Mother’s Day

Intro: In Pro. 31:10-31 «10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. 12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. 13 She seeth wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. 14 She is like the merchants’ ships; she bringeth her food from afar. 15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidsens. 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. 17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. 18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. 19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. 20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth 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 maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. 23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. 24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it, and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. 25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. 26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. 27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. 29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excelltest them all. 30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.” We are given the attributes of a virtuous woman. This morning, on this special day for mothers, I want to speak on some of the attributes for Christian wives and mothers.

I. Submission To Husbands.

A. Man was created first.
   1. Gen. 1-2
   2. 1 Tim. 2:12-13 “12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.”

B. Man is the head of woman.
   1. 1 Cor. 11:3, 8-9 “3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.... 8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. 9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.”
   2. Eph. 5:23 “23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.”

C. Thus, wives are to be subjective to their husbands.
   1. Eph. 5:22-24 “22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.”
   2. Col. 3:18 “18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.”
   3. Tit. 2:5 “5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”
   4. 1 Pet. 3 1, 5-6 “1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;... 5 For this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: 6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.”

D. This in no way means they are inferior to man.
II. HOMEMAKERS.
   A. Tit. 2:3-5 “3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things: 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children. 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”

   B. Pro. 31:
      1. A cook; Pro. 31:15 “15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidsens.”
      2. A provider; Pro. 31:21 “21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.”
      3. A seamstress; Pro. 31:19, 22, 24 “19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. 22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. 24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.”
      4. A gardener; Pro. 31:16 “16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.”
      5. A shopper; Pro. 31:14 “14 She is like the merchants’ ships; she bringeth her food from afar.”
      6. A counsellor; Pro. 31:26 “26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.”
      7. A burden-bearer; Pro. 31:25 “25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.”

   C. This includes motherhood.
      1. The term woman; that is man with a womb.
      2. 1 Tim. 2:15 “15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.”
      3. 1 Tim. 5:14 “14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.”
      4. Gen. 30:1 “1 And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.”

III. PURITY OF LIFE.
   A. They are to be chaste (not chased).
      1. Tit. 2:5 “5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”
      2. 1 Pet. 3:2 “2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.”

   B. This will demonstrate itself in:
      1. Modest apparel.
         a. 1 Tim. 2:9-10 “9 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; 10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.”
         b. 1 Pet. 3:3-4 “3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 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.”
2. Sexual conduct.
   a. Heb. 13:4 “Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.”
   b. 1 Cor. 7:2-5 “Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.”
   c. Outside of marriage it is sinful.
      (1) Gal. 5:19 “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,”
      (2) Eph. 5:3 “But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;”
      (3) Col. 3:5 “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:”

IV. Submission To God.

A. To wives.
   1. Eph. 5:22 “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.”
   2. Col. 3:18 “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.”

B. It is a command to all.
   1. Jam. 4:7 “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”
      1 Pet. 5:6 “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time;”
   2. Mat. 6:33 “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”
   3. Rom. 12:1-2 “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

Conclusion: When women practice these attributes, then they will certainly be worthy of honor.
Rom. 13:7 “Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.”