

Are you a character?

or

Do you have character?





2 Peter 1:5

**And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your
faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;**



Happy Mother's Day



It Is Fitting That We Honor Mothers

A. Motherhood was crowned with God's approval

Genesis 1:28

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 3:20

And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

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B. Jesus chose to be born of a woman

Galatians 4:4-5

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

A PRICELESS WOMAN



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PROVERBS 31:10-31

Proverbs 31:10

**Who can find a virtuous woman? for
her price is far above rubies.**

Introduction

- A. Advice is offered for a king in choosing a wife**
 - 1. Choose a woman of virtue**
 - 2. Choose a woman who will be a price less wife and mother**
- B. Verses 10-31 are a poem,
Eshet Chayil = Woman of Valor**
- C. Verses start with the letters of the Hebrew alphabet
Acrostic memory aid**
- D. A question is asked?**

I. She Is A Faithful Woman

Proverbs 31:11-19

11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

I. She Is A Faithful Woman

Proverbs 31:10-19 - continued

15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

I. She Is A Faithful Woman

A. She is faithful to her husband

- 1. He knows he can trust her (v 11)**
- 2. Her life goal is to do him good (v 12)**

B. She is faithful in her daily duties (vv 13-14)

- 1. She is dependable**
- 2. She is a hard worker**

C. She manages her time to her family's advantage (vv 15-19)

- 1. She rises early and cares for her home and family**
- 2. “She takes pains in her duties and takes pleasure in them.” – Matthew Henry**

II. She Is A Caring Woman

Proverbs 31:20-25

20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

II. She Is A Caring Woman

A. She cares to those in need beyond her family (v 20)

B. She prepares for any future difficulty facing her family (vv 21-22)



II. She Is A Caring Woman

C. She cares about her husband's reputation (v 23)

Philippians 2:3-5

3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

II. She Is A Caring Woman

D. She has a reputation based on character (vv 24-25)

1. Her hands make no defect

2. Her reputation is not outward but inward

3. Her future is joy

1 Peter 5:6

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

III. She Is A Wise Woman

Proverbs 31:26-27

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

III. She Is A Wise Woman

A. “She openeth her mouth with wisdom” (v 26)

Psalm 111:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

Proverbs 15:33

The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

B. She is a woman who trusts God and instructs her family to do so

III. She Is A Wise Woman

C. This wise woman has a mouth filled with kindness

James 3:17

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

Colossians 3:12

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

III. She Is A Wise Woman

D. She does not waste an opportunity (v 27)

Ephesians 5:15-17

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Galatians 6:10

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

IV. She Is A Rewarded Woman

Proverbs 31:28-31

28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

IV. She Is A Rewarded Woman

- A. Blessed by her children (v 28)**
- B. Praised by her husband (v 28)**
- C. Has great spiritual success (v 29)**
- D. Based on her relationship with the Lord (v 30)**
- E. Will not be empty handed (v 31)**



How well do we remember our mothers?

How well do we remember who WE are?