

Wonder Woman

In March 1974, Wonder Woman first appeared on television in an ABC movie. Viewers gave the show a lukewarm response, but ABC later developed a series more faithful to the original comic books. The *New Original Wonder Woman* was a hit that ran on ABC for one season in 1975 before airing on CBS for two more seasons.

William Moulton Marston, creator of the systolic blood pressure test and a champion of women's causes, originated the Wonder Woman character. While employed as an educational consultant for Detective Comics (now known as DC Comics), Marston wondered why the line did not include a female superhero. The head of DC Comics was intrigued and told Marston to create a female comic-book hero – a “wonder woman.”

The Book of Proverbs has a lot to say about women, much of it in unflattering comments about a nagging wife or a seductive adulteress. But the last chapter seems to go to the other extreme with a picture of a superhuman wife and mother (Proverbs 31:10-31). This woman possesses every desirable character trait. She works from before dawn until late at night as both homemaker and businesswoman. She meets all her husband's and children's needs, and also reaches out to the poor and needy.

This “wonder woman” gives us a picture of the ideal we can all strive for – using all our gifts and talents to serve our families and our community, being a wise steward of our assets and making choices that grow our integrity and character. Verse 30 shows that the worth of a woman is not in charm or beauty, as our culture thinks, but in fearing the Lord.

That will make a wonder out of any woman – or man.

--Beecher Hunter