"The Generational Sin of **Secular Womanhood**: Regaining Biblical Womanhood"
Proverbs 31:10-31

"A man who has a wife who daily reads the Word, meditates on the Word, prays daily, seeks to obey God and be a spiritual example to other women in the local church, has a treasure that indeed exceeds the worth of gold and silver." (Warren Weirsbe)

"The ode of the most heroic woman Biblically is not found in a throne room or on the battlefield or in the office.

But instead she is found in the home and her works are to be praised through the ages of history."

• Objective Truth Claims:

- "An excellent wife" is an observable, objective reality Biblically. (31:10,29)
- The church has the responsibility to "praise a woman who fears the LORD." (31:30)
- "Fearing the LORD" is an observable, objective reality Biblically. (31:30)
 - Charm and beauty is not what is to be praised. "But let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious." (1 Peter 3:4)
- Why should we "praise a woman who fears the LORD?"
 - It motivates godly behavior.
 - It teaches that there is objective truth.
 - It addresses sinful behavior in a positive sense.

Her Relationship with Her Family:

- Her husband genuinely trusts her because she fears the LORD. (31:11)
- She benefits her husband spiritually and in every way all her life. (31:12)
- She works hard to make the household a place of rest and peace.(31:27)
- She affects her husband's reputation in a positive way publicly. (31:23)

• Her Relationship with Her Community:

- She has a testimony of helping those who are in need, physically and spiritually. (31:20)
- She has true wisdom and is genuinely kind because of her fear of the LORD. (31:21,26)
- She is known for her strength in all circumstances and situations. (31:17,25)
- She has a great public testimony for her fear of and love for the LORD. (31:31)
- She has a tremendous work ethic in supporting her husband's headship. (31:11-12,15,18,23,27)

"They (older women) are to teach (from the Bible, not the culture) what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, **that the word of God may not be reviled**." (Titus 2:3b-5)

Worship: Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103) — Sovereign Grace Music He Will Hold Me Fast — Norton Hall Band Sovereign Over Us — Aaron Keyes Closing Song: It Is Well — Various Artists

Announcements:

- ★DONATIONS: Throughout the month of May we are partnering with Heartbeats to collect monetary donations for their 2024 Campaign: "Reaching Her". They have a goal of reaching \$75,000 during this campaign to fund vital marketing efforts aimed at reaching abortion-vulnerable women, before the abortion industry does, as well as meeting operational needs that are essential to their mission. For more information about Heartbeats and about this campaign, please see the board at the back of the sanctuary. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for Heartbeats.
- ★FELLOWSHIP LUNCH: We are having a Fellowship Lunch NEXT Sunday, May 19th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!
- ★NEW MEMBERS CLASS: If you are interested in becoming a church member, we will be offering a two week New Members Class NEXT Sunday, May 19th, and the following Sunday, May 26th, from 9-10am in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in taking the New Members Class. If you have any questions, please see Elder Zach.
- ★LADIES NIGHT IN: Ladies, we are having a "Ladies Night In" THIS Friday, May 17th, starting at 6pm, at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron). The plan is to kick Andy out of his house for the night and for the ladies to hangout, watch a movie, enjoy pizza for dinner, and for those who are able to, stay the night together. We will have bagels and yogurt for breakfast the next morning. The plan is to be wrapped up, cleaned up, and out the door by 10am on Saturday, May 18th. We would love for everyone to join us for this "Ladies Night In", whether you are only able to stay for an hour, for a few hours, or for the whole night! There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to help provide the food for this event!
- ★HEALTHTREE 5K/1 MILE WALK: If you would be interested in joining a team of people to run a 5K or walk 1 mile on Saturday, June 8th, at 9am (at Wolfe Park in Columbus), please register at https://give.healthtree.org/team/582040 under Team Legacy Plus. The cost is \$35 per person. HealthTree raises money to accelerate research and find cures for blood cancer. Please see Krystal if you have any questions or need more details!
- ★CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER: Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be THIS Sunday, May 19th, from 5:30-7pm. If you would like to participate in this, we have a sign-up list on the table in the entryway. We have that hour and a half broken up into 15 minute increments, you are welcome to sign up for as many time slots as you would like to. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body.