

**PRAYER PORTION**

**VIRTUE**

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*She went down to the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her. And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet. And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman. And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a **virtuous** woman. Ruth 3:6-11*

*A **virtuous** woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is a rottenness in his bones. Proverbs 12:4*

*Who can find a **virtuous** woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done **virtuously**, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates. Proverbs 31:10-31*

*Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him. And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing...*

...bettered, but rather grew worse, when she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that **virtue** had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague. Mark 5:24-34

He came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; and they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went **virtue** out of him, and healed them all. Luke 6:17-19

Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that **virtue** is gone out of me. And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace. Luke 8:46-48

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any **virtue**, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Philippians 4:8

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, though the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and **virtue**: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith **virtue**; and to **virtue** knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ...For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord... 2 Peter 1:3-8

## VIRTUE VS. VANITY

*Surely God will not hear **vanity**, neither will the Almighty regard it. Job 35:13*

*O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? How long will ye love **vanity**, and seek after leasing? Selah. Psalm 4:2*

*They speak **vanity** every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak. Psalm 12:2*

*If he come to see me, he speaketh **vanity**: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; when he goeth abroad, he telleth it. Psalm 41:6*

*The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are **vanity**. Psalm 94:11*

*Turn away mine eyes from beholding **vanity**; and quicken thou me in thy way. Psalm 119:37*

*Wealth gotten by **vanity** shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase... The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a **vanity** tossed to and fro of them that seek death. Proverbs 13:11, 21:6*

*He that soweth iniquity shall reap **vanity**: and the rod of his anger shall fail. ...Remove far from me vanity and lies: Proverbs 22:8, 30:8*

*Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking **vanity**; Isaiah 58:9*

*None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in **vanity**, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. Isaiah 59:4*

*Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to **vanity**, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, in a way not cast up...I will scatter them as with an east wind... Jeremiah 18:15, 17*

*Walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the **vanity** of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ. Ephesians 4:17-20*

*For when they speak great swelling words of **vanity**, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. 2 Peter 2:18*