

“The Truth About Beauty”
Proverbs 31:10-31
Mothers Day May 11, 2014

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Proverbs 31 – 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.” All you can be!**
- **The Book of Proverbs starts with wisdom, Prov. 1:7, and ends with a woman modeling it.**

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

Proverbs 31:1 – King Lemuel? “King of Massa”; believe that this is Solomon.

Proverbs 31:2

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

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

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

Verses 10-31 – “A Mother’s Guide For Choosing A Wife & Mother!”

Thought Of Our Passage: “Genuine Beauty Is Not Found Outwardly Through Appearance But Inwardly Through A Life Given To God.”

10 Observations from “A Mother’s Guide For Choosing A Wife & Mother”:

1. Verses 10-12 – She Is Upright In Character: Proverbs 31:10

“An excellent wife,” – (virtuous) “noble, capable character”,
Ruth 3:11.

1. Rare – “An excellent wife, who can find?” “excellent wife,” – (virtuous) “noble, capable character”.
2. 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

Proverbs 31:12

Proverbs 31:23

Proverbs 31:31

2. Verses 13-22, 24 – She 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

“And works with her hands in delight.” – She is excited about a challenge.

Proverbs 31:14-15

“her maidens” – “maids, servant”

Proverbs 31:16-19

Lamp was powered by oil. If the oil was not replenished there was no light.

Proverbs 31:24

3. Verse 20 – She 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 – Her Husband Is Better Because Of Her:

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.

Proverbs 31:24

5. Verse 25 – She 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 Tim. 2:9-10; Col. 3:8-14

1 Peter 3:3-4

“smiles” – “to sport, play to make sport, to jest”; She literally laughs at the future.

6. Verse 26 – She Is A Teacher of Wisdom:

Proverbs 31:26

“wisdom” – “prudence ethical and religious.”

“And the teaching” – “instruction, direction” (human/divine).

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 – She Is A Observant Overseer Of The Home:

Proverbs 31:27

Psalms 127:3

8. Verses 28-29 – She’s A Woman 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.

9. Verse – 30 Her Praise Is A Result Of Fearing God:

Proverbs 31:30

“Charm” – “favor, grace, elegance, acceptance”; is deceitful fraud, wrong, fraudulently.”

1 Peter 3:4

“fears the Lord” – “reverential fear, fear of displeasure”

10. Verse – 31 She Will Be Shown Honor:

Proverbs 31:31

Exodus 20:12 – “Honor Thy father and Thy mother.”

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. 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?
5. Husband/Father, Do You Have A Relationship With The Lord?