

Launching Text: Proverbs 31:10,28-30 Who can find a virtuous (morally excellent and mentally sound) woman? for her price is far above rubies.

²⁸ Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

²⁹ Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

³⁰ Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

Preaching Text: Luke 1:38 (The angel Gabriel appeared unto the virgin Mary and told her that she would give birth to Jesus who would be the Saviour of the world. Mary said how can this be since I have not had sexual relations with any man. Gabriel told her the it would be by the Holy Ghost) V38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.

Intro: As the mothers go, so goes our world. Our world needs Godly mothers—who the apostle Paul described as keepers of the home. When the fabric of the home is destroyed, our world will be destroyed. We need Godly mothers who will arise and be all that God has called them to be, and when this happens there will be a great Godly change in our world. This message deals with virtuous mothers and all of us answering God's Call—BE IT UNTO ME ACCORDING TO THY WORD!

1. IF WE ARE VIRTUOUS, WE WILL ANSWER GOD'S PLEA

Isaiah 1:18 18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Ezekiel 18:20 The soul that sins, it shall die....

Numbers 32:23band be sure your sins will find you out.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:8 But God commended (or showed) His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

1-John 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

2. IF WE ARE VIRTUOUS, WE WILL HAVE GODLY PERSUASION

Mark 11:22 ...Have faith in God.

1-John 3:23 And this is His (God's) commandment, That we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

Acts 16:31 And they (Paul & Silas) said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

2-Timothy 1:12 For the which cause (that is because I serve the Lord) I also suffer these (many) things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am (fully) persuaded that he is (God) able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day (which is the day of judgment).

2-Chronicles 20:20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

1-John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

3. IF WE ARE VIRTUOUS, WE WILL HAVE GODLY PRAYING

James 5:16b....The effectual fervent pray of a righteous *person* avails much

Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that *everyone* ought always to pray, and not to faint;

1-Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

1-Timothy 2:8 I will therefore that *everyone* pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

4. IF WE ARE VIRTUOUS, WE WILL HAVE GODLY PROPHECYING

Matthew 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt (putrid, foul, vulgar, hateful, spiteful, or negative) communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Psalms 34:13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

5. IF WE ARE VIRTUOUS, WE WILL HAVE GODLY PURSUITS

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Jeremiah 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Psalms 63:1-2 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsts for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; ²To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

Proverbs 11:19 As righteousness tends to life: so he that pursues evil pursues it to his own death.

Psalms 34:14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

6. IF WE ARE VIRTUOUS, WE WILL FOLLOW GODLY PATTERNS

John 14:15 If you love Me (Jesus), keep my commandments.

2-Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Titus 3:3-10 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; ⁴ That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. ⁶ Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. ⁷ In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing un-corrupthness, gravity, sincerity, ⁸ Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you. ⁹ Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; ¹⁰ Not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

1-Peter 2:21-23 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: ²² Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: ²³ Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judges righteously:

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand finds to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou go.

Philippians 1:10-11 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ. ¹¹ Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

7. IF WE ARE VIRTUOUS, WE WILL PROCLAIM GODLY PRAISE

Psalms 34:1 I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Psalms 150:6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

1-Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Closing: Just live to make God look God by being morally pure and mentally sound!