

## Extraordinary Womanhood!

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God has stamped these traits on the soul of women in the following order:

### **First important trait is: Nurturing**

*Her husband can trust her, and she will greatly enrich his life. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She finds wool and flax and busily spins it. She is like a merchant's ship, bringing her food from afar. She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household and plan the day's work for her servant girls. (Proverbs 31:11 – 15) NLT*

*And now a word to you parents. Don't keep on scolding and nagging your children, making them angry and resentful. Rather, bring them up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves, with suggestions and godly advice. (Ephesians 6:4) TLB*

### **Second important trait is: Security**

*She goes to inspect a field and buys it; with her earnings she plants a vineyard. She is energetic and strong, a hard worker. She makes sure her dealings are profitable; her lamp burns late into the night. (Proverbs 31:16 – 18) NLT*

*Proverbs 31:23 Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. To sit in the gates of a city in those days meant that you were a leader in the city, you were a decision maker, you were an influential man, you served as an administrator of justice. This pretty is clear that the reason a husband rises up to a place of influence is because of her security. Her wisdom. Her wisdom expressed in the things that she does.*

*For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. (1 Peter 1:18, 19) NLT*

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### **Third important trait is: Community**

*Her hands are busy spinning thread, her fingers twisting fiber. She extends a helping hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy. She has no fear of winter for her household, for everyone has warm clothes. She makes her own bedspreads. She dresses in fine linen and purple gowns. Her husband is well known at the city gates, where he sits with the other civic leaders. (Proverbs 31:19 – 23) NLT*

*Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. (Proverbs 14:34) NIV*

