



Virtuoso...

[Italian, skilled, *of great worth*, virtuoso, from Late Latin Viruosus, virtuous, from Latin virtus, *excellence*; see *virtue*.]

Prov. 31:10

FACT about Prov. 31:10-31... This exquisite picture of a truly lovely wife is conceived and drawn in accordance with the customs of Eastern nations, but its moral teachings suit all times. In *Hebrew* the verses begin with the letters of the *Hebrew* alphabet in order

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Who is Good?

Other examples of righteousness...

Who can find a worthy woman? For her price is far above rubies.

What is Virtue?

- *the quality of doing what is right and avoiding what is wrong – “goodness”*
- *a virtuous woman – a woman of strength ... made strong by wisdom and grace, and the fear of God.*
- *other translations refer to this woman as one with noble character, a woman of worth, one who is capable, intelligent and good.*
- *Just a thought... Proverbs 12:4, An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, But she who causes shame is like rottenness in his bones.”*

Her Price?

- *She is not for sale! She is above that & worth more than a price tag could suggest!*
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So, if this is so great, why are they so hard to find?

- *Who can attain virtue? Let's have a look...*
- *If the essence of virtue is ‘goodness’, who of us can attain it? For even Jesus said when He was called ‘good teacher’, that only His Father is good. ([Mark 10:17, 18](#)) Oh, is there any hope for us?! Jesus was without sin, yet claimed that only God is good. How can this be except that Jesus understood the effect of our flesh? He would not submit to its bidding, but still had to deal and live in the rottenness of it. His price was far above this – He was not for sale, especially to His flesh! (Sound familiar?) Although He was righteous, He could not claim goodness until His flesh was crucified & put to death. Oh, what an amazing Saviour we serve, for He even sacrificed His goodness to come to earth as one of us. By this, we now can have His goodness as we are born again and clothed with His righteousness!*
- *Noah: Was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time & he walked with God ([Genesis 6:9](#))*
- *Abram: Believed the LORD & was credited with righteousness. ([Genesis 15:6](#))*
- *David: Righteous and upright in heart... ([1 Kings 3:6](#))*
- *Believers: Your righteousness will go before you & the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. ([Isaiah 58:8](#))*

**How then can we
attain goodness?**

Realize that this is totally a 'God thing!

- *For if you live according to the flesh you will die, BUT if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. (Romans 8:13)*

Put the flesh to death!

- *So kill (deaden, deprive of power) the evil desire lurking in your members [those animal impulses and all that is earthly in you that is employed in sin]... (read all of [Colossians 3:5-11](#))*

Put on God's clothes!

- *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ([Colossians 3:12-14](#))*

"Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates." Vs. 29, 31

FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Look up 2 Peter 1:5-9. Make a list of the virtues found in this passage.
2. What other texts come to mind with regards to virtues?
3. What is the difference between running on our own strength & virtues instead of God's? How can we tell if we've lost our focus?
4. Pray Philippians 1:9-11 (I have personalized it for you ... or better still, write it out in your own words)
"Lord, may love abound in me more & more, both in knowledge and depth of insight so that I may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day that you return; filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through you, Jesus – to the glory and praise of God."