MOTHER'S DAY

The Woman of Virtue

PROVERBS 31:10-31

Proverbs 31:10-12 niv

10 A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.
11 Her husband has full confidence in her
and lacks nothing of value.
12 She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.

Proverbs 31:13-16 niv

13 She selects wool and flax
and works with eager hands.
14 She is like the merchant ships,
bringing her food from afar.
15 She gets up while it is still night;
she provides food for her family
and portions for her female servants.
16 She considers a field and buys it;
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

Proverbs 31:17-19 niv

17 She sets about her work vigorously;
her arms are strong for her tasks.
18 She sees that her trading is profitable,
and her lamp does not go out at night.
19 In her hand she holds the distaff
and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

Proverbs 31:20-23 niv

[20] She opens her arms to the poor
and extends her hands to the needy.
[21] When it snows, she has no fear for her household;
for all of them are clothed in scarlet.
[22] She makes coverings for her bed;
she is clothed in fine linen and purple.
[23] Her husband is respected at the city gate,
where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.

Proverbs 31:24-27 niv

24 She makes linen garments and sells them,
and supplies the merchants with sashes.
25 She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.
26 She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
27 She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Proverbs 31:28-29 niv

28 Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
29 “Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all.”

- ***She makes her family's clothes by hand.***
- ***She works in import/export, investment realty, and agriculture.***
- ***She only needs 4 hours sleep each night.***
- ***She volunteers with the poor.***
- ***She has a thriving boutique clothing business.***
- ***She always has a wise insight to share.***
- ***She is fearless.***
- ***She is adored by her husband and children.***

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I never saw such a woman. I never saw such capacity, and taste, and application, and elegance, as you describe united.

– ELIZABETH BENNET

Pride & Prejudice

What do we do when the Bible and life don’t seem to line up?

Proverbs 31:10-12 net

[10] Who can find a wife of noble character?
For her value is far more than rubies.
[11] Her husband's heart has trusted her,
and he does not lack the dividends.
[12] She has rewarded him with good and not harm
all the days of her life.

Proverbs 31:13-16 net

13 She sought out wool and flax,
then worked happily with her hands.
14 She was like the merchant ships;
she would bring in her food from afar.
15 Then she rose while it was still night,
and provided food for her household
and a portion to her female servants.
16 She considered a field and bought it;
from her own income she planted a vineyard.

Proverbs 31:17–19 net

17 She clothed herself in might,
and she strengthened her arms.
18 She perceived that her merchandise was good.
Her lamp would not go out in the night.
19 She extended her hands to the spool,
and her hands grasped the spindle.

Proverbs 31:20-22 net

[20] She opened her hand to the poor,
and extended her hands to the needy.
[21] She would not fear for her household in winter,
because all her household were clothed with scarlet,
[22] because she had made coverings for herself;
and because her clothing was fine linen and purple.

Proverbs 31:23-26 net

23 Her husband is well known in the city gate
when he sits with the elders of the land.
24 She made linen garments then sold them
and traded belts to the merchants;
25 her clothing was strong and splendid;
and she laughed at the time to come.
26 She has opened her mouth with wisdom,
with loving instruction on her tongue.

Proverbs 31:27-29 net

27 Watching over the ways of her household,
she would not eat the bread of idleness.
28 Her children have risen and called her blessed;
her husband also has praised her:
29 “Many daughters have done valiantly,
but you have surpassed them all!”

A woman of faith faces each season’s assignment with courage, character, and competence.

Proverbs 31:30-31 net

30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is fleeting.
A woman who fears the LORD
—she makes herself praiseworthy.
31 Give her credit for what she has accomplished,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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