lesson #52

Job (JOBE) is described as a man who was “blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.” He was ever conscious of God. He is referred to throughout the Bible as a righteous man. In Ezekiel, he is named along with Noah and Daniel as men who were righteous before God (Ezekiel 14:14,20), and in the book of James, he is praised for his patience (James 5:10-11). Job was a man who trusted God in spite of all the bad things that had happened to him.

The woman of Proverbs 31 demonstrates a character that is pleasing to God. She is said to be worth more than rubies. Her husband trusts her, and she does him good and not harm as long as she lives.

She:

- works with her hands in wool and flax.
- brings her family food from far away.
- rises while it is still night to make food for her family and servant girls.
- looks at a field and buys it.
- plants a vineyard with the money she has earned.
- is a hard worker.
- knows the value of what she makes.
- works late into the night.
- is generous to the needy.
- takes good care of her family.
- makes coverings for her bed.
- is clothed well herself.
- makes linen garments and sells them.
- watches over the affairs of her household and is not idle.
- is dignified and strong, speaks with wisdom, and her family praises her.
- is not afraid of the future.

This passage ends with the proverb, “Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.”

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

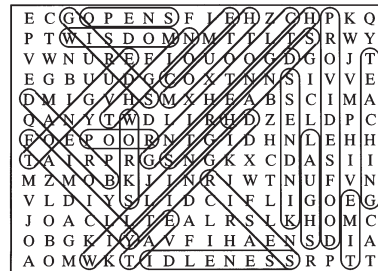
- Fear of the LORD is the starting point and essence of wisdom (Proverbs 9:10).

Good Men and Women

- I. The Bible describes Job as a man who feared God and turned from evil.
 - A. He was righteous and patient.
 - B. He trusted God despite all his troubles.

- II. The Bible describes a wife whose character is noble.
 - A. She is worth more than rubies, and her husband trusts her.
 - B. She works hard to care for her family.
 - C. She makes clothing and sells it.
 - D. She manages her household, yet also helps the poor and needy.
 - E. She speaks with wisdom, and her family praises her.
 - F. The proverb states that a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

ANSWER KEY:



be, me, land, hand, well,
tell, Job

Proverbs 31:10-31 lists characteristics of a good woman. Find the underlined words in the puzzle.

She girds herself with strength.
 She works with willing hands.
 She rises while still night and
provides food for her family.
 She opens her hand to the poor.
 She opens her mouth with wisdom.
 The teaching of kindness is on
 her tongue.
 She does not eat the bread of
idleness.
Strength and dignity are her clothing.
 She laughs at the time to come.



Who Am I ?



A man of God I was said to . Upright and blameless no evil

for . 7 sons and 3 daughters I've raised in this .

I've oxen, sheep, camels and donkeys at . My

patience is wide; I'm known for it . A book in the

Bible my story will . My name is .

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Job trusted God, even though bad things were happening to him.

Color the picture.



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