

**“God’s Kind Of Mother”
Proverbs 31:10-31
Mother’s Day May 10, 2020**

Proverbs 31 is often referred to as **"The Virtuous Woman"**

- **The Description of the Wife/Mother is of her Character not her Appearance.**
- **It was written to build up and show a Woman her God-given potential.**
- **This Description may not be a specific person but a description of “God’s Woman.”**
- **The Book of Proverbs starts with wisdom, Proverbs 1:7, and ends with a woman modeling it.**

A Woman’s true beauty is found in the Lord. Proverbs 31:30

Context: Proverbs 31:1 Who is this **King Lemuel**? "King of Massa"
Most believe that this is Solomon. Instructions that his mother gave to him.

Proverbs 31:2 In other words, “listen up!” **"Sonny Boy! Listen Up!"**

His Mother warns her son of 2 evils that will destroy his life.

Warning #1 Verse - 3 Against Women – Proverbs 31:3

If this is Solomon, he did not listen to his mother! 700 wives and 300 concubines.

Warning #2 Verses - 4-9 Against Alcohol – Proverbs 31:4

Verses -10-31 "A Mother’s Guide For Choosing A Wife & Mother!"

Written by Mother.

Thought of Our Passage: “Genuine Beauty Is Not Found In Outward Appearance But Inward, Through A Life That Is Given To God”

10 Guidelines To Becoming “God’s Kind Of Mother”

1. Verses 10-12 God’s Mother Is Upright In Character:

Proverbs 31:10 An excellent wife, (virtuous)

"noble, capable character" **Ruth 3:11 you are a woman of excellence.**

An Excellent Wife Is Rare - An excellent wife, who can find?

There are lots of women but one that is excellent is hard to find.

excellent wife, (virtuous) *"noble, capable character"*

An Excellent Wife Is Precious - For her worth is far above jewels.

Proverbs 31:11

She earned her husband's trust by working with him instead of against him.

1 Peter 3:7

The OT account of the marriage of Isaac and Rebekah: Genesis 27

A couple that did not trust each other.

Proverbs 31:12 She does him good - She is supportive.

Proverbs 31:23 Her husband is known in the gates,

Proverbs 31:31 let her works praise her in the gates.

2. Verses 13-22, 24 God's Mother Is An Energetic Worker:

Proverbs 31:13

works – Verses 13, 31,

hands – Verses - 13, 19, 20,

arms – Verse - 17

household – Verses 15, 21, 27 She works for the household.

Proverbs 31:13 She looks for wool and flax, - She is a shopper!

And works with her hands in delight. - She is excited about a challenge.

Proverbs 31:14-15

her maidens - *"maids, servant"* This makes the point that this wife and mother had help from those other than the family.

Proverbs 31:16 People say she did not work outside the home. This wife and mother did, and she was in the center of God's will.

Proverbs 31:17-19

A lamp was powered by oil. If the oil was not replenished, there was no light at night. (She plans for the future; she is the one that buys extra.)

Proverbs 31:24 Manufacturer. She is a businesswoman.

3. Verses 20 God's Mother Has A Heart Of Compassion:

Proverbs 31:20

Describes the compassion she shows: She is one that has a heart of benevolence.

Proverbs 14:21; Proverbs 19:17

Proverbs 31:21-22

clothed - *"to be fully clothed or doubly clothed"*

4. Verse 23 God's Mother Is A Blessing To Her Husband:

Proverbs 31:23

This loyal wife didn't want to take her husband's place; she wants to do her own work and make it easier for her husband to do his.

Wise is that husband who recognizes his wife's strengths and lets her compensate for his weaknesses.

Proverbs 31:24 Manufacturer. She is a businesswoman with business smarts.

5. Verse 25 God's Mother Smiles At The Future:

Proverbs 31:25

"clothing" means that it is a part of your life and reveals itself in your character and conduct. **(1 Timothy 2:9-10; Colossians 3:8-14)**

Strength and dignity are her clothing, - It is her character.
1 Peter 3:3-4

And she smiles at the future.

Smiles - *"to sport, play, to make sport, to jest"*

6. Verse 26 God's Mother Is Filled With Wisdom:

Proverbs 31:26

Describes the counsel she gives. She opens her mouth in wisdom -
"prudence ethical and religious"

And the teaching- *"instruction, direction"* (human/divine) **of kindness is on her tongue.**

Beecher **"The Mother's Heart Is The Child's Schoolroom."**

"For the Hand That Rocks The Cradle Is The Hand That Rules The World." - William Stewart Ross,

This wife/mother has something to give instead of take. She has been drawing from the well of the Spirit of God.

7. Verse 27 God's Mother Is A Good Overseer:

Proverbs 31:27 She looks well to the ways of her household

Managing the household is an exacting job, and she does her work faithfully day and night.

Psalms 127:3 "Motherhood Is The Essence Of Womanhood"

And does not eat the bread of idleness.

Any husband and father who thinks that his wife "has it easy" should take her responsibilities for a week or two.

8. Verses 28-29 God's Mother Is Worthy Of Praise:

Proverbs 31:28-29

The suggestion here is that this praise was expressed regularly and spontaneously and not just on special occasions.

The Buzzword today is "Fulfillment" (Subjective)

9. Verse 30 God's Mother Is Praised For Fearing God:

Proverbs 31:30 Charm - "*favor, grace, elegance, acceptance*"
is deceitful *fraud, wrong, fraudulently*"

Niceness does not get it. This has to do with personality but has no affect on the heart.

beauty is vain, - It is fleeing; it will not last.

1 Peter 3:4

fears the Lord, - "*reverential fear, fear of displeasure*"

she shall be praised. She will receive eternal rewards and be compensated.

10. Verse 31 God's Mother Will Be Shown Honor:

Proverbs 31:31

Exodus 20:12 Honor Thy father and Thy mother.

Her husband and children acknowledge her value and praise her.

Application:

- 1.** This Passage Is An Encouragement To Every Christian Woman; What She Can Become If She Loves, Fears And Honors The Lord.
- 2.** This Passage Describes For Every Christian Man, The Kind Of Wife/Mother For Whom He Ought To Be Praying And Cooperating With God To Help Him To Produce.
- 3.** An Unmarried Man Should Walk With The Lord And Grow In His Spiritual Life So That He Will Be Worthy Of Such A Wife If And When God Brings Her To Him.
- 4.** Wife/Mother, Do You Have A Relationship With The Lord? It's great that you love your husband, like to be busy in the home, committed to your children, but do know the Lord?
- 5.** Husband/Father, Do You Have A Relationship With The Lord? It's great that you love your wife, like to provide for the home, committed to your children, but do know the Lord?