



Write a word of advice  
for our 13 graduates!

# Proverbs 31 *Knox Bible*



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my own womb, the fulfillment of  
my prayers?

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women, spend thy all on a king's undoing?

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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.

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<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.

<sup>10</sup> **A** man who has found a vigorous wife has found a rare treasure, brought from distant shores.

<sup>11</sup> **Bound** to her in loving confidence, he will have no need of spoil.



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<sup>13</sup> **D**oes she not busy herself with wool and thread, plying her hands with ready skill?

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



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

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

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<sup>17</sup> How briskly she girds herself to the task, how tireless are her arms!

<sup>18</sup> Industry, she knows, is well rewarded, and all night long her lamp does not go out.

<sup>19</sup> Jealously she sets her hands to work, her fingers clutch the spindle.

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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.

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<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 reputation, 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:

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<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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Part 1 - verses 5-9 = about wine

Part 2 - verses 10-31 = about women

# Proverbs 31 *New American Standard*



Part 1 = about wine

<sup>8</sup> Open your mouth ...

for the mute,

for the rights of all the unfortunate.

<sup>9</sup> Open your mouth ...

judge righteously,

And defend the rights

of the afflicted and needy.

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<sup>10</sup> **A** man who has found a vigorous wife  
has found a rare treasure,  
brought from distant shores.

<sup>11</sup> **B**ound to her in loving confidence,  
he will have no need of spoil.

<sup>12</sup> **C**ontent, not sorrow, she will bring him  
as long as life lasts.

Proverbs 31 *New American Standard*  
Part 2 - verses 10-31 = about women



<sup>19</sup> She stretches out her hands  
to the distaff,  
And her hands grasp  
the spindle.

<sup>20</sup> She extends her hand  
to the poor,  
And she stretches out her hands  
to the needy.



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<sup>25</sup> ... she smiles at the future.

<sup>26</sup> She opens her mouth in wisdom,  
And the teaching of kindness  
is on her tongue.

<sup>27</sup> ...And [she] does not eat  
the bread of idleness.

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<sup>31</sup> Give her the product  
of her hands,  
And let her works  
praise her in the gates.



At first read, it is a good read  
just for the content.

Upon repeat rereads,  
it just gets better as you realize  
the careful word-crafting  
of these faithful, ancient authors!



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“For Proverbs, there is  
no sacred-secular split.

...The biblical perspective is that  
ordinary life --all human life and action —  
is to reflect and serve the Creator’s glory  
and wisdom.”

--Raymond van der Leeuwen

# ACTION STEP #1



Work hard ... with delight!



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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.



# ACTION STEP #2



Reach out to the needy.

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# ACTION STEP #3



Watch your mouth!



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And the teaching of kindness  
is on her tongue.

# Proverbs 31 *New American Standard*



<sup>4</sup> It is not for kings, O Lemuel,  
It is not for kings to drink wine,  
Or for rulers to desire strong drink

# ACTION STEP #4



Work for the raves  
for the right reasons  
from the right people.

## Proverbs 31 *New American Standard*



<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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