

## The Wife

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51 She alone will be a true wife, who compassionate and runs the household, keeping the expenses within the husband's keeping the expenses within the husband's income. 52 If the wife has not the virtues suited to domestic life, of what avail will be wealth, however great, to the husband? 53 If the wife is virtuous, a prosperous life is assured; if the wife chafes to be otherwise, life will prove to be of no worth. 54 If a man is blessed with a chaste wife, there can be no greater wealth for him. 55 If the wife deems her husband as her and adores him every morn, when she wakes up, at her behest, the rain will assuredly pour forthwith! 56 Only she who safeguards in the right way, her husband and his hard-won fame, as well as herself, through the power of her chastity, can be truly called a woman. 57 Nothing can be gained by trying to guard a woman through captivity; the best security is for her to guard herself through chastity. 58 Blessed with a wife dedicated to the service of the husband and the quality of chastity, a person will assuredly attain the celestial regions after this life. 59 He who has an unchaste wife, cannot hold his head high, and walk before his foes, with leonine gait. 60 To a family, the virtuous lady is the most auspicious symbol like the "mangalasutra"; a good progeny is its full adornment