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## Introduction

**W**hen I began writing this book, I approached a friend at church and asked her if she would like to contribute her promise verse, and explained that I was using Proverbs 31 as the jumping off point for a book on women.

Her response? She said, *“Don’t you just hate her? Who can be like that? And what’s the deal with her husband, lying around in the gates all day while she’s out in the fields toiling and working to feed the family!”*

Of course, she was joking, and we had a hearty laugh, and a good time talking about the example of the virtuous woman.

But, that conversation did make me wonder; are there women who do not understand the message God is trying to send us about our responsibilities as women?

I know that God would never give us an example of such a beautiful, accomplished, and loved virtuous woman as a tease and a torment, if we could never be that kind of person.

So, I began to study the scriptures. What is it about the woman described in Proverbs 31 that is different? What makes her special?

What are her characteristics and attributes? How can I have those same attributes working in my life? And, not only how, but where and what are the instructions?

The answers are contained in the verses themselves. I read each verse, and listed the attributes. Then, I searched the Bible to find what God said about those attributes.

Here is the amazing discovery. I found not only instructions; I found PROMISES! *“If I do this..., God will ...!”*

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Promises from God! Not only does He give us the expectations, He tells us how to do it, and then gives us a reward if we TRY! We are human, and we make mistakes.

However, we get credit for trying! I am not aware of any college or university in the world that gives you credit and rewards just for trying! Where's the mercy and grace there!

This book, "*Promises for the Proverbs Woman,*" steps through the attitudes and attributes of a virtuous woman. It looks at her characteristics and the promises associated with each one.

The highlights of this book are the personal testimonies and examples of women who have claimed these promises in their lives.

As I reached out to women, it was not because I necessarily knew of a critical time in their lives when they experienced a tragedy or triumph. The Holy Spirit hand-selected each person, and guided me to ask them the question, "*What is your promise verse? Would you be willing to share it with me, and also tell me about a time when God was faithful to you as you claimed that verse?*"

Every person I asked immediately said, "Yes." There was no hesitation, and they provided me with their stories in very short order.

I believe God had already prepared their hearts, and although they did not know the purpose, they were waiting for an opportunity to share.

This kind of sisterhood, this depth of closeness between sisters in Christ is the catalyst for healing, change, and acceptance.

There are hurting people who need something to cling to just to make it through the day. Christian women are strong! They have fortitude. They have experienced Life! We can help each other, and lift each other up.

Therefore, to take the personal statements from these Godly women, and look at the characteristics of a virtuous

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woman, and then find the promises from God associated with the whole, was an exhilarating experience.

We can look at the life of the Proverbs woman and see specific focus areas for study. This book is divided into chapters that speak to those divisions.

*Promises for the Heart* is about a woman's heart and spirit. This is the place where all the action takes place, and where faith is found. This section of the book contains stories about comfort, forgiveness, joy, peace, and prayer along with other stories that will touch and encourage women.

*Promises for Life* gives directions for being a Christian in today's world. There are stories about overcoming, being faithful, and going through times of testing and trial.

*Promises for the Family* talks about children, husbands, parenting, and sisterhood. The virtuous woman was excellent at raising and providing for her children, being an exciting and helpful wife, while at the same time, taking care of the community and church.

*The Greatest Promise of All* is the foundation of our lives through salvation by belief in our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a blessing to read about heaven, the reunion with loved ones, and best of all, our reunion with God.

God provided a way for all of us to be this woman through His word. His grace is evident as He shows us how to accomplish His will. Hebrews 10:23 "*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we possess, for He who promised is faithful.*" (KJV)

That's it! God will deliver on His promises to us if we are faithful.

What a great and mighty God we serve! How blessed to be under His arm of protection. My prayer is that we will all endeavor to be everything He wants us to be, and serve Him with gladness of spirit and thankful hearts.

The success of the Proverbs woman is her relationship to God.



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