

Watchman Part 2

“10 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. 11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. 12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. 13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. 14 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. 15 She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family and portions for her servant girls. 16 She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. 17 She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. 18 She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. 19 In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. 20 She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. 21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. 22 She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. 23 Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. 24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. 25 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 Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.” (Proverbs 31:10-31)

The scripture give us more details about the ministry of the watchman or the watchwomen. As we search the scripture we can find more passages that contain the word watch or what is equivalent to.

The above scripture speak about the wife of a noble character and the key verse that contains the word watch is ***“27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.” (Proverbs 31:27)*** The above passage can be applied for the woman as a wife for her husband and can be applied for the church as a faithful body for our Lord Jesus Christ, ***“2 I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.” (2Corinthians 11:2)*** ***“25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.” (Ephesians 5:25-27)***

Pondering on ***Proverbs 31:10-31*** will help us to see what more for the woman and for the church to watch over the affair of her household:

- 1- “10 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies”:*** Good and faithful deeds are more valuable than money.
- 2- “11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value”:*** The wife who is faithful and does her responsibility well her husband has confidence on her. The

church as watchman that do her responsibilities well and do God’s work faithfully, the Lord had confidence on that church.

3- “12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life”: The noble wife do not do harm and careful not to bring troubles to her husband. The faithful church or the faithful watchman is careful to do the work of God faithfully and wise and holy to avoid bringing bad comments on Christ, ***“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)***

4- “13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands”: The watchman know how to select and is working hard with eagerness

5- “14 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar”: The noble wife thinks how to bring God’s provision from a far distance. The faithful church and the faithful watchman is wise how to use resources in far places in order to make His service to God effective and fruitful.

6- “15 She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family and portions for her servant girls”: The noble wife wake up early to cook and to arrange the things inside the house, helping her husband who is working outside the home atmosphere.

7- “16 She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard”: The noble wife knows how to earn and how to save some money and to use this money in starting other fruitful things for her family. The faithful church and true watchman have open eyes that sees fields that are ripe for harvest, ***“Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.” (John 4:35)***

8- “17 She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks”: Vigorous and hard work emphasized here. Strong faith enables us to work hard for God and overcome the work of Devil.

9- “18 She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night”: The noble wife can see clearly what are the fruit and the good things of her labour. She is ready and alert day and night ***“her lamp does not go out at night.”*** The church and the faithful watchman can see the value of serving the Lord and how they are blessings to others, and are ready to serve day and night, in season and out of season as the word of God instruct, ***“1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction.” (2Timothy 4:1-2)***

10- “19 In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers”: Her both hands are used for the glory of God. Maximum capacity required from the church or the watchman to get involved in God’s service. No withholding and no reservation!

11- “20 She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy”: The wife is ready to help the poor and needy. The watchman is a man who sees as Christ sees and extends hand to help those who are in need.

12- “21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet”: The noble wife is a good steward, ahead of time she prepare her house and family to face winter and scarcity season. The watchman has eyes and sees in his mind opportunities to save and to store when it is plenty to be prepared for the time of scarcity.

13- “22 She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple”: The noble wife is a wise person who knows how to make and keep good things in her house, ***“3 By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; 4 through***

knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.” (Proverbs 24:3-4)
The watchman has the wisdom to make and keep good things for the church and the ministry of the Lord.

14- “23 Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land”: The noble wife brings respect to her husband. The watchman is a faithful servant of Christ whose life, service and achievement brings glory and praise to God.

15- “24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes”: The noble wife has skills that use them to make good things that are profitable. As church God gave us talents and spiritual gifts and these we can use for the glory of God to do good things and the good work of God.

16- “25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come”: The noble wife as long as she is obedient to God, His word and a good help to her husband she has confidence, dignity and strength. The faithful church is a watchman who obeys God and who is clothed with confidence and strength.

17- 26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue: The noble wife has wisdom and know how to speak, and give careful instructions to the people around her to manage the affairs of the house. The church as watchman should address the people with careful and precise instructions.

18- “27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.”

19- “28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her”: God would bless the children of the noble wife and they will see how their mother had great value in raising them in the fear of the Lord. The Church should watch and observe to make disciples and nurture them and direct them with the word of God to be effective and fruitful workers unto the Lord.

20- “29 Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all”: Purposeful things are noble things. The church should watch to bring fruit that will last. **“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.” (John 15:16)**

21- “30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.”: Woman body beauty is secondarily things; her good deeds and fruit is a must. The church should not concentrate on activities, food and trips programs but focus and concentrate on prayer, evangelism and making disciples to bring fruit and new disciples that the Lord desire and waiting for to see.

22- “31 Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.”: The husband of the noble wife is glad; he encourages and praises his faithful and hard working wife. There is reward for the faithful church and for the watchman who do God’s ministry well. **“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” (1Corinthians 15:58)**

My dear and Beloved: “10 Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2Peter 1:10-11) You will receive a rich welcome as you fulfil your duty being a watchman as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the Cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that open my eyes to see deep things in the Scripture. Lord I commit my life into your hand, take me and make me a faithful and fruitful watchman for your glory, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.

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