Let a widow be enrolled if she is not less than sixty years of age, having been the wife of one husband, and having a reputation for good works: if she has brought up children, has shown hospitality, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted, and has devoted herself to every good work. But refuse to enroll younger widows, for when their passions draw them away from Christ, they desire to marry and so incur condemnation for having abandoned their former faith. Besides that, they learn to be idlers, going about from house to house, and not only idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not. So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, manage their households, and give the adversary no occasion for slander. (1 Timothy 5:9-14, ESV)

1. A “one-man woman” 7. Not an “idler”
2. “Brought up children” 8. Not a “gossip”
3. “has shown hospitality” 9. Not a “busybody”
4. Humility – “washed feet” 10. Manage your own household
5. Compassion – “care for the afflicted” 11. Be above reproach
6. Devoted to “every good work”
Proverbs 31:10-31

10 An excellent wife who can find?
   She is far more precious than jewels. (Proverbs 31:10, ESV)

1. A “woman who fears the Lord” is of great _______________.

11 The heart of her husband trusts in her,
   and he will have no lack of gain.
12 She does him good, and not harm,
   all the days of her life. (Proverbs 31:11-12, ESV)

2. A “woman who fears the Lord” is ___________________
   by her husband and she __________________________ his life.

13 She seeks wool and flax,
   and works with willing hands.
14 She is like the ships of the merchant;
   she brings her food from afar.
15 She rises while it is yet night
   and provides food for her household
   and portions for her maidens.
16 She considers a field and buys it;
   with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
17 She dresses herself with strength
   and makes her arms strong.
18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
   Her lamp does not go out at night.
19 She puts her hands to the distaff,
   and her hands hold the spindle. (Proverbs 31:13-19, ESV)

3. A “woman who fears the Lord” ____________ ____________.

20 She opens her hand to the poor
   and reaches out her hands to the needy. (Prov. 31:20, ESV)

4. A “woman who fears the Lord” shows ________________
   beyond her own family.

21 She is not afraid of snow for her household,
   for all her household are clothed in scarlet.
22 She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple.
23 Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land.
24 She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant.
25 Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. (Prov. 31:21-25, ESV)

5. A “woman who fears the Lord” ________________ well, she is entrepreneurial and resourceful, and she faces the future with _________________.

26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. (Proverbs 31:26, ESV)

6. A “woman who fears the Lord” is a ________________ ________________

27 She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. (Proverbs 31:27, ESV)

7. A “woman who fears the Lord” ________________ her own family and household.

28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
29 “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.”

30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates. (Proverbs 31:28-31, ESV)

8. A “woman who fears the Lord” should receive the ________________ and ________________ of her husband and children.