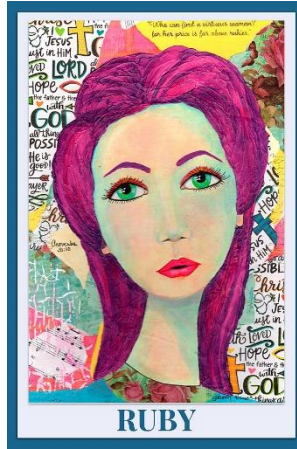




## Ruby



### Details of Artwork:

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Media: Mixed Media Acrylic

Based on: Proverbs 31:10

Characteristics: Virtuous

**Synopsis:** Ruby is about an ideal woman. She isn't named in the Bible, but I call her Ruby based on the reference & because she's multi-faceted. Proverbs 31:10-31 describes the qualities of a virtuous woman. These are the qualities we should strive for and teach young girls to seek these qualities too. Our young men should seek this type of woman to marry.

**Story:** In Proverb 31:10-31, Solomon offers a glowing portrait of an ideal woman. We can glean many things about this ideal woman.

- She is unbelievably valuable obviously since it's far above rubies.
- Her husband can trust in her
- She is faithful and fears the Lord
- She will do her husband good and not evil all the days of her life
- She recognizes quality and is hardworking
- She's a sharp businesswoman
- She rises early and works late
- She's generous to her family and workers

- She handles business transactions wisely
- She gives to the poor and needy
- She & her household wear quality clothing
- She's strong and honorable
- She speaks wisely and kindly
- Her children and husband praise her
- Everyone speaks highly of her

**History:** Virtue defined: 1. Morally good; acting in conformity to moral law; practicing the moral duties and abstaining from vice. 2. Being in conformity to moral or divine law. 3. Chaste; *applied to women*.

We're told that God gave Solomon an exceeding amount of wisdom in 1 Kings 4:29 "And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore".

Solomon also had seven hundred wives, princesses, & three hundred concubines according to 1 Kings 11:3, so he probably knew a lot about all kinds of women, good and bad.

**Memory Verse:** Proverbs 31:10 "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies".

**Another Story:** We live in a time when many people, not just our youth, look up to the stars & their journey. Actors, actresses, sports stars, influencers, and rich people in general take to their "platforms" to tell us what to think or do and how to act! I am sorry to say but most of these people have the morals of an alley cat. If you are a godly woman and want to raise up godly children do not give them over to these scoundrels. I created the Women of the Bible series because we need to stand firm in God's ways and reject the behaviors of the world.