



# PRICELESS

*"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies."*

JEWEL QUALITIES: WNAC PRETHANKSGIVING WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS NOVEMBER 15-19, 2010

# GOOD

*"She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life."*

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# INDUSTRIOUS

*"She...worketh willingly with her hands."*

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# STRONG AND HONORABLE

*"Strength and honour are her clothing..."*

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# PRAISEWORTHY

*"Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."*

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## DAY ONE: PRICELESS



Home missionary wives possess many of the jewel qualities mentioned in Proverbs 31. Missionary Tom Jones (Greensburg, Pennsylvania) considers his wife Pam a “tremendous partner in ministry.” He says, “No matter where the Lord leads our family, ministry work or location, she is always ready to jump right in and do whatever is necessary to make the move and set up our home in the new place.” However, he values her most as a “consistent, faithful servant of the Lord.”

*Today we focus our prayers on the priceless worth of these often unsung heroes.*

**PRAISE:** Thank God for home missionary wives. Each is a priceless treasure to God.

**PRAYER:** Pray that missionary husbands as well as mission churches would recognize the priceless worth of these women and not take them for granted.

**PETITION:** Pray that God would shower peace on home missionary wives who are moving or transitioning into a new role.

## DAY TWO: GOOD



Home missionary wives possess many of the jewel qualities mentioned in Proverbs 31. Missionary Tim Osborn (Oakland, Tennessee) praises his wife Robyn for her goodness, especially in regards to their seven children. A longtime homeschooling mom, Robyn has worked to further her education, obtaining a degree in education. Tim says, “She is a very busy person with many responsibilities, yet in all she does, she does her husband good.”

*Today we center our prayers around the quality of goodness in home missionary wives.*

**PRAISE:** Thank God for home missionary wives willing to make sacrifices for family and ministry.

**PRAYER:** Pray for family relationships within missionary homes. Pray that God would fill wives with goodness as they face the demands and stresses of everyday life.

**PETITION:** Ask God to grant wisdom and patience to home missionary wives involved in education, either as teachers or as students.

## DAY THREE: INDUSTRIOUS



Home missionary wives possess many of the jewel qualities mentioned in Proverbs 31. Industrious could describe home missionary wife Patsy Gwartney (San Tan Valley, Arizona). Her husband Howard says, “Not only is she supportive of her pastor husband, but she also is a pattern of graciousness, hospitality and industry to the entire congregation of Christ’s Church Free Will Baptist.” Working a full-time job, Patsy still finds time for serving in various ministry roles as well as regularly hosting groups and feeding church people in her home. Howard declares, “She finds a way to get things done.”

*Today we offer prayers for productivity and efficiency for all home missionary wives.*

**PRAISE:** Give praise for missionary wives who graciously contribute countless time and energy to ministry efforts.

**PRAYER:** Pray that missionary wives would lead by example, enlisting/training others in ministries of hospitality and service.

**PETITION:** Pray for good health and stamina in home missionary wives who balance mission responsibilities with a full-time secular job.

## DAY FOUR: STRONG AND HONORABLE



Home missionary wives possess many of the jewel qualities mentioned in Proverbs 31. Missionary Jeff Cates (Canyon, Texas) notes a quiet yet always present strength in his wife Sondra. “With purpose and extreme focus, she approaches every challenge that comes her way.” Sondra did not originally sign on as a preacher’s wife (God later called her husband into ministry), but she is fully committed to doing God’s will. Jeff considers himself “blessed beyond measure by the gift of a godly, strong and honorable helpmate.”

*Today we speak prayers for strength and integrity in home missionary wives.*

**PRAISE:** Ascribe praise to God for His strength and honor displayed in the lives of His servants.

**PRAYER:** Pray for spiritual growth in home missionary wives. Intercede for them, asking for Holy Spirit power to resist sin and temptation.

**PETITION:** Pray for personal integrity and spiritual strength in home missionary wives as they tackle the challenges of this day.

## DAY FIVE: PRAISEWORTHY



Home missionary wives possess many of the jewel qualities mentioned in Proverbs 31. Missionary Mark Shores (Albuquerque, New Mexico) writes, “My wife Khristi is worthy of praise because she doesn’t desire praise. She is quick to give our Lord the praise and honor and glory for everything.” He describes her as beautiful without and within. Wives of church planters may be tempted to one of two extremes related to praise. Some take pride in church successes; others struggle with self worth when no one notices their tireless efforts or when years of endeavors seemingly reap little or no results.

*Today we consider the praiseworthiness of home missionary wives.*

**PRAISE:** Make a list of reasons home missionary wives are worthy of praise. Offer your praise list to God.

**PRAYER:** Discouragement is a deterrent to ministry. Ask God to surround each home missionary wife with encouragement today.

**PETITION:** Pray that home missionary wives would see themselves through God’s eyes and not fall prey to either pride or low self-esteem.