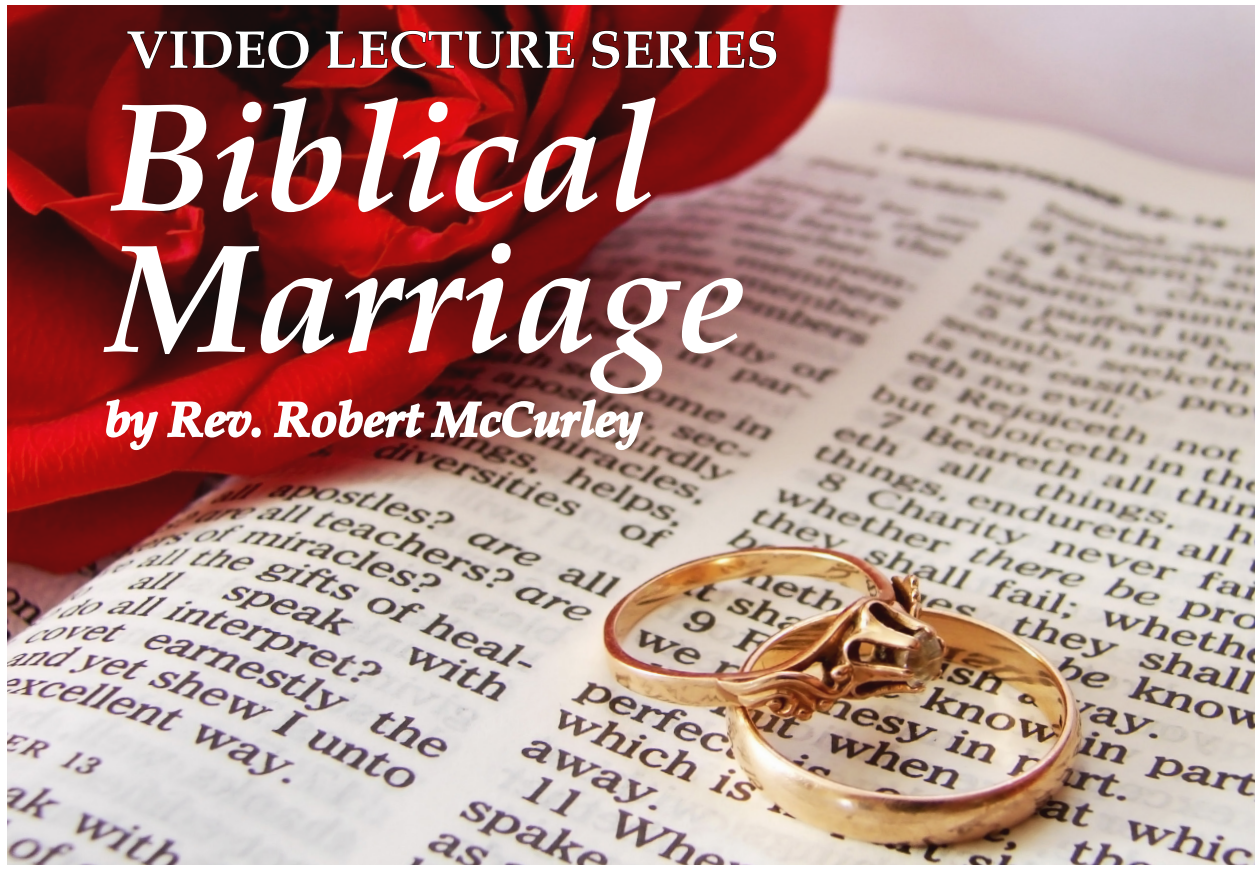


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## Lecture #6

# *Godly Wives 2*

Introduction: A godly wife compared to a rare, beautiful stone—Proverbs 31, verse 10

### **I. The Wife's Motivation**

#### A. Christ-centered perspective

- Looks past husband to Christ—Ephesians 5, verse 22
- A wife's personal submission to Christ shows in her submission to her husband.
- Rebelling against one's husband is actually rebelling against Christ—1 Samuel 15, verse 23
- Consequences of rebellion are significant. Examples:
- A reason given in Titus 2, verses 4–5

Christ centered perspective addresses fear. We are to follow our husbands in faith, trusting God. Connection between faith and fear—1 Peter 3, verses 5–6

#### B. Husband-oriented perspective

- Husband cannot replace Jesus.
- Relationship with a husband is temporary and secondary.
- Earthly responsibility is to care for your husband and please him—1 Corinthians 7, verse 34
- Not a people-pleaser, but as unto the Lord—Colossians 3, verse 23

The wife must study to please her husband. Examples...

To help the husband address his goals and priorities, the wife will:

- Create a haven of rest.
- Do him good and not evil.
- Cultivate a peaceful, loyal relationship.
- Ensure the husband's heart can safely trust her—Proverbs 31, verses 11–12

### **II. The Wife's Goals & Priorities**

1. Relationship with Christ.
2. Helpmeet to husband.
3. Husband first, children second—Titus 2, verse 4
4. Worker at home, with or without children; home-centered—Titus 2, verse 5
5. Husband's chief disciple—1 Corinthians 14, verses 34–35
6. After husband and children, ministering to other women in the church—Titus 2, verses 3–4

### **III. Wife's Godly Character and Demeanor**

#### A. Highlights in Proverbs 31:

- Industrious—verse 10
- Clothing—verses 13, 21–22
- Food—verses 14–15

- Generous and helpful—verse 20
- Supports husband’s success—verse 23
- Careful and financially prudent—verse 16
- Uses tongue for wisdom and kindness—verse 26
- Diligent—verses 27, 31

B. Other traits:

- Respectful to husband—Ephesians 5; 1 Peter 3
- Respectful speaking to and of him—1 Peter 3, verse 6
- Not being an idle busybody—1 Timothy 5, verse 13
- Example of chaste and reverent behaviour—1 Peter 3, verse 2
- Modesty—1 Timothy 2, verse 9; 1 Peter 3, verse 3
- Sensible, pure, kind—Titus 2, verse 5
- Meek and quiet spirit—1 Peter 3, verse 4
- Prudent—Proverbs 19, verse 14
- Raises children in the fear of God—Proverbs 6, verses 20–21
- Heart of her husband safely trusts in her—Proverbs 31, verse 11
- Foundational to all the above is that she fears God!
- Throughout all her cares and busy life she must remember the “one thing needful,”

Conclusion – story of the servant girl who prayed without ceasing.

**Review Questions**

1. What are the beautiful traits of the godly wife described in the Bible?

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2. What are a wife’s top priorities and goals in a biblical marriage?

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3. How does her inward character shape and influence everything else that God calls her to do?

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4. In the light of a wife’s many responsibilities, how can communion with Christ fit into her thinking and living?

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5. “Relating to her earthly husband is just one more way of walking with her heavenly husband.” What does this mean? What is the great blessing of living in a god-fearing marriage relationship?

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6. How will a wife’s Christ-centered perspective affect her marriage relationship?

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