

# Worthy Women's Words

## A Good Wife *by Joella Pickup*

A good wife is a precious blessing for a man, for she brings joy and beauty into his life. She is his glory, who is **one** with him (1 Corinthians 11:7). Therefore, a man must treat his wife with honor as he would treat a treasure, a precious possession. How then, as is stated in 1 Peter 3:7, is she considered the “weaker vessel?” **Spiritually?** Galatians 3:28 says, “There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.” So, she is not weaker, spiritually. We have seen that many times a woman is stronger in the Lord than her husband. **Is she weak intellectually?** Of course not. Look at all the PhDs that are women! Proverbs 31:16 and 26 show her using her wisdom and intellectual power. **Emotionally?** Well, if you want to call it weakness to have a tender heart or be able to cry over disappointment! Men are not considered sensitive and are told it’s not manly to cry. Therefore, women are usually known as the gentler sex. But since when did gentle mean weak? A woman can be like a mother tiger when her brood is threatened or when she comes upon ungodliness or disobedience.

Woman is a natural teacher, you know. **Is she weak physically?** Women can be very strong. Proverbs 31:14-17 tells us what she does to make herself strong. However, we must recognize some points about physical strength: Scientists tell us that in general men are stronger than women in upper body strength. Yet, in lower body strength women are especially strong.

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They have been given this strength for bearing children and enduring physical pain. **Is woman weak psychologically?** The Worthy Woman was stable and not afraid of life. She had moral and psychological power; she tended to her family duties well and was not afraid of the snow for her household. In our present age, we see women

directing affairs of state, presiding over businesses and universities and working in many jobs that have in the past been considered jobs for men only. But, what a woman can do may not necessarily be what she should do. This is a matter of judgment, the propriety of which she will have to consider very carefully in the light of God’s Word. Whatever a woman does

as a career, apart from tending home and family as she should, can create grave problems if she has the wrong attitude about her work outside the home. Our Lord has said that from the Beginning woman’s role was meant to be that of a homemaker. For just that reason, many women I have known have chosen jobs and had their career offices inside their homes. This is a good way to balance responsibilities concerning both home and career. The husband is the head of the family.


She is under his leadership and must order her responsibilities according to what our Lord has decreed is best for the whole family. Having a career does not allow strife in the home as its result. Think of her role as a “job description” instead.

## A Good Wife (continued) by Joella Pickup

Homemaking is a career, not because of personal ineptitude because she is only a “second class citizen,” but a career chosen by woman, a “first class citizen.”

Because man was created first, and because of his natural attributes, it is logical that man be the leader in the family. Men tend to immediately get to the point – (“Just give me the facts, M’am.”) – and women tend to circle around the situation first. For instance, if my husband suggests a project for which I

see some difficulty, many times he says, “Why do you always think of all the reasons why we shouldn’t do this?” Most of the time men will intellectualize where women will emotionalize. If you have a problem, he will try to fix it, when really all you needed was a warm hug! Both characteristics are valid. If in the Beginning, man and woman had not sinned, man would still have been given headship of the family. Therefore, God firmly ruled that man would be the

head of woman because she is more easily deceived. And there is woman’s weakness. That is why she is called the “weaker vessel” and that is the very reason Satan went to her first. We conclude that because women are vulnerable in this way, men must treat women with respect and honest regard. He is like a piece of strong pottery; she is like a piece of fine china, strong in her own way, which balances his own strength (1 Peter 3:1-7; Proverbs 31:10-31). 


## The Sand and The Stone Author Unknown

*A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert.  
During some point of the journey, they had an argument,  
And one friend slapped the other one in the face.  
The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything,  
He wrote in the sand:  
“Today my best friend slapped me in the face.”*

*They kept on walking, until they found an oasis,  
Where they decided to take a swim.  
The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning,  
But his friend saved him.  
After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone:  
“Today my best friend saved my life.”*

*The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him,  
“After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand,  
And now, you write on a stone. Why?”*

*The other friend replied: “When someone hurts us,  
We should write it down in sand, where the winds of  
Forgiveness can erase it away, but when someone does  
Something good for us, we must engrave it in stone  
Where no wind can ever erase it.”*

*Learn to write your hurts in the sand . . . and to carve your blessings in stone. *