

# A Legacy of Faith Notes

Proverbs 31:25-31

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**Main Point:** A woman's faith is most effectively passed on when it is consistently practiced at home.

## Background

1. The book of Proverbs was given to help us grow in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Proverbs 31:10-31 is an acrostic.
3. The writer is remembering the \_\_\_\_\_ his mom did for him.
4. Jewish husbands and children have traditionally \_\_\_\_\_ this poem as part of Shabbat.

## Six Characteristics of the Woman of Faith

1. Her wardrobe: resilience of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The word "strength" speaks of \_\_\_\_\_ toughness exhibited as moral courage, resilience, and spiritual fortitude.
  - The word "dignity" refers to \_\_\_\_\_, splendor, and a noble bearing.
  - The text doesn't say she wears strength and dignity like an outfit she puts on and takes off. Instead, they are the clothing that is woven into \_\_\_\_\_ she is.
  - A mother once said the strength she needed most was not to hold things together, but the strength to let things go as she surrendered them to God.
2. Her worldview: radiance of \_\_\_\_\_ (vs.25).
  - She seeks to live one day at a time, \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord for what she can't see.
  - She can laugh about tomorrow because her confidence in God radiates \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone around her.
  - Mothers call out to their children to keep going, to keep \_\_\_\_\_, to keep trusting Christ as they run the race of life.
3. Her words: resound with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The word "wisdom" refers to the ability to apply God's truth to \_\_\_\_\_ life.
  - The word "kindness" is often translated " \_\_\_\_\_ or steadfast love."
  - Her speech is both truthful and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Her work: \_\_\_\_\_ in the home (vs. 27).
  - The phrase "looks well" has the idea of " \_\_\_\_\_, managing, and keeping watch."
  - She does not indulge in \_\_\_\_\_ and is the opposite of the sluggard.
5. Her witness: \_\_\_\_\_ from her family.

- The word “excellent” means “\_\_\_\_\_ or virtuous.”
  - He lavishes \_\_\_\_\_ on her, openly celebrating her character and extolling her excellence that surpasses everyone else.
6. Her worship: \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord.
- Her greatest strength is not what she builds around her, but who she \_\_\_\_\_ before.
  - The word “deceitful” refers to a \_\_\_\_\_ or a lie and is often translated as “disappointing.”
  - The word “vain” means empty or \_\_\_\_\_.
  - To fear the Lord means to live with a deep reverence for God by trusting Him, obeying Him, and desiring to please Him \_\_\_\_\_ everything else.
  - We can spend all our lives wishing we looked different and focusing on the external, or we can cultivate our inner attractiveness by \_\_\_\_\_ in our fear of God (Isaiah 8:13, Exodus 20:20, Proverbs 1:7).
  - We can fear how we look on the outside and spend all our time trying to make ourselves look better or we can fear God and allow Him to make us \_\_\_\_\_ on the inside.
  - You know you’re revering Him when the thought of disappointing Him is \_\_\_\_\_ to you, when God’s awesomeness is more important than your appearance.