

# Ocie Lue Snodgrass

## The Woman of Great Price Calligraphy Mother's Day 2014

Dear Sweet Friends and Prayer Warriors,

My Son Neil Snodgrass copied the Woman of Great Price from Proverbs 31:10-31 for me for Mother's Day when he was in the fifth grade. I so loved it that I commissioned the artist Mary Moudy to do an artistic calligraphy in 1981.

Proverbs 31:10-31 tells about the special talents of an older woman—how valuable she is to her husband and children. We know she is an older woman because she is married to an older man who is known in the gates of the city. As an elder, he helps decide legal matters and solve disputes.

At the end it says, "Her children rise up and bless her." Her husband praises her also saying, "Many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all." In other words, he says lots of young women are good wives, but as an older woman who has lived a long, fruitful life—"you excel them all." A young mother can't begin to compare with an older mother who has raised her children well.

It ends with "Charm is deceitful," meaning a young girl may tell her boyfriend he is wonderful only to become a nag later. Then "Beauty is vain," acknowledges how good looks may attract a young man's attention, but it won't last. We all grow older.

It concludes that an older woman "who fears the Lord, she shall be praised."

I hope you enjoy this special Mother's Day gift from my heart to yours. I want you to know that I treasure your prayers for me and a speedy recovery.

And wherever you go and whatever you do, remember God's love and my prayers will be following you.

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