

## PROVERBS 31:30

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

**AMP:** Charm and Grace are deceptive, and [superficial] beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the LORD [reverently worshipping, obeying, serving, and trusting Him with awe-filled respect], she shall be praised.

### TAKE AWAY

For the woman seeking to grow in Christ-likeness and inner beauty the Book of Proverbs is a wonderful place to find practical and challenging daily workouts. Applying Proverbs to your life will truly produce transformation of your character from the inside out. However, you need to be a woman who first and foremost fears the Lord. When you have repented of your sin and received the complete forgiveness of Jesus the Messiah, you also receive His indwelling Holy Spirit, who enables you to turn away from the pursuit of self to the way of wisdom.

In addition to the commitment of lifelong study and application of this book full of God's wisdom, consider focusing some study regarding the "command center" of your mind and will, which Scripture calls your "heart". "Heart appears 65 times in Proverbs. With a concordance and the Holy Spirit as the Teacher residing in your heart, prayerfully and obediently submit yourself to this set of truths (among many others in the book), and enjoy becoming "heart healthy" and worthy of the lasting praise of the LORD you Love.

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### Key Study Point

Feminine Charm and beauty are not put down in scripture, but rather the elevation of what is most important – a heart set apart in devotion to the LORD.

### Word Study

Charm (Hb Chen) Favor Grace Elegance

Deceitful (Hb Sheqer) – Lie, Falsehood

Beauty (Hb yophi) – Fair, Symmetry of feature, attractive, countenance

Passing (Hb hevel) empty, vain, a puff of air, transitory, vanishes away soon, vapor

### Fear of the Lord

The rightness of your heart toward God rather than the alienation of the heart characteristic of the unbeliever.

You cannot fear the LORD without first giving up your own desires and turning from your own way.

In so doing, you willingly accept God's rebuke and correction and accept His mandates, which in turn lead to personal piety and a life set apart unto Him.

The concept is synonymous with intimate knowledge of God and understanding His ways.

It cannot be separated from an understanding of the holiness of God.

### Reference Scriptures

Proverbs 1:7, 3:5,

Matthew 10:38,39

16:24-26, 19:21,29

Luke 14:33

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- She Has begun a spiritual journey to know the Lord (Prov. 1:7)
- She has determined to turn back from going her own way in order to live a life set apart unto the LORD (Prov. 3:5-7)
- She has entered into deep intimacy and communion with the LORD on a personal level (Prov.14:26)
  - She experiences genuine joy and satisfaction. (Prov. 31:25)
- She Reaps the fruit of a disciplined life (Prov. 10:27)
- She is determined to serve the Lord with her whole heart (Prov 31:30)

## DISCUSSION POINTS

What is the difference between the worldly view of "Charm and Beauty" VS How God sees it for women?

What things in your life currently show you fear the LORD? What things could you include Him in More of in your life?

How can you include God into your daily routine?

## SELF STUDY

### Holy Spirit

Romans 8: 4-16

Acts 1: 5-8

Ezekiel 36:26,27

1 Corinthians 3:16

### Inner Beauty

1 Peter 3:3,4

2 Corinthians 4:16

1 Samuel 16:7

Proverbs 27:19

## Application

To Fear the LORD is to move beyond a reverential trust in Him. Rather, you know that the LORD is not only watching what you do; but HE is also listening to what you say, and He is reading your thoughts before they are verbalized. You are constantly aware that you are in the presence of the holy, just, all-powerful God of the universe. You realize that every thought in your mind, every word from your mouth, every action in your life—all are open before Him and thus will be judged by Him.

"Fearing" that you will disappoint or hurt Him whom you love above all others, you deliberately commit your life --- mind, heart, and emotions, --- to learning about Him and what He expects of you. As "a "Woman who Fears the LORD," you devote yourself to Him and His ways in whole hearted pursuit of pleasing Him.

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