

The Woman Writer Who Fears the Lord



[A thematic paraphrase of Proverbs 31:10-31]

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An excellent writer who can find?
She is far more valuable than a hack.

The heart of her reader trusts in her,
And will profit from spending time in her books.

She does readers good, and not harm
With everything she pens.

She seeks knowledge, tools, and methods,
And writes with willing hands.

She scours the internet and looks afar like a researcher of old,
And gathers her facts and data.

She works at all hours, rising before dawn,
To provide for the needs of her readers,
As well as for her agent or editor.

She considers a story idea and writes it,
And plants the seeds of her thoughts into rich fields of fiction.

She dresses herself for success,
And keeps herself healthy so she can both work and network.

She sees that her work brings profit,
And stays alert to new ideas, even at night.

She seats herself before a keyboard or paper,
And purposely puts her hand to writing.

She shares her tricks of the trade with students,
And makes herself available for unpublished writers.

She worries not about the trashy books in the market,
She knows that her own work will satisfy a soul.

She carves out space in which to write,
She designs a comfortable, lovely office for her own use.

Her readers are discerning and wise,
They occupy the highest offices and respectable posts.

She crafts fine stories or articles and sells them,
She delivers manuscripts to magazines, agents and publishers.

Capability and dependability are her clothing,
And she laughs at the thought of failure.

She opens her mouth with wisdom to help other writers,
And teaching, with kindness, is on her tongue.

She looks well to the state of her manuscripts and projects,
And does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her readers rise up and call her blessed;
Her publisher also, and he praises her:

"Many writers have done excellently,
but you surpass them all."

Writing to please the market,
and banking on worldly success is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord
and writes what He inspires, is to be praised.

Let her be the first to enjoy her works,
And let her reputation and book sales skyrocket in the market.

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