



A String Of Pearls

The Proverbial Woman

Welcome to the first edition of the Proverbial Woman newsletter. It's nice to have our own website, but it's nice to be able to reach out to women who don't have access to the Internet, so this will be an extension of the website. I hope that you all will enjoy it, and will let all your Christian women friends and sisters about the Proverbial Woman.

For those women who aren't clear on what a Proverbial Woman is, the following scriptures should paint a pretty good picture of the goal set before us.

- 10 Who can find a worthy woman? For her price is far above rubies.
- 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her. He shall have no lack of gain.
- 12 She does him good, and not harm, All the days of her life.
- 13 She seeks wool and flax, And works eagerly with her hands.
- 14 She is like the merchant ships. She brings her bread from afar.
- 15 She rises also while it is yet night, Gives food to her household, And their tasks to her servant girls.
- 16 She considers a field, and buys it. With the fruit of her hands, she plants a vineyard.
- 17 She girds her loins with strength, And makes her arms strong.
- 18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp doesn't go out by night.
- 19 She lays her hands to the distaff, And her hands hold the spindle.
- 20 She stretches out her hand to the poor; Yes, she reaches forth her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household; For all her household are clothed with scarlet.
- 22 She makes for herself carpets of tapestry. Her clothing is fine linen and purple.

- 23 Her husband is respected in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land.
- 24 She makes linen garments and sells them, And delivers sashes to the merchant.
- 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing. She laughs at the time to come.
- 26 She opens her mouth with wisdom. Instruction of faithfulness is on her tongue.
- 27 She looks well to the ways of her household, And doesn't eat the bread of idleness.
- 28 Her children rise up and call her blessed. Her husband also praises her:
- 29 "Many women do noble things, But you excel them all."
- 30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain; But a woman who fears Yahweh, she shall be praised.
- 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; Let her works praise her in the gates.

Once again, I am asking for your input. It's nice to know that I'm reaching and addressing issues that we as Christian women face each day. There are few regular resources that are dedicated to spreading the truth of the word of Gd as the answer for women's daily needs. Most of our resources are tainted with worldly knowledge and ideals. With all of us pulling together to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit and with time in the word on a regular basis, we can make a turn around in ourselves. Finding repentance is very important to a pure walk. May we watch out for one another's souls and see the power of Gd once again manifested in us.

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Special points of interest:

- <http://www.proverbialwoman.com>
- We've had hits from Japan, Australia, Canada and the United Arab Emirates
- <http://www.ptcblc.com>
- <http://www.biblicaltholidays.com>
- Thanks for your feedback!

The Home Front

A Clean Sweep

Here is a cleaning tip that may just help you. My husband's shower is very narrow and hard to clean. I discovered a broom that has a head that can swivel at different angles (I found it at Target). I keep it extra clean and after spraying down hubby's shower with a cleaning solution, I use the broom to scrub the soap film and dirt down the drain. This is a great back saver and works wonderfully.



Look at tools with other tasks in mind. You never know when one tool can serve in more than one way!

Car Care

Here are a couple of ways to use vinegar for your car.

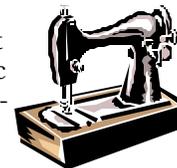
Clean bugs off your windshield using full strength vinegar with a soft cloth.
Polish your chrome using full strength vinegar with a soft cloth.

You can clean tar off your car using lighter fluid and a paper towel (soft).

Sewing Tips

Organizing spools of thread is easy as golf. Just glue golf tees to the bottom of a shoebox, they make good spindles for your spools of thread.

When you have a few extra dollars, visit the clearance bins of your local fabric shop. Think ahead to projects and purchase fabric when it is discounted.



Blessed Children

Kid's Stuff



Children need time with parents and parents need to keep in touch with their children. There are loads of ways to do just that and they don't have to cost you an arm and a leg. Set aside time everyday for you and your children. Don't allow the phone or door to interrupt this time. Your children will be grown and gone long before you're ready for them to go. Enjoy them while you can.

Visit the local historical museum in your neighborhood.

Find a park with water that may attract waterfowl and go do some bird watching. This is a great time to invest in a sketchpad and some colored pencils and encourage your children to sketch what they see.

Bake cookies together. You can do this from scratch or you can buy the cookies that only require you to spread them out on a cookie sheet. After they are through baking, get a good book and read to one another.

Invest in a box of crayons and a couple coloring books. These should be reserved for mom & dad and kiddo time. Keep them for special.

Buy a harmonica and make up songs together. Play store with the things in your pantry. Have the kids guess the prices so they get a better idea

of the fact that food doesn't just appear. Hug your kids every day, even if it makes you uncomfortable. Eventually you will both enjoy it and even look forward to a hug a day! This one is free!

Make lists of each other's best qualities and tell what you enjoy about each other.

Play "Do you remember" and remember something fun or funny that you have shared.

Have your child find a picture in a magazine and make up a story about the picture.

Dealing With Grief

Having lost a child to death I can tell you that grief will show up. Suffering loss may happen, and mourning is natural, but grief is a spirit. Grief will show up with depression as it's cohort. You need to resist them like the devils they are. Speak to them just as Y'shua spoke to the adversary during his first temptations. "It is written, Put on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." And then do it! Begin to praise G-d, even when you don't feel the desire to do so, just do it. Do you enjoy the sensation of depression? Some like it. Some like the attention that loss will give them. Folks will give you attention when they know you have suffered loss. That isn't the kind of attention we want. We want joy, not pity, so let's put on praise when grief or depression show up at our doors. Keep the devil out! He is coming to steal, to kill and to destroy!

A Friend in Need

No Hoarding

Have you ever noticed that you hold on to clothing that doesn't fit or hasn't been in style for 10 years? There is really no point in holding onto clothing that you haven't worn in the last six months, let alone the last year. Here are some things you can do to focus your wardrobe and clean out a few of your closets and drawers.

Throw it out if you do not need it. If your house is full of old belongings then it is a difficult house to clean. These things never get used; even if you wanted them you would never know where to find them.

Throw away anything that you have not used in the last 12 months.
Get rid of anything that your children have grown out of.
Throw away anything that is broken, worn out

or unused. Don't keep old sneakers you will never need them.

DO NOT throw away any toys without asking the children first. It could save lots of tears this way

Dispose of all out of date medication. Pharmacists can dispose of unused medication. So run it along to your neared chemists or drug store Get rid of all the old newspapers, magazines and periodicals; drop them off at the local hospital or doctor's surgery.

Charity shops will be glad to receive any clean and useful items that you throw away.



Give and it shall be given unto you!

Getting Things In Order

Many of us would like a more ordered life. No, I'm not talking about a military regime. I mean one where G-d's order for things shines through. There are godly women who seem to have it all together, and if you look into their lives you will see that they put G-d first. How do you put G-d first? The first thing to do is to make sure you put His word first place. He thought enough about His word and his law to write them on the tables of our hearts. It's an easy thing to ignore those words that come up from our spirits, and it takes training to

hear the voice of our spirits and then do what we hear.

Prayer and repentance are the first steps in training your soul to hear your spirit. Prayer is that conduit that brings us to G-d and bring His glory and power into our lives. Repentance is to turn from our own ways to G-d's ways. Though His ways are higher than our ways, they aren't outside our reach. We can find them in the bible. If you want G-d's touch in your life, if you want the benefits you've read about other believers in your life, put His word first place. Read it, meditate on it, and act upon what you read. Faith is coming and you can get

Natural Order

The natural always comes before the spiritual so don't think you'll get great spiritual depth if you don't take care of the natural. Women should take care of their families and homes if they want to understand the deeper things of G-d. You can't have a starving family and find yourself full of G-d's wisdom. Here are some natural things you can do to bring natural order in your home.

- Create a center in your home for organization. A large planning calendar will help you loads if you have a busy schedule. Mark down activities for an

entire month and don't forget to schedule time for the word, for each other, for quiet time and most especially Sabbath rest.

- Keep a message pad and pen next to your phone to keep messages and take notes and teach your children to do the same.
- Make a master list of chores and designate to family members according to skill level and availability.
- Use bedtime for a time to wind down. Discourage activities that stir up children. Rather than playing games consider reading or singing calming songs.



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Tzedakah (What is it?)

The Yiddish speaking Jew calls it pushke, the Hebrew speaking Jew calls it tzedakah, and the Christian calls it charity or alms. Whatever you call it as a believer, you should have it as a regular part of your life.

Proverbs 14: 21 *He who despises his neighbor sins, But blessed is he who has pity on the poor.*

Proverbs 14:31 *He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for his Maker, But he who is kind to the needy honors him.*

Psalms 41:1 *Blessed is he who considers the poor: Yahweh will deliver him in the day of evil.*

The word tzedakah is Hebrew for righteousness. As a former Gentile and now a believer, I have obtained righteousness through G-d's Messiah, Y'shua. Part of being a believer is walking out your righteousness and that means doing acts of righteousness.



I find it delightful to fill a tzedakah and then allow the Lord to show me where to sow. I look forward to the times when my husband decides we need to give. Part of our Sabbath service on Friday evening is taking change that my husband has collected all week and putting it in a "tzedakah box".

There are so many scriptures that deal with giving to the poor, and every woman should know them. When you do your shopping and find good deals on items, buy an extra one and set it aside for the time when you give groceries to someone in need. Tzedakah should never be done as a "last minute" thing, but done with forethought and liberality. Here we see why. Tzedakah is not to be done so folks can see you either.

Proverbs 31:20 *She stretches out her hand to the poor; Yes, she reaches forth her hands to the needy.*

You will notice that there is a stretch and a reach to meet the needs of the poor. The poor shouldn't have to come to us, but because most folks don't know it's their job to care for the poor, the poor are forgotten and forced to come looking. G-d stretches forth His hand to the poor, he considers them in everything he does. We should be like him.

Ideas for acts of charity:

Buy an extra coat for someone when they go on clearance.

Keep a section in your pantry for the poor.

Go through your wardrobe at least twice a year and bag up clothing you haven't worn in the past year. (Make sure and clean and mend all donated items.)

Buy extras when items are deeply discounted.

Always put your extra change in a bank set aside for the poor.

Keep an extra dollar tucked in a pocket in your purse for those who are forced to beg.

Never ridicule the poor, G-d is watching.

Pray for the homeless in your area.

Volunteer at the Salvation Army.

Volunteer at a local food bank.

Go door-to-door collecting food for your local food bank.

Volunteer at a local nursing home.

Be a bell ringer for the Salvation Army.

Take your old towels, newspapers to the local humane society.