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## RAYNA

A wife of noble character who can find?

She is peace in the midst of raging storms.

She is perseverance when the road is demanding.

She is tenderness when her husband is broken.

She is faith in the face of the improbable.

She is hope in light of the impossible.

She is diligence when her body says quit.

She is compassion in the workplace.

She is integrity in her office.

She is patience when her husband is jerk.

She comforts her daughter whether it's three in the morning or three in the afternoon.

She carries her unborn when it wasn't her plan.

She works hard even with all-day morning sickness.

She strives to make her house a home,

Her hospitality is appreciated and admired by all.

Her house is ever welcoming;

Her home, ever safe;

Her kitchen, ever fragrant.

She sacrifices herself for the studies of her husband,  
Her calling is bound to his.

She is adventurous in the kitchen and in the bedroom,  
Her food and her body are pleasures for her husband.

She is authentic, even when it hurts.  
Her heart and mind are unveiled even when she'd rather hid.

She cares for her father.  
Her love extends to her in-laws.

Even in the excruciating pain of giving birth, she does not speak foul.  
Even in the most trying of circumstances, she does not lose heart.  
Even in the shadow of death, she does not succumb to bitterness or complaint.

She is forgiveness to my sins.  
She is mercy and grace to our dog.

Knowledge she esteems;  
Change she always welcomes;  
Friendship she has found in growth.

She has her mother's strength, her father's resourcefulness.  
She has her mother's mind, but her father's appreciation for Sci-Fi.  
She has her grandmother's frugality and culinary skill.

She is no stranger to hard work,  
Creativity and resourcefulness mark her ways.  
A green thumb she may not have, but yet hope still remains.

She serves her family,  
Her concerns prioritize their needs.

She is a seeker of wisdom, a fearer of God.  
She plans and uses foresight, but she lays them before the Lord.

She makes burdens light, and convictions, strong.  
Comfort she gives to the broken, and counsel to the ones needing wisdom.  
She is a truth teller when flattery, deceit, and omission make an inviting path.

She is a lover of his mind, his soul, his wit, and his body.  
She protects their marriage, ever watchful for what seeks to devour it.

She is an encouragement to her husband,  
A source of renewal, hope, and strength when the world has stripped him bare.

A wife of noble character who can find?  
I have, and she is mine.