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After David's son through Bathsheba died, she had another son named Solomon.

Solomon was a special treasure to Bathsheba.

The adoring eyes reflect the unseen loving <u>heart</u> that a mother has for her children.

Prov. 15:30 - *"The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart."*

A Godly mother prioritizes her family (not a job, career, pursuit of fame and fortune).

She is extremely loyal, willing to make any sacrifice for her children's well-being

(Example: Solomon's wisdom and the dead baby -- I Ki. 3:16-28).

She finds pleasure in meeting her family's needs.

It isn't gold and diamonds that cause the eyes of a loving mother to glisten. It is the special, God-given treasure of her children.

In our day of women's lib, abortion, and working mothers, children are neglected, abandoned, or murdered!

God said mothers would be *"without natural affection"* (II Tim. 3:3) in the Last Days. Don't let this Satanic mind set cause you to stop adoring your children. Don't lose sight of the wonder and joy that children are! Let that glow you had as you cradled them at birth continue!

Because her family is her life, she is deeply hurt if any of the children do not turn out right (*"The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother."* Prov. 10:1).

II. A Scripture-filled <u>MOUTH</u> (Proverbs 31:26)

The children of a Godly mother have the privilege of growing up and hearing Bible stories told to them; Bible principles taught as incidents each day provide an illustration for God's Word to come alive and be practical.

Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs are hummed, whistled, and sung by this mother, as she is filled with the Spirit and imparts to her children the joy and peace of the Christian life.

A. She teaches her children God's Word

Prov. 1:8 - *"My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother."*

Prov. 6:20 - *"My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother."*

Prov. 31:1 - *"The words of King Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him."*

II Tim. 1:5 - *"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."*

II Tim. 3:14-15 - *"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."*

B. She disciplined and reproves her children God's way

Prov. 29:15 - *"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."*

III. A Kind <u>TONGUE</u> (Proverbs 31:26)

Nothing is as vicious and repulsive as a woman whose tongue is out of control.

Prov. 21:9, 19 - *"It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house. . . . It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman."*

Prov. 27:15 - *"A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike."*

She thinks before she speaks.

If it won't build up others, she does not utter it!

Her words are not vain (empty, meaningless chatter), but they are practical. They meet needs. They do something beneficial.

Eph. 4:29 - *"Let no corrupt communication ... good to the use of edifying..."*

Single men: Beware of women who can't control their tongue!

"Law" = Torah - <u>Instruction</u>

As a mother, she instructs her children in a pleasant way, in a loving way, in a gracious way.

"Kindness" = devoted love; she is not the kind of woman where you listen in suspense, wondering what will come out of her mouth.

She faithfully speaks words that are kind, gentle, comforting, soothing. Her speech is graceful, merciful, and compassionate.

IV. Edifying <u>HANDS</u> (Proverbs 14:1; 31:13)

Just as her tongue edifies those who hear it, her hands edify the family for all to see it!

Her hands build up her home, not tear it down.

How do one's hands tear down a family?

--Through laziness, inactivity, and neglect

How can your hands edify your family?

--Through serving them by keeping a well-managed home. Many tear down their house without realizing what they are doing!

Whether you see it or not, you are either building your family up or tearing it down!

The quickest way to tear down a family is to rip it apart by insubordination to your husband's authority and by sharp cutting remarks or actions.

This woman's fingernails may not be polished; they may be cracked or cut short; perhaps soils ed at times. But they are beautiful before God's eyes!

Her hands may have lost some of the youthful softness but they are precious to the children they tend.

V. A Strong <u>BACK</u> and Strong <u>ARMS</u> (Proverbs 31:17)

She does not get her strength from "pumping iron," but from "pumping" laundry, mopping floors, carrying children, pushing the vacuum, moving furniture, etc.

VI. Bent KNEES (Example of Hannah - I Samuel 1:27)

A Godly mother's knees may be hard not soft, calloused not smooth. But they reflect a mother who gave up sleep and self-pleasure to prioritize prayer for her family.

One of the greatest things a mother can do for her husband or kids is to fervently pray for them.

VII. A Gentle SPIRIT (I Peter 3:3-4)

"Meek" = gentle (not hard or abrasive)

"Quiet" = tranquil (not clamorous or loud)

Not many things are said to be "precious" or of "great price" to God! If God values such, it must be good!

It is so refreshing to meet women with such sweet, Holy Spirit-produced personalities. And yet so rare!

So many women today are obnoxious, belligerent, snobbish, unapproachable, harsh, brassy, etc.

VIII. Modest DRESS (I Timothy 2:9)

IX. Lengthy HAIR (I Corinthians 11:15)

Long hair is a sign of submission to the headship of the man.

It is no accident that so many of today's women's hair styles are short, butchered and hacked up. It is a reflection of the insubordinate, rebellious, independent spirit that prevails in western culture.

"Unisex" (one sex with no male/female distinctions) is the hair stylist's catchword.

CONCLUSION:

Prov. 12:4 - *"A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband; but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones."*

Prov. 31:28 - *"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."*

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"For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother."
(Proverbs 4:3)

"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness."
(Proverbs 31:26)

"Every wise woman buildeth her house; but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands."
(Proverbs 14:1)

"She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands."
(Proverbs 31:13)

"She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms."
(Proverbs 31:17)

"For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath giveth me my petition which I asked of Him." (I Samuel 1:27)

"Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of

apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." (I Peter 3:3-4)

"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array." (I Timothy 2:9)

"But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering." (I Corinthians 11:15)