

Bishop Marva Neal
Acknowledges & Honors
our first Virtuous Wife...

Minister Lisa Marks of the Church of the Living God in Milwaukee, WI and is the devoted wife of Elder Devell Marks, mother of 9 children and 19 grandchildren.

As Editor, I had the privilege of chatting with this virtuous woman while visiting with my family in Milwaukee, WI for the Thanksgiving Holiday. She even took time to cook and bring over extra food for us to eat!

Although I've known her for many years, I was amazed at how awesome a wife she is to her husband of 22 years and the great measure of love she has for him. In the name of love, she has gone above and beyond the call of duty to honor the vows she made at the altar when she married him. She took those vows seriously and has been by her husband's side for better or worse, richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, and plans to continue in that mode until death parts them.

Minister Marks speaks so fondly of her husband, even though he has been faced with many health challenges over the past few years. She serves him with a smile on her face – never pausing to complain, but steadily thanking God that she has him to care for.

Minister Marks has 35 years of food service experience and 39 years of healthcare experience. She loves and enjoys spending quality time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She also enjoys driving her car; and one of her favorite past times is fishing.

In her younger years, she spent time with the late Overseer, Bishop Dr. Faye Moore, and was an avid participator of the Bible Quizzes while living in Mt. Clemens, MI.

This woman of God is also special because of her love and care for others. She is a virtuous woman and the perfect example of Philippians 2:3-4 "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others."

Minister Lisa Marks has always taken care of everyone else, while leaving herself last.

She is so selfless that she gave up pursuing her dream of attending college to care for her children at a young age. Her love goes beyond the natural affection and can be seen in everything she does.

Yes – her love is seen through actions rather than speech alone.

Minister Marks is a Virtuous Wife because she adheres to God's word in Ephesians 5:22 "Wives, subject yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord." and Proverbs 31:10-12 "An excellent wife, who can find her? For her worth is far above jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil "

Every day of her life, Minister Lisa Marks diligently cares for her husband, ensuring that all of his needs are met. Her commitment includes her making sure he looks just as good as he did when he could care for himself. He shows up looking stylish enough to be on the front cover of magazines. Lisa wears the title of Virtuous Wife well, fully living out her wedding vows to God and before many witnesses. Running her house and keeping her husband satisfied and happy is something she has We feature this mastered. Virtuous Wife and applaud her for her works sake! ■

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