

Sermon Questions

A Woman Worth Emulating

Proverbs 31:10-31

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CONNECT:

- What is the most “motherly” thing someone has done for you?

GROW:

- Read Proverbs 31:10-31. Along with Scriptures such as 1 Peter 1:16 and Ephesians 5:25-26, how are we to think about the “daunting” aspect of these passages? How does Jude 1:24 help us approach passages such as these?
- In examining the various character traits listed in Proverbs 31:10-31, how does this section of Scripture critique our culture?
- Read Jesus’ statement in Matthew 6:24. What are ways, both obvious and subtle, that we can tend to serve money more than God?
- What does King Lemuel mean by “laughing at the time to come”? Are you able to “laugh at the time to come” or are you more prone to worry? What enables Christians to “laugh at the time to come”? (See Romans 8:28-29, 1 Peter 1:3-6, Revelation 21:4)
- As we consider what it means to fear the LORD (see Proverbs 31:30), why is that what makes a woman (or anyone else) praiseworthy? For a picture of what it looks like to fear the Lord, read Daniel 3:13-21. Based on this passage, how is the fear of the Lord presented/defined?

GO:

- As you consider Proverbs 31:30, when are you most tempted to not fear the Lord? What steps can you take to regard the Lord in the same way as our friends from Daniel 3?
- Do you have any other “take-aways” from Proverbs 31:10-31?

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1. Godly character includes virtue and honor (Proverbs 31:10). This word used is often used of warriors—those who are defenders. The idea is that Godly character is partially evidenced by those who rightly (and graciously) defend faith and family.
2. Godly character works hard to protect the sanctity of marriage (Proverbs 31:11).
3. Godly character includes utilizing time and talents well—industrious hard work (Proverbs 31:13–19, 27; Colossians 3:23; Psalm 90:12).
4. Godly character spills over into how one utilizes the treasures entrusted to us (Proverbs 31:16, 18, 20; Matthew 6:24).
5. Godly character seeks to meet the needs in one's family (Proverbs 31:21, 24–25).
6. Godly character places ultimate confidence in God's sovereignty and grace (Proverbs 31:25; Romans 8:28).
7. Godly character must start with reverential awe (fear) of the Lord (Proverbs 31:30; Proverbs 1:7).

Next Week: Mark 10:17-31

