The Virtuous Woman

Wisdom, Stewardship, and the Strength of Partnership

Happy Family Program | Women's Empowerment Education

Biblical study references: Proverbs 31:10-31 and Ruth 2 (King James Version).

Course Overview

This educational class explores the virtues of wise stewardship, reciprocal care, and financial awareness through biblical narratives and modern life situations. Students examine how planning, compassion, personal dignity, and shared responsibility can strengthen individuals and households. The class welcomes thoughtful discussion without requiring participants to adopt a religious belief.

Our Three-Part Learning Journey

1. Stewardship - Preparing in Times of Plenty

Study the resourcefulness of the Proverbs 31 woman: planning, saving, responsible spending, initiative, and preparation for unexpected hardship. Explore realistic budgeting and emergency preparedness based on individual circumstances.

2. Mutual Support - Standing Together Through Life's Challenges

Discuss compassion, shared responsibility, and respect when a partner experiences job loss, illness, or other hardship. Explore Ruth's loyalty to Naomi and her initiative in gleaning. Consider how supportive relationships honor both partners' dignity and autonomy.

3. Understanding Dependency - Building Security and Independence

Distinguish supportive interdependence from harmful dependency or financial control. Explore access to resources, financial literacy, boundaries, and emergency plans. Paid employment, homemaking, caregiving, and disability-related limitations are approached without judgment.

What Students Will Practice

Students will participate in guided discussions, personal reflection, practical budgeting scenarios, and collaborative problem-solving. They will identify their own strengths, consider how to prepare for changing circumstances, and describe what respectful mutual support looks like.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the class, participants should be able to explain stewardship; identify practical financial preparedness strategies; describe mutual support in a healthy relationship; recognize warning signs of financial control; and create one realistic personal action step.

Guiding Principle

“A virtuous partner does not lose dignity by supporting a spouse. Love includes wise stewardship, preparing in plenty, steadying the home in lean times, and mutual care.”

A Note on Safety and Inclusion

Supporting a partner never requires enduring abuse, coercion, exploitation, or unsafe conditions. Financial dependence can arise from many circumstances, including caregiving, disability, and barriers to employment. The class emphasizes safety, informed choices, and respect for every participant's autonomy.

Program Information

Class dates, duration, delivery format, fees (if any), and enrollment availability will be provided by Pathways when scheduled. This is a general educational course; it is not represented as a court-approved intervention or professional certification.

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