

MOTHER'S DAY

Proverbs 31
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MESSAGE NOTES

Jochebed
Miriam
Rahab
Esther
Ruth
Mary
Lydia
Nympha and Apphia,
Priscilla
Junias

The powerful impact of a godly woman:

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. (Proverbs 31:25)

She is stable — because the Lord is her center.

She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. (31:26)

She has a positive influence on everyone around her by what she says.

She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." (31:27 – 29)

She faithfully serves those God has entrusted to her care.

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. (31:30)

She is attractive because of her character and her love for God.

Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate. (31:31)

She leaves a legacy of goodness and grace in all the lives she has touched.

If you took the love of all the best mothers and fathers who have lived in the course of human history, all their goodness, kindness, patience, fidelity, wisdom, tenderness, strength, and love and united all those qualities in a single person, that person's love would only be a faint shadow of the furious love and mercy in the heart of God the Father addressed to you and me at this moment.
— Brennan Manning, *The Furious Longing of God* (p. 42)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share anything that stuck with you from the weekend service.
- Go back over our passage, Proverbs 31:25 – 31, and do a brief review of your notes from the weekend.
- What do you recall about how we are to read and interpret Proverbs in Scripture? Why is it crucial to understand the style of literature we're reading?
- The passage describes some of the attributes or virtues of a godly woman. It's not intended to be a description of any particular woman. It is also not intended as a checklist, but rather a representation of life lived for the glory of God. In what way can a description like this be helpful and inspiring?
- As you consider the 5 virtues discussed on the weekend, what are some ways that each can be lived out practically? Also talk about how any follower of Jesus (men and women) can live these out?
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 2. She has a positive influence on everyone around her by what she says. (31:26)
 3. She faithfully serves those God has entrusted to her care. (31:27 – 29)
 4. She is attractive because of her character and her love for God. (31:30)
 5. She leaves a legacy of goodness and grace in all the lives she has touched. (31:31)
- How would you personally like to focus on one of these character qualities this week?