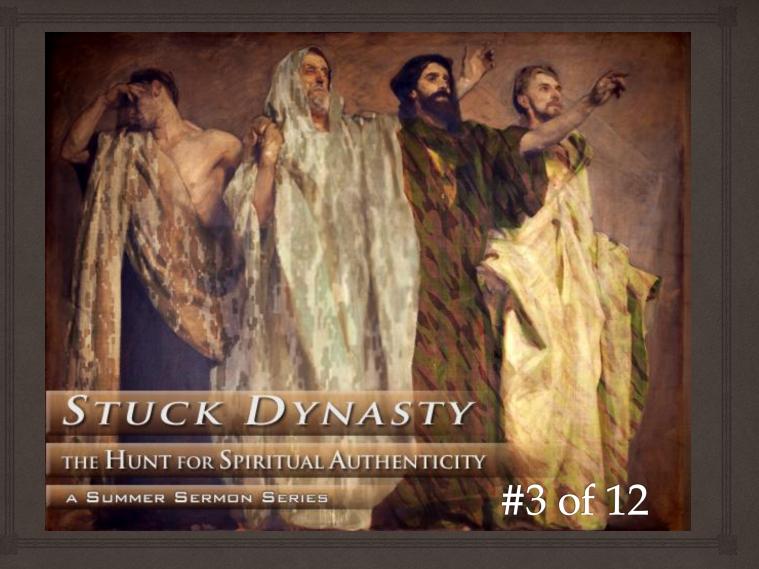
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<sup>4</sup> Wine was never made for kings, Lamuel, never for kings; carouse befits ill thy council-chamber. <sup>5</sup> Not for them to drink deep, and forget the claims of right, and misjudge the plea of the friendless.

<sup>6</sup>Strong drink for the mourner, wine for the afflicted heart;

<sup>7</sup> deep let them drink, and forget their need, and think of their misery no more.

<sup>8</sup> Do thou, meanwhile, give thy voice for dumb pleader and for doomed prisoner;

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- <sup>9</sup> ever let that voice of thine pronounce true sentence, giving redress to the friendless and the poor.
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<sup>13</sup> Does she not busy herself with wool and thread, plying her hands with ready skill?

<sup>14</sup> Ever she steers her course like some merchant ship, bringing provision from far away.

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<sup>15</sup> From early dawn she is up, assigning food to the household, so that each waiting-woman has her share.

<sup>16</sup> Ground must be examined, and bought, and planted out as a vineyard, with the earnings of her toil.

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<sup>20</sup> Kindly is her welcome to the poor, her purse ever open to those in need. <sup>21</sup> Let the snow lie cold if it will, she has no fears for her household; no servant of hers but is warmly clad. <sup>22</sup> Made by her own hands was the coverlet on her bed, the clothes of lawn and purple that she wears.

<sup>23</sup> None so honoured at the city gate as that husband of hers, when he sits in council with the elders of the land. <sup>24</sup> Often she will sell linen of her own weaving, or make a girdle for the travelling merchant to buy. <sup>25</sup> Protected by her own industry and good repute, she greets the morrow with a smile.

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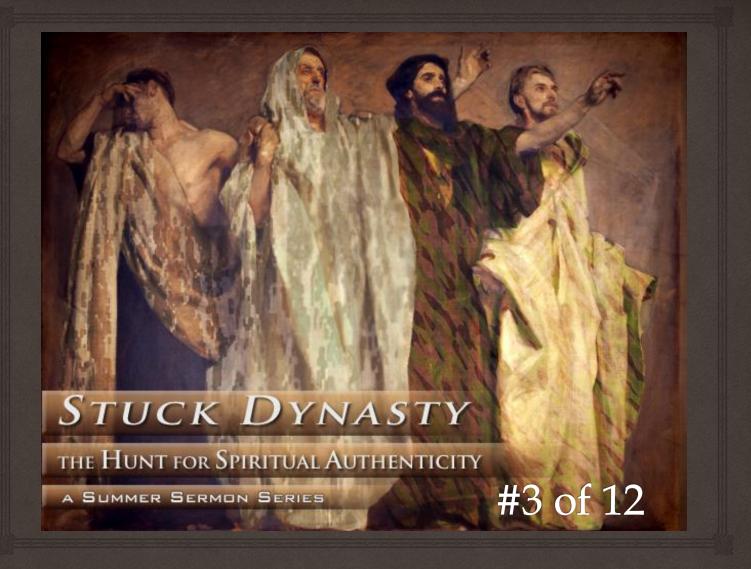
<sup>26</sup> Ripe wisdom governs her speech, but it is kindly instruction she gives.

<sup>27</sup> She keeps watch over all that goes on in her house, not content to go through life eating and sleeping.

<sup>28</sup> That is why her children are the first to call her blessed, her husband is loud in her praise:

<sup>29</sup> Unrivalled art thou among all the women that have enriched their homes.

<sup>30</sup> Vain are the winning ways, beauty is a snare; it is the woman who fears the Lord that will achieve renown. <sup>31</sup> Work such as hers claims its reward; let her life be spoken of with praise at the city gates.



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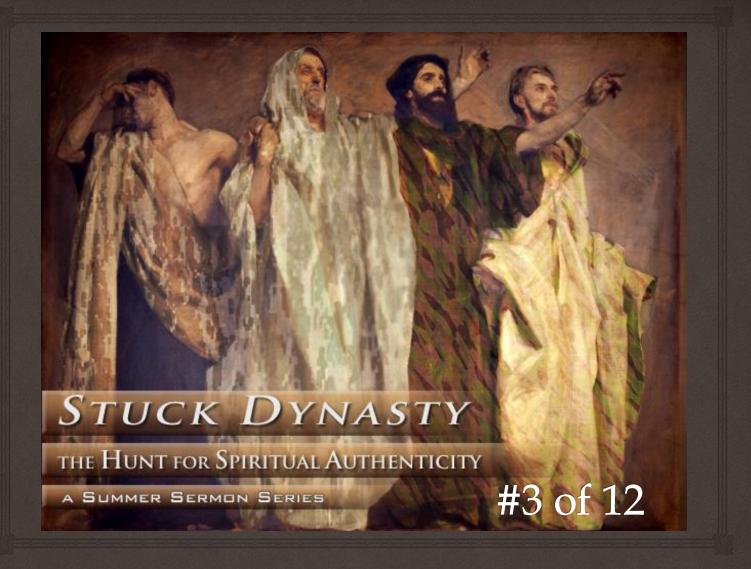
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of her hands, And let her works praise her in the gates.

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#### **ACTION STEP #1**

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<sup>13</sup>She looks for wool and flax And works with her hands in delight. <sup>19</sup>She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hands grasp the spindle.

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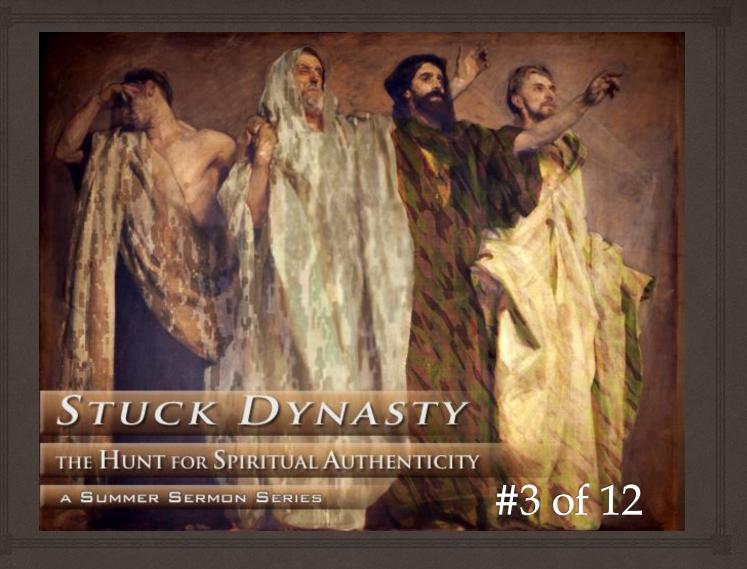
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<sup>28</sup> Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband *also*, and he praises her... <sup>30</sup> Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, *But* a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.



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