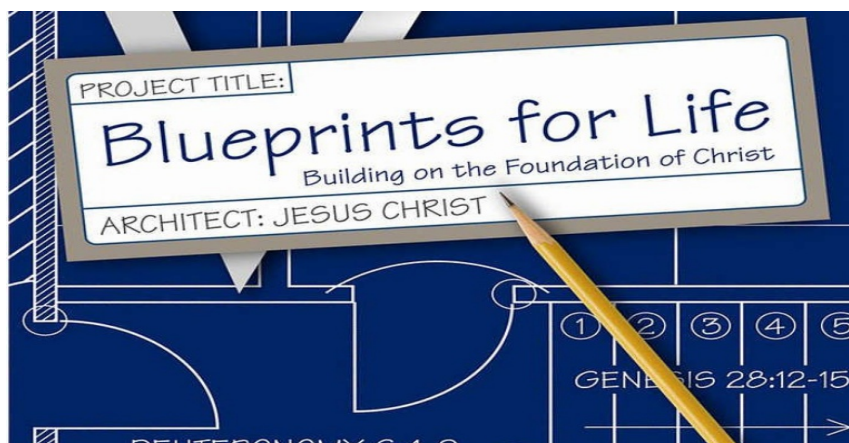


A BLUEPRINT FOR ETERNAL LIFE

The Parable of the Virtuous Woman is God's Blueprint for His Daughters



The parable of the virtuous woman is a blueprint for eternal life. Within the whole blueprint are many sub-blueprints. Just like building a house you have the main blueprint, but also blueprints for plumbing, electrical etc. In this class we will do an in-depth discovery into this wonderful blueprint given to us by God. If followed correctly it will lead a woman of God through life's journey into eternal life and joy with God.

In **Proverbs 31** we find a bridegroom looking for a virtuous woman to marry. The bridegroom of Proverbs corresponds with the bridegroom in the parable of the ten virgins found in **Matthew 25:1-12**. In the parable of the ten virgins we understand the bridegroom is Christ and the ten virgins are the Church who is waiting for Him. Only the five wise, just half of the Church, will have the much needed oil in their lamps. The oil is the Holy Spirit. Only those with oil will be a part of the wedding celebration. The virtuous woman of Proverbs is the same as the wise virgins. She has oil in her lamp.

1. **Proverbs 31:18** = Tells us she is like “a candle that goeth not out by night.” She is like the wise virgins in Matthew 25, who wait for the bridegroom with their lamps trimmed and burning, plus carrying extra oil. Also, the wise virgins in **D&C 45:10**.

A. Strong's Concordance: “Candle” = Hebrew root word 5216 & 5135 = a lamp, light, on fire, to shine.

B. The virtuous woman of Proverbs does not let her light go out even at night. Even in times of discouragement, disappointment or in the darkest trial, her light burns brightly. She has plenty of oil; she is ready for the bridegroom; she joyfully waits for His return and for the wedding celebration which will be hers to partake of when that day arrives.

2. How does this virtuous woman keep her candle lit? **Proverbs 31:14-15** tells us how she does this: “She is like the merchant ship; she bringeth her food from afar.”

A. Strong’s Concordance: “Merchant Ship” = Hebrew root word =5503 & 5507 = “When used in the feminine” something surrounding the person as a shield and a buckler. It is the Holy Spirit that surrounds this virtuous woman as a shield and buckler.

Proverbs 31:14-15, we find the blueprint for keeping the candle lit or the Holy Spirit functioning in her life. We are told “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.” This does not mean that she gets up early and shops at the local grocery store. It is referring to her Morning Prayer and Study Time. **D&C 63:16** Ye receive the Spirit through prayer. She does receive food from afar, from the very courts of heaven through the direction of the Holy Spirit.

B. Strong’s Concordance: “Riseth” = to abide, to be strengthened. Hebrew Root Word for Riseth = 6965= to endure, to abide, strengthen, to make sure, to make strong = 6963 = to cry out, to call for help also = 3050 = sacred name of the Lord most Vehement = Jehovah. We see that this very word “riseth” means = The Virtuous Woman is praying and crying out to her God Jehovah, thus she will receive strength and spiritual food for herself and also to give to her household, and those she comes in contact with.

3. The key word abide takes us to **John 15:4-11** 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples. 9 As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you; continue ye in My love. 10 If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.



- A. “Abide in Me, and I in you.” This is your Morning Prayer Time where you abide with Christ and gather strength for the day and become fruitful.
- B. Strong’s Concordance: “Meat” = Hebrew Root Word = 2963 & 2964 = To supply with food, feed, without doubt, but also says tears in pieces or fragment. This speaks to the influence of the woman. If guided by the Holy Spirit she can bring Spiritual Food to her family, as she is guided by the Holy Spirit. She brings them manna from heaven. She is without doubt; she knows what to do. But if not in tune with the right spirit, she can also, by her words and deeds, cause fragmentation in the family. The “maidens” are those she comes in contact with in her daily life.
- C. Doesn’t Nephi tell us to feast upon the words of Christ? **2 Nephi 14:4** Wherefore, I said unto you, Feast upon the words of Christ; for behold the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do. Yes, the words of Christ can direct us in our daily walk, in the way we train up our children and interact with our husband, extended family and community.

And Jesus said in **John 6:48**: I am that bread of life.



When we start our day with prayer and reading the word of God we invite the Holy Spirit into our daily life and activities. This keeps our candle lit and oil in our lamp. It allows us to meet the needs of our family, both physically and spiritually, under the direction of the Holy Spirit. I testify to you that the Word of God is alive and as you read it, it is absorbed into your spirit and it feeds you and thus enables you to share it, feeding others and meeting their needs both physically and spiritually.



Jeremiah 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart; for I am called by Thy name, O Lord God of hosts.

Functions of the Holy Spirit (1)

In Greek, the word “comforter” means, “The one who the Lord will call alongside of to give assistance.” The Greek also means: an intercessor, counselor, and advocate. The Holy Spirit does assist us in our journey in life. In times of sorrow he assists us by comforting us and consoling us; in times of weakness he strengthens us; in times of fear he can cause us to feel peaceful and calm. He is there to assist us, by guiding, directing and helping us on our journey through this life. His functions are very numerous and I know I have not listed them all. The help of the Holy Spirit is vital to our success in reaching our goal at the end of life’s journey.

I hope each of you will invite Him to be a part of your daily journey.

Leading = [1 Nephi 1:106](#) “I was led by the Spirit.”

Constraining = [Alma 10:50](#) “The Spirit constraineth me.”

Persuading = [Ether 1:106](#) “Because of My Spirit, he shall know that these things are true; for it persuadeth men to do good.”

Enticing = [Mosiah 1:120](#) “The enticings of the Holy Spirit.”

Transporting = [2 Nephi 3:40](#) “Upon the wings of His Spirit hath my body been carried away upon exceeding high mountains.” Also read: [Acts 8:26-40](#)

Teaching & bringing all things to your remembrance = [John 14:26](#) “He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance.”

Testifying of Christ = [John 15:26](#) “Even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me.” Also read: [1 Cor. 12:3](#), [Moroni 10:5](#), [3 Nephi 5:33](#)

Will guide you into all truth & speak of things to come = [John 16:13](#) “Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth.... And He will show you things to come.”

He warns us = [Acts 16:6-7](#) “Were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, after they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia; but the Spirit suffered them not.”

He helps us to pray & intercedes for us = [Romans 8:26](#) “The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

Testifies to us that we are the children of God = [Romans 8:13-16](#) “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.”

Deep things of God revealed to us by the Spirit = [1 Cor. 2:10](#) “But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God.” Also read: [1 Nephi 3:30](#)

Eyes opened and our understanding enlightened = [D&C 76:3](#) “By the power of the Spirit our eyes were opened, and our understandings were enlightened.”

Spirit of Revelation=[D&C 76](#) (see Preface), [D&C 8:1c-2a](#) “Now, behold, this is the Spirit of revelation.”

Functions of the Holy Spirit (2)

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Gifts of the Spirit given to us by the Holy Spirit = [1 Cor. 12:4-11](#) “For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit.” Also read: [Moroni 10:8-9](#)

A unifying force = [1 Cor. 12:12-27](#) “For by the Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit....That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.” Also read: [Eph. 4:1-6](#)

Enlightens our minds & gives us joy = [D&C 10:7](#) “Verily, verily I say unto you, I will impart unto you of my Spirit, which shall enlighten your mind, which shall fill your soul with joy.” Also read: [Mosiah 2:5](#)

Empowers us & even empowers us in building the Kingdom = [1 Nephi 3:187](#) “Blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth My Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and power of the Holy Ghost. Also read: [Moroni 10:7](#)

Lord works by it = [3 Nephi 13:59](#) “The Lord worketh...by the power of the Holy Ghost.”

Gives Testimony = [Alma 5:28](#) “The Holy Spirit which testifieth in me.”

Inspires scripture = [1 Nephi 1:83](#) “The words which have been spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets...have been delivered unto them by the Spirit and power of God.”

Sanctifies = [Alma 10:4](#) “Being Sanctified by the Holy Ghost”

Reveals = [Jacob 5:20](#) “It also has been made manifest unto me by the power of the Holy Ghost.”

Commissions = [1 Nephi 3:36](#) “The Holy Ghost giveth authority that I should speak these things.”

Directs = [Moroni 6:9](#) “As the power of the Holy Ghost led them whether to preach or exhort, or to pray, or to supplicate, or to sing, even so it was done.”

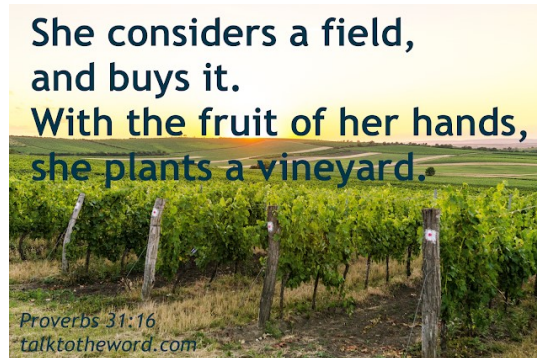
Fruits of the Spirit are produced by the Holy Spirit = [Gal.5: 22-23](#) “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law.”

Precepts = [2 Nephi 12:39](#) “Their precepts shall be given by the power of the Holy Ghost.”

Calls men to the work = [Acts 13:2](#) “Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.”

Gives us peace, hope and joy = [Romans 15:13](#) “Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.”

THE FIELD AND THE VINEYARD



Proverbs 31:16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it;
with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

Strong's Concordance: Hebrew root word of "Field" Meaning =7704 = Flat Field

7704 - 7707= Same Root Word = Spreader of Light

7707- 217 = Flame, Region of Light

217- 215 = Break of Day, Glorious, Shine

215- 216 = Lightning, Happiness, Morning, Sun, Luminary in Every Sense

217- 222 = Flame of God, Luminousness Prosperity

222- 410 = Mighty God (This leads us to the names of God)

410 – 460 = God is the Gatherer

3050 to 3069 = (Leads to a List of Jehovah's Names) Such as Jehovah will establish, Jehovah will contend, Jehovah is Peace and so forth.

The Field is Zion

In the Hebrew root words for Field, we see it is all about the light breaking forth and shining: A region of light, a glorious day, light breaking forth, even a place of happiness. I submit to you that the Field in Proverbs that the Virtuous Woman buys is Zion. Yes, the Field is Zion, that region of light that breaks forth as a glorious day and shines into the darkness of the world. It will be as a flame in the night, a candle set on a hill, to call all people unto it. There will be happiness in Zion even as the Nephites experienced in **4 Nephi 1:17-21.**

This is the field the virtuous woman must buy. She must purchase the Kingdom of God through her time and talents; even all that she has must be used to bring forth the Kingdom of God.

Matthew 6:38 Wherefore, seek not the things of this world but seek ye first to build up the kingdom of God, and to establish His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

It is important that the Virtuous Woman buys the field. It is the same field that we find in **Matthew 13:46**. There we find a man selling all that he has to buy the field.

Matthew 13:46 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hid in a field. And when a man hath found a treasure which is hid, he secureth it, and, straightway, for joy thereof, goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

The Field is Light Breaking Forth = Zion is often referred to as “light breaking forth”:

D&C 45:2b-6e 2b For verily I say unto you that I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the light and the life of the world; a light that shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not . . . **2g** A city reserved until a day of righteousness shall come: **2h** a day which was sought for by all holy men . . . **5c** and when the light shall begin to break forth . . .

6a And it shall come to pass that he that feareth Me shall be looking forth for the great day of the Lord to come, even for the signs of the coming of the Son of man;

6b and they shall see signs and wonders, for they shall be shown forth in the heavens above, and in the earth beneath;

6c and they shall behold blood and fire, and vapors of smoke; and before the day of the Lord shall come, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon be turned into blood, and stars fall from heaven;

6d and the remnant shall be gathered unto this place; and then they shall look for Me, and behold I will come;

6e and they shall see me in the clouds of heaven, clothed with power and great glory, with all the holy angels; and he that watches not for me shall be cut off.

Strong’s under Field, refers to a place of “Luminous Prosperity” = Is that not what Zion will be (a place where all is equal and there is no poor among them) even Zion.

Genesis 7:23 And the Lord called His people, Zion, because they were of one heart and of one mind, and dwelt in righteousness; and there were no poor among them.

In the Strong’s under Field we also find the word “lightning” = How does that apply to Zion and the day in which we live? This warns us of events to take place and these tribulations are one reason we need Zion.

D&C 43:5f-7a **5f** Lightnings shall streak forth from the east unto the west, and shall utter forth their voices unto all that live, and make the ears of all tingle, that hear, saying these words:

5g Repent ye, for the great day of the Lord is come.

6a And again, the Lord shall utter His voice out of heaven, saying: Hearken, O ye nations of the earth, and hear the words of that God who made you.

6b O, ye nations of the earth, how often would I have gathered you together as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, but ye would not?

6c How oft have I called upon you by the mouth of My servants, and by the ministering of angels, and by Mine own voice, and by the voice of thunders, and by the voice of lightnings, and by the voice of tempests, and by the voice of earthquakes, and great hailstorms, and by the voice of famines and pestilences of every kind, and by the great sound of a trumpet, and by the voice of judgment, and by the voice of mercy all the day long, and by the voice of glory and honor, and the riches of eternal life, and would have saved you with an everlasting salvation, but ye would not?

6d Behold, the day has come, when the cup of the wrath of mine indignation is full.

7a Behold, verily I say unto you, that these are the words of the Lord your God; wherefore, labor ye, labor ye in my vineyard for the last time.

Zion will not come forth without the “**lightning**” tribulations of the last days but with God’s help we can do this. Remember in Revelations it tells us it will be like travailing in birth.

Revelation 12:2 And the woman being with child, cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. The child is the Kingdom.

This word lightning also is to remind us that God is Powerful and in control. In **Job 38** God reminds Job of His great power.

Job 38:31-35 **31** Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?

32 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?

33 Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? Canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth? . . .

35 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?

God is in control, so we can look every disaster in the face and say “God’s prophecies are being fulfilled and He is coming soon. I will stand in Holy Places; I will trust in God; I will dwell under the shadow of His Wings.”

Strong’s Hebrew root word of “Fruit” = 6529 and 6509 = Fruit, Reward, Bring Forth, Cause to Be, Make Fruitful, Increase. We are called to assist in bringing forth His Kingdom. We need to give God our first fruits every day. **D&C 12:3a** Seek to bring forth and establish my Zion. **Proverbs 3:9** Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase. We must put God first in our lives; He needs to be our first Love.

Strong's Hebrew root word of "Planteth" = 5192 = To take up a weighty burden. There will be a price to pay in priorities, in dedication, a price of sacrifice of self and a sacrifice of service to others. **D&C 64:5a** Behold, now it is called today (until the coming of the Son of man), and verily it is a day of sacrifice, and a day for the tithing of My people; for he that is tithed shall not be burned (at His coming); for after today cometh the burning: this is speaking after the manner of the Lord.

Note here that planting the vineyard is what the virtuous woman does after buying the field. The first part of laboring in the vineyard is the planting. We are called to work/serve to build up God's Kingdom. There is all kinds of laboring to be done. The need is great for workers!! **Matthew 9:43-44** Then said He unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. **44** Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

D&C 65 is called a revelation on prayer to the church and reveals how important is to be praying for the Kingdom of God. In **Matthew 6:11** Christ instructed His first disciples to pray for His Kingdom, and He tells us—His disciples in the last days—to do the same. **D&C 65:1d** Pray unto the Lord; call upon His holy name; make known His wonderful works among the people, call upon the Lord, that His kingdom may go forth upon the earth that the inhabitants thereof may receive it, and be prepared for the days to come, in the which the Son of man shall come down in heaven, clothed in the brightness of His glory, to meet the kingdom of God which is set up on the earth; wherefore, may the kingdom of God go forth, that the kingdom of heaven may come, that thou, O God, may be glorified in heaven, so on earth, that Thy enemies may be subdued; for Thine is the honor, power, and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Part of our work is to pray for God's Kingdom. When you can do nothing else you can pray, which is a powerful work. We must do all we can to assist in the building of Zion.

D&C 38:9c And again I say unto you, I give unto you a commandment, that every man, both elder, priest, teacher, and also member, go to with his might, with the labor of his hands, to prepare and accomplish the things which I have commanded.

D&C 32:1d For, behold, the field is white already to harvest; and it is the eleventh hour, and for the last time that I shall call laborers into My vineyard.

To buy the field we must come to terms with what kingdom we are going to serve. This is a choice that each of us must make. In **Luke 10:43** we find the story of Mary and Martha. "Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." We must buy the field; we must make God's work #1 in our lives. **D&C 23:4a** For thou shalt devote all thy service in Zion. And in this thou shalt have strength.

The root word for Field leads us back to the names of God. Surly, this was designed to encourage us to seek the Kingdom of God, where He will be our God and King. The names of God tell us of His attributes. Names such as “God has loved, God of knowledge, God will provide, God who fights your battles, God who is gracious, He is the rock, the Restorer, the Helper, the Giver, the Healer and Great Physician, He is Merciful, He is Peace even the Prince of Peace, Mighty Fortress. The wonderful list of His names is too long for here. Delve into His names and learn of Him. But know this, living under a King with these names and attributes, should be our hearts desire. Indeed He is already our King and we are His children, but how much greater would it be to actually live in His Kingdom here upon the earth. He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lord and He is coming soon. One name in particular that stood out to me as I prepared this class is “The Gatherer” = God is the gatherer and He will gather His people from the four corners of the earth to this Holy Place. **D&C 32:2b** And even so will I gather Mine elect from the four quarters of the earth, even as many as will believe in Me, and hearken unto My voice.

Strong’s Hebrew root word of “Vineyard” = 3753-1021 & 1004 = Garden, Temple, House of God, House of the vineyard, increase of the vineyard, and Daughter.

D&C 39:4b Thou art called to labor in My vineyard, and to build up My church, and to bring forth Zion that it may rejoice upon the hills and flourish.

If we dwell in God’s Kingdom/Zion we will be true daughters of the King, living in His Earthly Kingdom, which shall flourish upon the hills, even Zion the Beautiful.

It Is Time to Do This Thing **Let’s Buy the Field and Plant the Vineyard Today!!**



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For Zion must increase in beauty, and in holiness; her borders must be enlarged; her stakes must be strengthened; yea, verily I say unto you, Zion must arise and put on her beautiful garments.