



Qualities of a Good Wife

As Seen in Ruth

Kindness

- **Naomi, to Ruth and Orpah:** “Go, return each to her mother's house. The LORD deal **kindly** with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me...” (1:8).

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- **Boaz to Ruth:** “It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband...” (2:11).

Loyalty

- **Ruth to Naomi:** “Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me” (1:16–17).

Diligence

- **Ruth to Naomi:** “Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favor” (2:2).
- **Servants to Boaz:** “And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' So she came and has continued from morning until now, though she rested a little in the house” (2:7).

Gratitude

- **Ruth to Boaz:** “Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?” (2:10).
- **Ruth to Boaz:** “Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for you have comforted me, and have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants” (2:13).

Unselfishness

- Then she took it up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. So she brought out and gave to her what she had kept back after she had been satisfied (2:18).

Faith in God

- **Ruth to Naomi:** “...Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God...” (1:16).
- **Boaz to Ruth:** “The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge” (2:12).

Moral Purity

- **Boaz to Ruth:** “And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a virtuous woman” (3:11).