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Getting GBC ladies on the same page.

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What could be better than a ruby?

On my 13 th birthday, my parents took me to an English tea shop in town and gave me a beautiful ruby ring. On our oldest daughter's 13 th birthday, her dad and I took her to a

Boba shop and gave her one. Different teas, same gift. Thirteen, to me, signifies the beginning of a new stage of life and deserves special recognition. A ruby ring was just

the thing in our family. I've put in my will that Zoey will one day get my wedding ring, and Kelly will get my special ruby ring. Rubies are precious in our family, and they are in the Bible too. They signify something beautiful, valuable, and rare. And yet, there are three

things the Bible says are even more valuable than a ruby. Let's look at them and search our lives for their presence.

1. Wisdom

Prov. 8:11, For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

Solomon's practice, as evidenced in Proverbs, was to glean wisdom from everyday life.

He looked out his window, observing the interactions between a man and woman. He looked closely at a wall grown over by weeds and left to neglect. He paid attention to the trail of ants marching around his feet. He became wiser by watching and noticing things he could learn from life. A woman can become wise by learning from her own mistakes and then not making the same ones again. Better still is learning from another person's mistakes. In recent years, I have been listening to audio books of true stories. I especially like ones read by the author themselves. I listen to the goods, bads, and uglies in their lives and learn from them.

2. Lips of Knowledge

Prov. 20:15, There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.

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MUSIC RECOMMENDATION:



The new Mark Rogers Family CD!
PODCAST RECOMENDATION:



My sweet friend started a podcast!

FURTHER BIBLE STUDY:

Take a look at what God values:
Prov. 21:3, Is. 66:2, Matt. 5:7-9,
Gal. 5:22-23, James 1:27

FOR GIGGLES:



Not just knowledge (reading stuff and knowing stuff), but the lips of knowledge (saying the right stuff). How can a woman have the lips of knowledge? By learning to use her words in a way that glorifies God and encourages others. Just think of all the ways we can use words. Text messages, phone calls, a handwritten note, compliments, or simply refraining from making snarky comments. Not saying everything that pops into our head is one of the wisest ways to use our words. A person with the lips of knowledge that has a quiet personality might have to step up and talk when the opportunity calls for it. When there's a chance to encourage, she should take it. Withholding good words can be just as wrong as saying hurtful ones. More naturally vocal women may have to learn to hold back words when the timing is not right.

3. A Virtuous Woman

Prov. 31:10, Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.

The tradition of the ruby ring originated from the verse above. Though I believe a girl enters womanhood the day she cuts her bangs and immediately regrets it...others would say thirteen is the threshold. By giving our daughter a ruby ring, we are reminding

her that, much greater than outward beauty, we want her to develop the inward virtues that please God in the years ahead. Jesus was full of virtue. Remember when the woman with the issue of blood reached out and touched the hem of Jesus' garment and was healed? The Bible says that virtue came out of Him. Stands to reason that virtue was inside of Him before it came out. To be virtuous is to be like Jesus. It is not about having the specific hobbies of the Proverbs 31 Virtuous Woman; it is to be like Jesus. That is always our goal! Recently, a friend of mine became a pastor's wife and started a women's Sunday school class in her church. She told me that she asks herself each week before her lesson, "What would Faith Reynolds do?" I laughed and teased her that "What would Jesus do?" is too difficult, so she brought her standard down many pegs and figured she could at least be like me! She was being kind, but no, no, no – Jesus is our pattern for life. If you strive to be like anybody else, hopefully it is the attributes of Christ that you see in their lives that you are trying to exemplify. The more you and I "hang out" with Jesus, the more He will rub off on us. The more we will talk like Him, think like Him, and do as He did. So much more beautiful, valuable, and rare than a ruby ring is wisdom, the lips of

knowledge, and a woman who is virtuous because she seeks to be like Jesus.

UPCOMING LADIES EVENTS:
(Contact Faith Reynolds with any questions)

Soul Sisters: Once a month Bible study 11am-12pm, November 8th & December 6th