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Proverbs 31: 10 *“A wife of noble character who can find?*

She is worth far more than rubies.”

Luke 10: 41, 42 *“Martha, Martha,’ the Lord answered, ‘you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”*

Proverbs 31: 10 – 31 is a long list of attributes of a ‘wife of noble character’. There is no mention of physical appearance it’s all to do with her abilities, wisdom and achievements ... and her reverence for God.

Martha, an equally able woman complains to Jesus that her sister, Mary is shirking her duties by sitting at his feet rapt to his teaching. Jesus, while recognising Martha’s household abilities gently rebukes her thereby indicated that devotion to God and his Word is more important than doing the daily grind well. In our busy lives we too need to keep in the front of our minds who we have to thank for our attributes.