

Worthy Women's Words

The Marital Relationship *by Joella Pickup*

From the time of Adam and Eve, God has given marriage great prominence in His plan for mankind's good, because it answers in the best way the person's need for deep companionship and it blesses the condition of bringing children into the world. In the beginning of time, God said that it was not good for man to be alone. Adam's spirit was created in the image of God, not like the animals; so God created woman, who was of the same essence as man, to be a loving companion to him and by whom man could perpetuate his own kind. Woman is suitable for man; she is his compliment, or to coin a word, his "*complement*." What he lacks in wholeness, he can receive from her. What she lacks in wholeness, she can receive from him.

Proverbs 18:22 says, "Who so findeth a wife findeth a good thing." Marriage is holy, as set-apart and sanctified state, one to be desired deeply and truly honored. Young ladies, you should never be embarrassed to admit that you want to get married and have children. It is what God has said is best for everyone. But marriage is for adults, mature in body, mind and sexual identity

and mature in ability to establish and maintain a new family unit, a home. You must not marry a man who is not deeply committed to the Law of God, nor one who shies away from discussing its depths. You must not marry a man, though he is sexually exciting, but would lure you into losing your virginity before marriage. Also, do not

feels about you and you will find that you have made a horrible mistake. It's too late.

Marriage is to be entered passionately, yet responsibly, kept pure by fidelity one to the other, by loving each other above all others and by always speaking the truth lovingly to each other. The marriage bed is the place of consummation and renewal of the marriage vows.

Hebrews 13:4 says, "Let marriage be had in honor among all, and let the bed be undefiled."

Marriage is not a romantic fling, nor is it something you can try out first to see if you will like it. It is a double-barreled vow, not to just your husband, but a vow to the Lord God (Ecclesiastes 5:4-7). This passage shows us just how important a vow is to God. The vow of marriage takes strength, deep abiding love, and joyous, total commitment to one's husband, just as it takes strength, deep abiding love, and joyous total commitment to God

when one becomes a Christian. The Worthy Woman enters her marriage, strengthens herself in it, provides its needs and is worthy to be praised by everyone by her mastery of it. ✨

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think you "have to get married" just because you find that have conceived a child through fornication. Being "in love" is not the criteria for getting married. If that is all you have going for the relationship, after marriage you will discover the truth about his character and how he really

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Personal Goals For The Worthy Woman *by Joella Pickup*

Though Proverbs 31:10-31 deals obviously with the married woman, we see that nearly everything in it could apply also to the single woman: the characteristics of dedication to duty before God, and her motivation to create a nice home for herself. She is a Homemaker, too. There is another attribute of the Worthy Woman that you may not have thought of: The whole passage is a declaration that she is glad she is a woman! Are you glad to be a woman too?

So, what are your personal goals as a woman? Take a look at your life. What is really important to you? How does one grow into being worthy? It's scary, isn't it? One thing I have observed both from the aspect of having taught young adults

for 25 years, and also from remembering my own budding adulthood, is that at your age you may not completely know who you are yet, nor what your capabilities are. You cannot be blamed for that; you just have not lived long enough to have had many of the maturing experiences that will come as the years go by. This is one reason that a college education is good for a person: the new friendships, the more difficult studies, the deadlines, the responsibility to the "powers that be" for your behavior, the gains and losses, the rewards and punishments, living away from your parents for the first time, the moral judgments that sometimes have to be made quickly and on your own—These are stones lurking

in your path that can trip you up and cause you to fall. Such stumbling blocks you must use as learning experiences for the rest of your life. They counsel and help you take your place in society and show you how you can make the world better for you having been born.

I do not want to over-emphasize the physical and mental aspects of your life, however because one's spiritual life should be the greatest consideration in a person's growth. 1 Timothy 4:7-8 says we must go beyond what is purely physical, for "godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." Remember, life on earth is but a vapor and soon vanishes away. God bless you and keep you in His tender care. 🌸

A Mother's Love *by Marguerite Hinds*

*A Mother's love is something that no one can explain.
It is made of day's devotion, of sacrifice and pain.
It is endless and unselfish for nothing can destroy it,
It is nature, it is nurture, and only she deploys it.*

*It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters even when the heart is breaking...
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems...*

*It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation...
A many-splendored miracle, Man cannot understand,
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender, guiding hand.*