

# The Ideal Wife

What God Thinks an Ideal Wife Should Be



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## 1. What companionship did God provide for Adam?

Genesis 2:18, "And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."

Genesis 2:24, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

## 2. What affection should a wife have for her husband and her children?

Titus 2:4, "That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children."

No marriage is made in Heaven, or Heaven sent, or Heaven sanctioned, which does not spring from a Supreme love. How many marry for some less worthy motive? Some for a home, others to escape from uncongenial surroundings, others for position, others for baser reasons still. And all these sin against God's purpose. They sin against one another, and not the least, they sin against themselves. No two should marry unless each feels that life without the other would be incomplete. Less than this will never suffice.

## 3. What mutual consideration should there be between husband and wife?

1 Corinthians 7:3, "Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband."

## 4. Since the husband is the head of the household what respect should wives have for their husband's wishes?

Ephesians 5:22, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord."

## 5. What pattern of loving submission is set before the wife?

Ephesians 5:24, "Therefore as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing."

## 6. What limits of submission, however, ought wives to keep in mind?

Colossians 3:18, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord."

## 7. What other wifely virtues does the Bible commend?

1 Timothy 3:11, "Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, **faithful in all things.**"

Titus 2:5, "To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the Word of God be not blasphemed."

Proverbs 31:27, "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness."

Proverbs 14:1, "Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands."

Proverbs 31:20, "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy."

- A. Faithfulness.
- B. Discretion.
- C. Industrious.
- D. Home builder.
- E. House keeper.
- F. Gracious.

**8. On the other hand, what particular deplorable traits are mentioned?**

**A. Idleness and gossiping.**

1 Timothy 5:13, "And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not."

**B. Contentiousness.**

Proverbs 21:9, "It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house."

Proverbs 21:19, "It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman."

**9. How precious is a good wife?**

Proverbs 18:22, "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD."

Proverbs 31:10, "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies."

**10. What honor does she bring to her husband?**

Proverbs 12:4, "A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones."

Proverbs 31:12, "She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life."

**11. How shall such a wife be esteemed?**

Proverbs 31:11, "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil."

**12. What will be her reward?**

**A. Fruit of her labor.**

Proverbs 31:31, "Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

**B. Praise of her husband.**

Proverbs 31:28, "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

**C. Gratitude from her children.**

Proverbs 31:28, "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

"The future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother," Napoleon.

"Whatever a man is he generally owes to his mother," Michael Angelo.

"All that I am my mother made me," John Adams.

"I did not have my mother long, but she cast over me an influence which has lasted all my life. The good effects of her training I can never lose. My mother was the making of me. The memory of her will always be a blessing to me." Thomas A. Edison.

"All that I am or hope to be, I owe to the faithful training of God fearing mother," Abraham Lincoln.

"I am deeply touched by the remembrance of one to whom I owe everything that a wise mother ever gave to a son who adored her," Andrew Cargenie.

**D. The joy of her old age.**

Proverbs 31:25, "Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come."

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