



ACCURATE BUILDING CONCEPTS

THE TRUE CHURCH

THE TRUE CHURCH - THE VIRTUOUS WIFE LESSON 9 (ABC)

READ PROV. 31:10-31

QUESTION

USING THE UNDERLINED VERSES, EXPLAIN THE FEATURES OF A TRUE CHURCH.

Prov 31:10-31

10Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.

11The heart of her husband safely trusts her; so he will have no lack of gain.

12She does him good and not evil all the days of her life.

13She seeks wool and flax, and willingly works with her hands.

14She is like the merchant ships, she brings her food from afar.

15She also rises while it is yet night, and provides food for her household, and a portion for her maidservants.

16She considers a field and buys it; from her profits she plants a vineyard.

17She girds herself with strength, and strengthens her arms.

18She perceives that her merchandise is good, and her lamp does not go out by night.

19She stretches out her hands to the distaff, and her hand holds the spindle.

20She extends her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.

21She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household is clothed with scarlet.

22She makes tapestry for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

23Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.

24She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies sashes for the merchants.

25Strength and honor are her clothing; she shall rejoice in time to come.

26She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness.

27She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

28Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:

29"Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all."

30Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

31Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.
(NKJ)

ANSWERS - THE TRUE CHURCH(LESSON 9)

1. her worth is far above rubies.

This is the recognition of the preciousness of the church. The church is more precious than any material thing. (RUBY IS A SYMBOL OF PRECIOUSNESS)

- **THE CHURCH HAS A PRECIOUS SAVIOUR.**

1 Pet 2:7

Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,"(NKJ)

- **THE CHURCH IS REDEEMED WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.**

1 Pet 1:18-19

*18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,
19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.(NKJ)*

- **THE CHURCH'S FAITH IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD.**

1 Pet 1:7

that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,(NKJ)

2 Pet 1:1

Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:(NKJ)

- **THE CHURCH HAS PRECIOUS PROMISES.**

2 Pet 1:4

by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.(NKJ)

THE CHURCH IS THE APPLE OF HIS EYE.

Zech 2:8

For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye. (NKJ)

THE TRUE CHURCH IS UNIQUE. THE HARLOT IS NOT PRECIOUS - SHE IS FOUND IN EVERY CORNER.

RUBIES ARE FROM THE EARTH - THE TRUE CHURCH IS SEATED IN HEAVENLY PLACES.

RUBIES ARE PART OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH - THE TRUE CHURCH IS CHOSEN BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH.

GOD AFFIRMS HIS DELIGHT FOR THE CHURCH THROUGH MANY PROPHETIC NAMES - SEE ISAIAH 62.

2. The heart of her husband safely trusts her

She can be trusted when left alone.

When Moses left the nation of Israel, to commune with God, the nation fell into idolatry.

When Peter was alone, he denied Jesus three times.

When Samuel delayed, Saul violated his office by offering the burnt and peace offerings.

When the disciples were left alone, they went back fishing.

Most folk cannot be trusted when left alone.

GOD TRUSTS THE TRUE CHURCH.

- **SHE HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE GOSPEL.**

1 Tim 1:11

according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

(NKJ)

1Thes 2:4

But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts. (NKJ)

- **THE TRUE CHURCH HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH TALENTS.**

(Matt. 25:15-29)

3. he will have no lack of gain.

The true church is profitable. Again the parable of the talents apply.

Job 22:2

"Can a man be profitable to God, though he who is wise may be profitable to himself?

(NKJ)

The profit to God is the souls turned to righteousness.

The profit may also be viewed as the quantity of fruit reaped.

John 15:2

"Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.(NKJ)

John 12:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.(NKJ)

John 15:16

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.(NKJ)

THIS IS THE CHURCH WHOSE SEED IS ON GOOD GROUND AND BEARS FRUIT.

- 4. *She does him good and not evil all the days of her life.*

A true wife makes her husband look good. The true church glorifies Christ.

2 Cor 3:2

You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; (NKJ)

The conduct of the true church influences the opinion of the world positively.

- **PAUL'S TESTIMONY WAS A POSITIVE INFLUENCE.**

II Th 3:7-9

7For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you;

8nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you,

9not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us. (NKJ)

- **THE THESSALONIAN BELIEVERS BECAME EXAMPLES.**

1Thes 1:7-8

7So that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.

8For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. (NKJ)

- **PETER DEFENDS THE FAITH.**

2 Pet 1:16-19

16For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

17For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

18And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

19And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;(NKJ)

- **OTHER EXAMPLES OF THE TRUE CHURCH BENEFITTING CHRIST.**

ACTS 2:4-41/ACTS4:4/1 TIM. 1:12/

THE FALSE CHURCH DISCREDITS CHRIST.

2 Pet 2:1-2

1But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

2And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.(NKJ)

Because of Eli's delinquent sons, the people despised the ministry.

1 Sam 2:17

Therefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD, for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.(NKJ)

5. She seeks wool and flax,

Wool and flax are symbols of righteousness. The true church seeks after righteousness. She places right things above good things. THE HARLOT SEEKS CARNAL INDULGENCE. THE FALSE CHURCH HAS EGYPTIAN TAPESTRY IN HER HOME.

II Ki 18:1-3

1Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea the son of Elah, king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign.

2He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah.

3And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done.(NKJ)

Like Hezekiah, the true church's passion is to do that which is right in the eyes of God.

This church is a satisfied church.

Matt 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. (NKJ)

6. willingly works with her hands.

This is a practical church. SHE WORKS WITH HER HANDS WHILST THE HARLOT WORKS WITH HER FEET.

Isa 58:6-7

6 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:

to loose the chains of injustice

and untie the cords of the yoke,

to set the oppressed free

and break every yoke?

7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry

and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter--

when you see the naked, to clothe him,

and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? NIV

THIS CHURCH PRACTICES JUSTICE(DOES THE RIGHT THINGS), SETS THE OPPRESSED FREE, BREAKS THE YOKE(MENTAL STRONGHOLD), FEEDS(BOTH SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL), SHELTERS(PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL-LOCAL CHURCH), CLOTHES(PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL-ROBES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS).

She is a giving church.

HER ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS.

Rev 2:2

"I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;" (NKJ)

7. She is like the merchant ships,

She connects with nations. She is preoccupied with the nations of the world.

THIS CHURCH CAN HANDLE DEEP WATERS- SHE IS PURPOSE - DRIVEN, SHE KNOWS WHERE SHE IS GOING.

THE HARLOT IS AT THE STREET CORNER LOOKING FOR PASSING TRADE- SEEKING WHOM SHE MAY DEVOUR.

Matt 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, NKJV

She is filled with goods to bless nations. She carries hope for the nations.

She is not a luxury liner, an empty ship or a carrier of toxic waste.

8. she brings her food from afar.

She does not bring her food from overseas only. Her food comes from the throne of God.

Gal 1:15-17

15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.KJV

Paul preached by revelation from God.

1 Cor 11:23

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;(NKJ)

THE FALSE CHURCH HAS NO FOOD - JUST EMOTIONAL AND CARNAL INTOXICATION.

9. She also rises while it is yet night, and provides food for her household, and a portion for her maidservants.

She takes time to prepare her food(the word of God). The true church considers the feeding of the sheep as one of its most important tasks.

John 21:17

He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.(NKJ)

10 She considers a field and buys it;

She makes her own decisions.

This church is self-governing.

She buys the whole field, not just the treasure.

Matt 13:44

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.(NKJ)

11. from her profits she plants a vineyard.

She is self-propagating.

A VINEYARD IS SELF-PROPAGATING.

A VEGETABLE - PATCH NEEDS CYCLICAL MAINTENANCE -STARTING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER. ONCE THE VINE IS PLANTED YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PLANT AGAIN.

NOTE: SHE DOES NOT STEAL SOMEONE ELSE'S VINEYARD LIKE AHAB.

12. She girds herself with strength, and strengthens her arms.

She is self-supporting. She can survive without an headquarter system.

13. She perceives that her merchandise is good,

She discerns that, that which God has given her is good. This church recognizes the value of the word and gifts that God has blessed her with. She does not imitate other churches. She is original.

SHE DOES NOT BORROW,DISCOUNT, NEGOTIATE, MODIFY WHAT SHE HAS - SHE DISCERNS THAT HER MERCHANDISE IS GOOD.

14. her lamp does not go out by night.

She is industrious.

Ps 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.(NKJ)

She is not affected by darkness.

She has a powerful word-life that functions in the darkness.

She allows her light to shine - see Isa. 60.

15. *She stretches out her hands to the distaff, and her hand holds the spindle. She extends her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.*
She stretches, extends and reaches. She is always going beyond. She is practical. Her faith is a true faith.

James 2:20

But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?(NKJ)

SHE IS ABLE TO GO BEYOND WHERE OTHERS HAVE STOPPED.

SEE AREAS OF MIGRATION.

16. *She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household is clothed with scarlet.*

She is not afraid of the cold. She does not fear backsliding and apostasy because her household is covered by the Blood of Jesus (scarlet). This church knows how to handle sin.

SHE KNOWS HOW TO GIVE LIFE.

SHE IS NOT VULNERABLE TO SATAN.

17. *her clothing is fine linen and purple.*

Fine linen - righteousness

Purple - royalty

This church understands her position as a ROYAL PRIEST.

1 Pet 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;(NKJ)

The kingly ministry of ruling in the midst of her enemies and the priestly ministry of service to the Lord are exemplified.

18. *Her husband is known in the gates*

She brings glory to her husband. The church publishes Jesus in places of influence.

Acts 10:39-40

39"And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree.

40"Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly,(NKJ)

Acts 10:42-43

42"And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead.

43"To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."(NKJ)

Acts 20:24

"But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.(NKJ)

SHE IS NOT A SILENT CHURCH. COMPARE JEREMIAH, THE APOSTLES, NATHAN, ESTHER WITH JOB, ELI AND HEZEKIAH.

SHE PROMOTES HER HUSBAND.

THE FALSE CHURCH PROMOTES HERSELF.

19. *She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies sashes for the merchants.*

Linen garments - symbol of righteousness.

Sashes - symbol of truth.

The church's merchandise is righteousness and truth. She distributes righteousness and truth.

THE FALSE CHURCH MERCHANDISES HERSELF AND RELIGION -VOWS AND BURNT OFFERINGS.

LOOK AT SOME OF THE THINGS ON OFFER TODAY:

HYPNOTISM, GIMMICKS, LYING WONDERS, INACCURATE TENT CRUSADES AND OPEN AIRS THAT PRESENT A WEAK JESUS, POOR SKETCHES AND RAVES.

20. *she shall rejoice in time to come.*

She does not believe in instant gratification. She is able to wait for her blessings.

She knows that her husband will reward her.

1 Cor 2:9

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."(NKJ)

Heb 10:35-37

35Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

36For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

37"For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry.

(NKJ)

Rev 22:12

"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.(NKJ)

JOY COMES IN THE MORNING.

THE HUSBANDMAN WAITS FOR THE FRUITS.

THERE IS A JOY NOW AND A JOY TO COME.

21. *She opens her mouth with wisdom*

Isa 50:4

"The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. (NKJ)

The utterances from this church are wise.

James 3:17

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.(NKJ)

DISCERNING, FEAR OF THE LORD, UNDERSTANDING AND OPPOSITION TO EVIL, WHICH ARE SOME OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF WISDOM ARE FOUND IN THIS CHURCH.

Eccl 8:5

And a wise man's heart discerns both time and judgment, NKJV

Ps 111:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good(NKJ)

Prov 10:13

Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding, but a rod is for the back of him who is devoid of understanding.(NKJ)

THE FALSE CHURCH SPEWS NOISE AND REBELLION.

22. on her tongue is the law of kindness.

SHE SPEAKS THE TRUTH IN LOVE.

Eph 4:15

but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ--(NKJ)

2 Cor 6:3-11

3Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:

4But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

6By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

7By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

8By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

9As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;

10As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

11O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged.(KJV)

Col 4:6

Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.(NKJ)

23. She watches over the ways of her household

SHE IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT OPERATING SYSTEMS E.G. THE WAY OF CAIN, JEZEBEL, BALAAM, KORAH ETC.

Heb 3:10-11

10Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.'

11 So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' "(NKJ)

The church holds its membership accountable for their conduct. The ministry of the church adjusts behaviour patterns to conform to Christ.

The equipping of the saints involves a changing of their ways to conform to Christ.

Eph 4:11-13

11And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

13till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;(NKJ)

24. does not eat the bread of idleness.

She is industrious. She does not waste time.

Rom 12:11-12

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.NIV

Eph 5:16

redeeming the time, because the days are evil.(NKJ)

SHE IS NOT REACTIVE OR INACTIVE.

SHE IS PROACTIVE LIKE DAVID AND HIS MIGHTY MEN.

25. "Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all."

THE SUBSTANCE IS BETTER THAN THE SHADOW.

The true church is better than any type.

**SHE IS BETTER THAN THE SHUNAMMITE, HANNAH, THE SHULAMITE
OR ANY OTHER WOMAN THAT TYPIFIES THE CHURCH.**

26. Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

She prizes fear of the Lord above charm(kindness) and beauty.

27. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.

She does not praise herself. Her works testify of her goodness.

Eph 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.(NKJ)

Titus 2:7

in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,(NKJ)

Titus 2:14

who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.(NKJ)