



THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

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Living Faith Chapel, Calgary (Solution Center)

WORD FOR THE WEEK

THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN

It is another Sunday and another day to come before the presence of God to give Him praise and worship and to appreciate Him for all He does in our lives. Let us take out some time to appreciate God for the lives of our mothers and all the women around us. Let us also appreciate Him for the whole family and the entire church for what He has been doing in our lives.

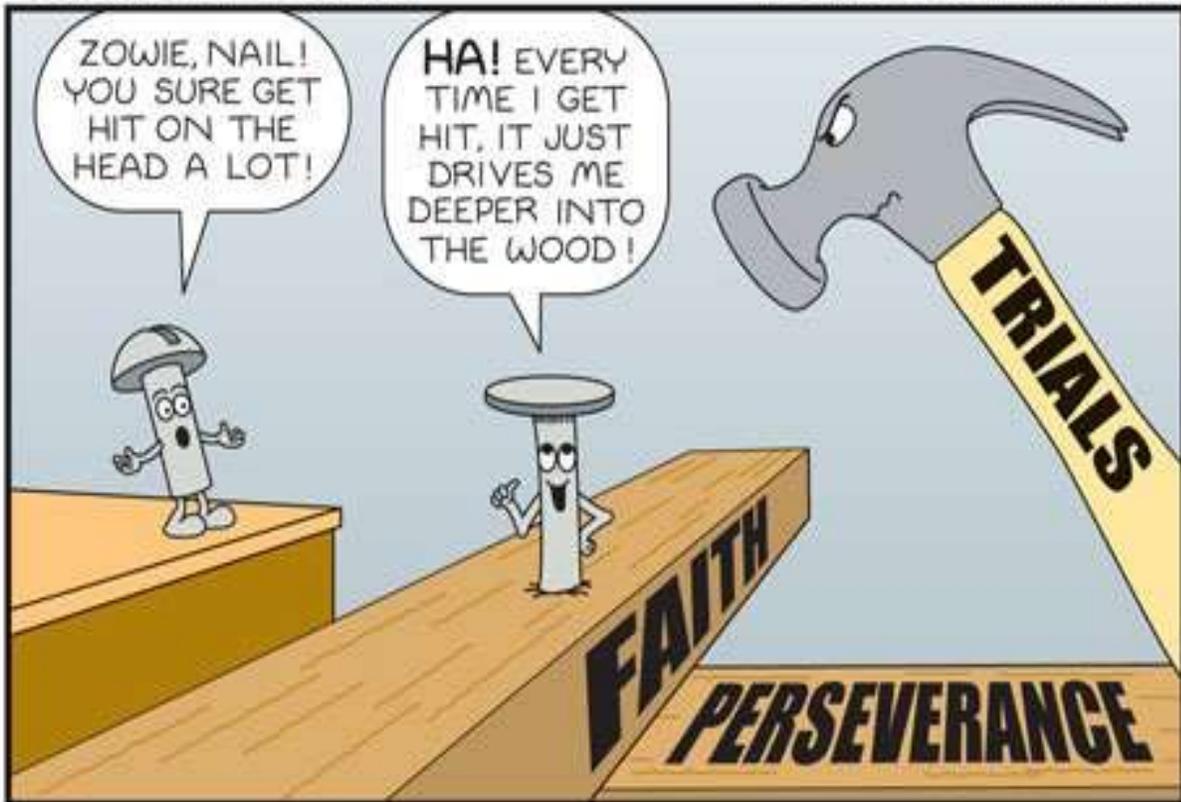
We have been examining the theme: "Growing Faith and Abounding Love" in the month of September. It is the women's program, and in recognition of this program and the vital role the woman plays in the family, which is underlined by abounding love, that we would consider the good virtues of the godly woman. The Bible calls her "a Virtuous Woman" (*Prov. 31: 10-30*), a woman with high moral values. No Bible passages more accurately capture the description of the virtuous woman than *Proverbs 31:10-30 (NIV)*: *"A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants. She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised."*

The virtuous woman is the woman that brings up her children in the way of the Lord – **2 Tim 1:5** and one that is submissive to her husband and builds her home – **Prov. 14: 1**. She is always a source of support and joy to the family because she always prays for the entire family.

While the focus of events of this special program is women, everyone, without exception, should use this opportunity to reflect his or her relationship with family, church members and with God. Are there areas in which we think we are failing God? Would He call us virtuous, if we were to be evaluated by Him today? Let's take out some moment to reflect on these, and where we think we have been unreliable or unworthy Christians in our relationships, faithfully seek His mercy and repent of our unfaithfulness, and His blessings for faithfulness will not elude us today in Jesus' name!

HAMMER & NAIL

A Joyful'toon by Mike Waters



Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

— JAMES 1:2-3 NIV

NB. If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by them, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at pastor@rccglfc.org