

A Tribute

Read Proverbs 31:10-30

A TRIBUTE TO AMELIA DIEHL

Proverbs 31:30 "...but a woman who fears and reverences God shall be greatly praised." (Living Bible)

"Behind every great man is a great woman," so he saying goes. That is certainly true of my grandmother Amelia Diehl, who will turn one hundred years old on July 10, 1991. I know of no other woman who more closely fits the description of the virtuous woman of Proverbs 31. My grandfather told me when he had gotten married he wanted someone to help him. My grandmother was certainly a helpmate to him. The following is a paraphrase of Proverbs 1:10-31 as a tribute to her.

10) Amelia Diehl was truly a good wife, worth more than precious gems. 11) Her husband, David, could trust her and she richly satisfied his needs. 12) She did not hinder him, but helped him all her life. When they ran a gas station and store, Amelia was right there working with him. When David had a Christmas tree business, she met the customers who came to the house and helped them when David was not around. 13) She sewed and mended his clothes. 14) She bought and canned food, some from her garden, keeping her cupboards well stocked. 15) She was always up early and had breakfast on the table around six o'clock. She had each day well planned. Mondays were for washing clothes, Tuesdays for ironing, Wednesdays for mending, Thursdays for cleaning upstairs, Fridays for cleaning downstairs, Saturdays for baking, and Sundays for going to church and resting. 16) She planted a garden almost every year of her life and tended it well. 17) She managed the household budget well, never buying anything unnecessary. 19-20) She helped her husband provide jobs for the needy and gave generously to the church and missions. 21) She never feared winters, always having warm clothing for her children. 22) Her husband was well known in Carbon County. 25) She is a woman of

strength and dignity and has no fear of turning one hundred. 26) When she spoke, her words were wise and kindness was the rule of everything she said. She never talked back to her husband and never screamed and yelled at her children. 27) She watched carefully all that went on throughout her house and was never lazy. Her house was always spotless, the beds always made, the dishes always washed and put away. Everything had a place and everything was in its place. 28) Her children stand and bless her and never fail to visit her in the nursing home. Her husband praised her as the best woman of all. 30) Amelia set a fine example for her children, Oscar and Elda (Diehl) Walker. She attended church faithfully and had her daily devotions. She lived by a motto that hung in her kitchen, "Only one life will soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last." She and her husband believed in and supported missions and the local church. Through her and her descendants only eternity will reveal how many souls were won to Christ. The church she attended many years of her life had been purchased by her son and moved twenty-five miles to its present location. Her daughter married a missionary/minister. Through their labors others became missionaries, ministers, Christian workers, and evangelists. All her grandchildren are Christians and serving the Lord. One granddaughter is married to a minister. Some of her great-grandchildren are making plans for full-time Christian service. 31) Amelia may never be nominated for "Woman of the Year" and yet in God's sight she is a woman of great worth. Great will be her reward in heaven.

