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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