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#### EDITORIAL

# MOTHER'S DAY

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. Proverbs 31-10. We have in this chapter God's description of an ideal woman. If anyone wishes to know what God calls a virtuous, or an ideal woman, let them read for themselves Prov. 31-10 to 31.

The wording and question of the tenth verse would suggest that the writer thought that ideal women were not very plentiful. He says who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.

Of course Solomon, the author of these proverbs, was inspired by the Holy Spirit in his writings, as also were all the other writers of the Bible. Hence that leaves no room to doubt the authority of his statements, but apart from that, he is speaking as a man of experience; which also carries weight with his hearers. He must have been well acquainted with women for the word declares he had seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines.

But let us notice just as briefly as possible some of the characteristics of this woman herein described.

First, she is a woman with responsibility, for she has a husband and children which means she will have many trials and problems to meet.

as drudgery. She puts her best into it. Verses 17 and 18. she girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

Note.—From the foregoing description of her activities, we would judge that she did not have any time to waste on card parties, gossip, or cigarette smoking. She finds a far better way to spend her time.

Fifth, she is benevolent and generous. Verse 20, she stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

Sixth, she is both a good housekeeper and home-maker. She provides for the needs of her own family and house by her own industry. I infer from what is said here that she did not feed them on canned goods and store bread, etc., and that she did not depend on ready made garments to clothe them. Read verses 21 and 22. She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Note—Her children go well dressed in garments made by her own hands.

Seventh, she is influential for good in her community, and her husband is successful.

We have heard it said that a woman can make or break a man. I think we have known some business men of the same family who seemed to be equal in business and financial ability, and seemed to have about equal chances to succeed; but while one did succeed in business, the other failed. Their wives were very different. Read verse 23. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. Note.—He fills places of responsibility.

Again, she is noted for her kindly disposition. Midst all her work, cares and burdens, she does not get cross, and give way to a scolding, nagging spirit which disrupts the peace of the home, and then blame it on her nerves. See verse 26. She openeth her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue is the law of kindness. I know a good woman who gets along well in her family, and when some one referred to it, she said: Any man will respond

## OUR KILLERS

The Wesleyan Methodist contains the following interesting information:

"In the six major wars in which the United States has participated since the Revolutionary War, less than 250,000 American soldiers were killed or lost their lives from injuries. The tabulated war losses, as recorded by the United States News of October 14, 1935, gives the following figures:

Revolutionary War	4,044
War of 1812	1,956
War with Mexico	1,549
Civil War (Union)1	10,070
Civil War (Confederate)	74,524
War with Spain (including Philippines)	1,704
World War	50,000

# Total......244,357

Great excitement and great suffering, not only physical but soul anguish, accompany war. These losses are horrible enough.

But let us not forget our omnipresent killer.

According to government statistics the difference in the death rate from two alcoholic diseases ("cirrhosis of the liver" and "alcoholism") under prohibition and under license is 8,793 per year in favor of the prohibition years. So we may say that under the present license system we kill each year by these two diseases alone (above the number that died annually of these maladies in prohibition times) more than all persons killed in the first three wars in American history.

Then the American Business Men's Research Foundation reports that the automobile deaths chargeable to liquor (twenty-five per cent of the whole 37,000) is 9,250 annually. This item also, and alone, far exceeds the killings of the first three wars.

Yes, we will contend against war. But the people must know that this traffic is the master killer.—Free Methodist.

## A PIG AND A MAN

In an exchange we find this rather interesting story:

"Justice of the Peace Clyde Thompson, of Paxton, Illinois, has been compared to Solomon as a result of his decision of a recent farmers' dispute. One farmer had sworn out a search warrant for a missing pig, and an animal answering his description was found on an adjoining farm. Both farmers insisted on their claim of wonreship. Justice Thompson had a deputy take the pig and place it on the road just half-way between the two farms and leave it to its own devices. The pig wandered back to the farm where it had been found, and the Justice said that farmer could keep it." Now, men are just a little like that pig. Whatever arguments there may be about them, who they belong to or how they will come out, they usually gravitate toward their own group here. And in the great hereafter they will find "home" with the very things they have followed here. The Christian would not be at home in hell, nor the sinner in heaven. No one need fool himself .- Free Methodist.

But with all that she is perfectly trustworthy or dependable. See verse 11. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil Perhaps the writer means her husband won't have to resort to unlawful means to get money to supply her needs.

Second, she is a helpmeet in deed. always trying to help her husband in every way and to not hinder. Verse 12 she will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Third, she is industrious, diligent, ambitious. Read verses 13 to 19 She seeketh wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands.

She is like a merchant's ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

She riseth up while it is yet night and giveth meat to her household and a portion to her maidens.

Note.—If her husband or members of her family had to be away to work early in the morning, they did not have to get their own breakfasts.

Fourth, she is enterprising. Verse 16, she considereth a field and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She enjoys her labour; she does not regard it

to kindness.

In verses 28 and 29 we read: She also has the praises of her husband and children. He says: Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Her children arise up and call her blessed. This no doubt is a great source of encouragement to her, and honest praise will greatly help any good woman to do her best, and lastly, with all her cares, work and burdens, she has time for soul culture and spiritual things which after all must form the foundation for every strong Christian character. Other things mentioned here which many women live for, such as worldly favour and pretty, painted faces are only vain and passing. See verse 30: Favour is deceitful and beauty is vain; but the woman that feareth the Lord she shall be praised. And she shall rejoice in time to come.

Contemporaries appreciate the man rather than the merit; but posterity will regard the merit rather than the man.—Colton.

Haste and rashness are storms and tempests, breaking and wrecking business; but nimbleness is a full fair wind, blowing it with speed to the haven.—Fuller. Nothing is more simple than greatness. Indeed, to be simple is to be great.—Emerson.

"You must tear the Book to shreds and scatter the fragments to the four winds if you would get rid of the great truth of the divinity of Christ."—Adeney.