

## Beatitudes Of The Housewife

Most faithful congregations are full of wonderful housewives who do a superb job in their household with their children, sometimes in the absence of spouses who have to work away from home, with spouses who are hostile to the godly fundamentals found in the Bible, or regrettably both. You are truly "*a virtuous woman*" and your "*price is far above rubies*" (Proverbs 31:10). "*Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised*" (Proverbs 31:30). To show our appreciation for all of you, these beatitudes are dedicated to you.

- Blessed is she whose daily tasks are a labor of love; for her willing hands and happy heart translate duty into privilege, and her labor becomes a service to God.
- Blessed is she who opens the door to welcome both stranger and friends; for gracious hospitality is a test of brotherly love.
- Blessed is she who mends stockings and toys and broken hearts; for her understanding is a balm to humanity.
- Blessed is she who scours and scrubs; for well she knows that cleanliness is one expression of godliness.
- Blessed is she whom children love; for the love of a child is more to be valued than fortune or fame.
- Blessed is she who sings while she works; for music lightens the heaviest load and brightens the dullest chore.
- Blessed is she who dusts away doubt and fear and sweeps out the cobwebs of confusions; for her faith will triumph over all adversity.
- Blessed is she who serves laughter and smiles with every meal; for her buoyancy of spirit is an aid to mental and physical digestion.
- Blessed is she who preserves the sanctity of the Christian home; for hers is a sacred trust that crowns her with dignity.

We love you and respect you, and feel blessed to have you in our congregation. The only favor we ask is that you pass the godly ethic along to your daughters and our other young girls: "*The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed*" (Titus 2:3-5). Your presence is not seen publicly before the congregation, but it is a monumental support to our purpose of reflecting God's glory.

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