

**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)**



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**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?**