

"The Virtuous Woman"
Proverbs 31.10-31

EMMA YAMADA was a great woman - Loved by many family & friends

BIBLICAL PICTURE OF A GREAT WOMAN - Proverbs 31
as we remember Aunty Emma and look to God at this time

LITTLE BOY wanted to buy present for his dear mother
WENT TO WOMEN'S SECTION OF DEPARTMENT STORE

"I'd like to buy my mom a slip"
CLERK "what size is your mom?"

BOY "My Mom is just perfect"

SO CLERK PICKED OUT A SIZE 34 AND WRAPPED IT UP FOR HIM
later that week his Mom came to X-change it for a size 52

TO THAT BOY HIS MOM'S PERFECTION WAS NOT JUST ON THE OUTSIDE

1) A woman who fears the Lord is PRICELESS

Proverbs 31:10 A wife of noble character who can find? She is
worth far more than rubies.

SOCIETY TODAY PAYS BALLPLAYERS MORE FOR ONE GAME
THAN TEACHERS FOR ONE YEAR

FAILED TO REALIZE THE TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE OF A GOOD INFLUENCE
GOOD TRAINING - GOOD MORAL EXAMPLE

GREAT WALL OF CHINA WAS BUILT TO DEFEND AGAINST ENEMIES
TREMENDOUS SUCCESS - COULD NOT BE PENETRATED - CHINESE SAFE
UNTIL ENEMIES LEARNED THEY COULD BRIBE THE GATE KEEPERS

NOTHING MORE PRICELESS TO FAMILY OR SOCIETY THAN NOBLE CHARACTER

2) A woman who fears the Lord is PRODUCTIVE

you might say- that was true of Emma Yamada - YAMADA CORPORATION

Proverbs 31:14-18 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her
food from afar. {15} She gets up while it is still dark; she
provides food for her family and portions for her servant girls.
{16} She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she
plants a vineyard. {17} She sets about her work vigorously; her
arms are strong for her tasks. {18} She sees that her trading is
profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.

SOCIETY HAS BECOME A TWO-INCOME FAMILY SOCIETY - esp. in Hawaii

PEOPLE HERE NEED AT LEAST 2 JOBS, 3, 4, OR MORE

WE HAVE GAINED A HIGH STANDARD OF LIVING AND OF AFFLUENCE

NEED E/OTHER - BACKPACKING IN HALAPE - COULD NOT MAKE SAIMIN

GODLY WOMAN has influence for GREATER PRODUCTIVITY

LAST YEAR'S MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST SPEAKER

LOCAL MAN FROM OAHU - HIGHEST RANKING ASIAN EXEC. IN IBM

WAS A COMMITTED XTIAN - TALKED WITH CORPORATE & GOV'T LEADERS

GREATEST HINDRANCE TO PRODUCTIVITY? FAMILY PROBLEMS

HOW CAN A MAN OR WOMAN PUT IN GOOD DAYS WORK -

spouse is unfaithful / going thru divorce / kids are drug addicts

WE WILL NOT BE A TRULY PRODUCTIVE SOCIETY WITHOUT GODLY WOMEN

THOMAS EDISON "I did not have my mother long, but she cast an influence over me that lasted all my life...My mother was the making of me. The memory of her will always be a blessing"

NAPOLEON

"Let France have good mothers, and she will have good sons"

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

"All that I am or ever hope to be I owe to my angel mother"

ONE OF GREATEST MOTHERS CHURCH HAS EVER KNOWN Susana Wesley - ENG

17 Children - best known / sons John and Charles

DAILY HABIT LOCK HERSELF IN ROOM AND PRAY FOR ONE HOUR

I'd wonder if mine would kill e/other or burning house down?

HER SONS LED A REVIVAL WHICH SWEEP ACROSS ENGLAND AND THE USA

3) A woman who fears the Lord is A PARTNER

Proverbs 31:28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:

ALL KNOW THAT MRS. YAMADA HAS ALWAYS BEEN A LEADER IN THEIR BUS.

GOD TOLD ADAM IT WAS NOT GOOD THAT HE BE ALONE - EVE WAS PARTNER

BEAUTIFUL PICTURE OF EQUALITY AND INTERDEPENDENCE - out of side

NOT OUT OF HEAD TO DOMINATE OR FEET TO STEP ON / SIDE TO EMBRACE

BIBLE SAYS THAT MAN IS HEAD- woman yeah but I'm the neck turns it

MANY WOMEN FEAR THIS LANGUAGE - MANY ABUSIVE & INSENSITIVE MEN

GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST THAT LIBERATED WOMEN

ANCIENT JEWISH MORNING PRAYER FOR MEN

"I thank you that I am not a woman"

GREEK AND ROMAN WORLDS - either seen as property or as play mates

JESUS TREATED WOMEN WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR - PARTNERS IN MINISTRY
1st preachers of Resurrection / tho TESTIMONY of woman nothing
IN THE SIGHT OF GOD THEIR TESTIMONY IS VALID

PARTNERSHIP DOES NOT MEAN WOMEN DO ALL THE SAME THINGS

DON'T KNOW IF EMMA TOLD FOREMEN THAT SHE WOULD DRIVE BULLDOZER
ROLE NO LESS IMPORTANT THAN HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

NEED TO REMEMBER THAT IN CRAZY HAWAII - women husbands
men will become brides

4) A woman who fears the Lord is POSITIVE

Proverbs 31:25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can
laugh at the days to come.

FOUND THAT TO BE TRUE IN EVERY VISIT WITH AUNTY EMMA
SHARED ABOUT OUR STRUGGLES - TOOK THEM TO GOD IN CONFIDENT PRAYER
GREAT WOMEN ARE NEED IN THIS YAMADA FAMILY - carry on her example
GREAT WOMEN ARE NEEDED IN HAWAII TODAY - time of moral challenge
GREAT PEOPLE ARE FORGED BY COMMITMENT AND CHARACTER

5) A woman who fears the Lord is PERMANENT

Proverbs 31:30-31 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. {31} Give her
the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at
the city gate.

PERMANENT - strange word to use at a FUNERAL

PERMANENT INFLUENCE OF YAMADA FAMILY - COMMUNITY

NOT WHAT I MEAN - this woman is still living - EVERLASTING LIFE

Hebrews 12:28 we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken

1 John 2:17 The world and its desires pass away, but the man
who does the will of God lives forever.

WOMAN WHO HAD A GOOD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
DID NOT BUILD HOUSE ON SINKING SAND - BUT ON A SOLID ROCK

JESUS CHRIST - STANDS THE STORMS OF LIFE - EVEN DEATH ITSELF

WE CAN LAUGH WITH HER AT THE FUTURE - IT IS ETERNAL

GREAT WOMAN? WHY? - GREAT SAVIOR - JESUS CHRIST
NOT A PERFECT WOMAN - NEEDED GREAT SALVATION - ACCOMPLISHED
HOW ABOUT YOU??