

## *To the Young Woman Seeking to Be What Christ Wants Her to Be,*

*Thank you for your interest in **Woman of Virtue: Wisdom, Discretion, and Sound Speech**. This second volume, as its title indicates, features Scriptures that focus on the way a young woman can and should use her both her tongue and her faculties to the glory of the Lord. I have not repeated the introductory pages from Volume I (**Woman of Virtue : Service, Humility, and Love**) in this journal. But you will recall that they outline a simple and practicable vision for young Christian women to become involved in local missions, which should continue throughout this new journal and beyond. It is my desire with these journals to encourage you in local outreach in a way that can be easily incorporated into whatever studies or projects you may be pursuing as a young adult. Though the first volume has ended, your involvement in local missions has only just begun. For the rest of your life, you are called as a **Woman of Virtue** to be aware of the needs around you, to reach out to those who are hurting, and to visibly and consistently demonstrate the love of Christ to your brothers and sisters in the Lord and to the lost.*

*The themes for the first journal centered around service, humility, and charity. Hopefully you have benefited from many practical applications of the Scriptures you meditated on in that journal and are now ready to begin a new focus of study, while continuing to be ever watchful for the ways the Lord would have you to serve Him in your home, your church, and your community.*

*Have you noticed that language skills and thinking skills are in decline all around us? If you would be a young woman that stands out from the crowd (for the right reasons), if you would be a bold witness for Christ, if you would be a counselor whose guidance is trustworthy, then you must concern yourself both with speaking well and with thinking God's thoughts after Him. The verses selected for this volume are designed to lead you on a year-long study to help you accomplish that goal. As you go through these verses you will be reminded that a **Woman of Virtue** is a lady who knows when to speak and when to be*

*quiet, who waits on the Lord for what He would have her to say, who seasons her speech with the salt of the Word, and who uses her tongue for exhortation, encouragement, and edification rather than for backbiting, gossiping, complaining, or offering vapid running commentary. You will learn about the fear of the Lord and how it leads to true knowledge and wisdom, and how God expects you to use your mental faculties and giftings for His service.*

*It's simply an observable fact that many Christian young women today are not concerned about the things that God is concerned about. (And I will grant you that some of this is due to the older women in the church neglecting to teach them what they should know. But it is also a product of the training many Christian children receive – those in the church are receiving an education identical to that of children outside the church in most cases. When the world is training our children, we cannot be surprised that they grow up to embrace worldly ideals.)*

*God's Word indicates that He is concerned with the poor, the needy, the sick, the widowed, the fatherless, the distressed, the lost. But far too many young women, and I am referring here especially to Christian young women, are more concerned with who is hanging out at the mall, who is texting whom, what clothes, books, music, and films are popular, and what is being posted to social media now. It is my prayer that this Bible study and the encouragement to remain involved in local outreach will call you to something higher than the temporal. Scripture tells us to lay up our treasures in Heaven above. We cannot fritter this life away and hope to be in any way adequately prepared for the next. Will not eternal fellowship with the Father be sweeter to us above if we have learned to delight in His will and His ways here below?*

*Sincerely,  
Mrs. Lisa E. Beal*