



Womanhood Defined

Proverbs 31:25-31 (NIV)

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. ²⁶ She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. ²⁷ She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. ²⁸ Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ²⁹ "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." ³⁰ Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. ³¹ Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

I. What a woman is not:

1. Less than a man. (Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:18)
2. Same as a man.
3. Incomplete unless she is married.
4. Defined by her appearance.

Psalms 139:14 (NIV)

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

II. What a woman is:

Woman: One who has a healthy fear of God
and a correct understanding of beauty.

1. A godly woman has a healthy fear of God. (Proverbs 1:7; Proverbs 31:30)
 - The difference between a girl and a woman starts with who they fear.
2. A godly woman understands beauty.
(1 Samuel 16:7; 1 Peter 3:3-4; Proverbs 31:30) (NIV)

As a daughter of the King your purpose is not to turn heads,
but to turn hearts toward the king.

Psalms 34:4-5 (NIV)

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. ⁵ Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

- True beauty is always formed inside out and not outside in!
- When a woman prioritizes inner beauty, it is a cause for exaltation.
- When her focus is merely on the physical it can lead to her exploitation.
- A girl prioritizes outward beauty; a woman prioritizes inner beauty.