## The VIRTUOUS Woman

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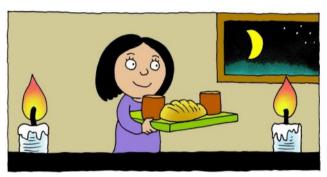
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Many years ago, King Lemuel wanted to get married. But, before he chose his bride, his mother gave him some wise advice.



"A trust worthy wife, of good character, is worth far more than priceless rubies. She supports and encourages her husband and is a blessing all of her life.



A good wife isn't selfish, or lazy. She gets up early to prepare breakfast for her family. Her helpers are not forgotten either.



She is a good business woman, planning for the future, by wisely investing in good land and planting grapes, knowing she can make wine to sell, in years to come.



She takes care of poor families and gives them practical help. Everyone is special and she treats them all with love and respect.



She prepares warm clothing for her family, long before winter comes and the snow falls. They all wear the best clothing.



People come to her for advice, because they know she is kind and wise. Her words are helpful and encouraging and she teaches them God's ways.



Her children love and respect her. Her husband honours her saying, "Many women do great things, but you are the most precious of all."