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## The Proverbs-31 Woman

Applies to young men first:

Describes whom to marry

Applies to women:

Describes an example to follow

Applies to men and women:

Describes a complete life of wisdom

Too high a standard?

-A life of wisdom is busy

-A life of wisdom is for others

-A life of wisdom is rewarded

What's the secret?

The fear of the LORD