

# THE POWER OF A GODLY MOTHER

Mother's Day 2019

Proverbs 31

## INTRODUCTION:

### 1. 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

#### a) Vs 11

- 1) *"and to aspire to live quietly"*
- 2) *"and to mind your own affairs"*

### 2. Matthew 7:4-5

### 3. Genesis 3:14-16

- a) *"Your desire shall be for your husband"*
- b) *"and he shall rule over you"*

### 4. Cf. 4:1-7

- a) *"sin is crouching @ the door"*
- b) *"It's desire is for you, but you must rule over it"*
  - 1) Control - overtake

### 5. The only remedy is the transforming power of the Gospel.

#### a) Galatians 5:22

### 6. The context of Proverbs 31

#### a) Vs 1

- 1) *"The word of King Lemuel"*
- 2) *"An oracle that his mother taught him"*

#### b) Vs 2

## TWO THINGS MOM WANTS FOR HER SON

## I. TO MAINTAIN GODLY CHARACTER

### A. AVOID SEXUAL IMMORALITY

#### 1. Vs 3a

- a) *"Do not give your strength to women"*

#### 2. Why? Vs 3b

3. Getting mixed up with the wrong person can destroy your life.

## B. AVOID STRONG DRINK

1. Vs 4
2. This mom knows that her son will need a clear head to be successful.
  - a) Alcohol would dull his judgment
  - b) It would dull his senses.
  - c) It would dull his thinking
3. Vs 5

## C. HELP THE HURTING

1. Vs 6-7
2. In those days, beverages with alcohol in them were helpful to alleviate pain and suffering of those who are physically hurt.
3. His mother wanted her boy to be compassionate.
4. Vs 8
5. She also wanted him to care about the rights of the unfortunate.

## D. STAND FOR THE OPPRESSED

1. Vs 9a
2. This mom wanted her son to be a man of integrity!!!!
3. Vs 9b
  - a) *"defend the rights of the poor and needy"*

## II. MARRY A GODLY WOMAN

1. Vs 10
  - a) *"an excellent wife who can find"*
    - 1) Son? They are scarce.
    - 2) So to the best of your ability find the right wife.
  - b) This MOM knew this could be the most important thing her son did.
2. LISTEN UP: What great advice.
  - a) This mom knew that finding the right life partner is important for the man, for the kids, and for generations to come.
3. Vs 10b Wow
  - a) *"She is far more precious than jewels."*
4. Vs 10-31
5. Proverbs 19:14

## 6. Proverbs 20:6

### SIX ATTRIBUTES OF A GODLY WOMAN

#### A. SHE IS TRUSTED

1. Vs 11

- a) *"The heart of her husband trusts in her"*
- b) *"and he will have no lack of gain"*

2. **WOW!!!!** The most important relationship in the home is the relationship between the husband and the wife.

3. Vs 11

- a) *"he will have no lack of gain."*

4. Vs 12

- a) She is consumed with her husband's best interest.

5. Vs 23

- a) She advances her husband's respect.

#### B. SHE IS A HOMEMAKER

1. Very Important: God is the designer of the family.

2. Vs 13

3. Vs 14

4. Vs 15

5. Vs 16

- a) Cf: Vs 24
- b) She is an excellent business woman.

6. Vs 17

7. Vs 18

- a) She is taking every opportunity to to put her family in a better place.

8. Vs 19

- a) She is spinning the wool and flax into thread.

b) The thread would later be woven into cloth.

9. Vs 21

- a) "**scarlet**" - dark so it absorbs the heat.
- b) "**scarlet**" - was a beautiful, rich color

10. Vs 22

- a) The beds were beautifully covered,
- b) God made us all to appreciate beauty and she made herself attractive

11. Vs 24

**C. SHE IS GENEROUS**

1. Vs 20

- a) This lady is compassionate
- b) She is hands on with the poor
- c) She is there for them

**D. SHE TEACHES**

- 1. Far more important than what you say is who you are. (dignity)
- 2. She is clothed with spiritual strength.

3. Vs 25b

- a) She has no fear of the future.

4. Vs 26

- a) She has great credibility

**E. SHE'S BLESSED**

1. Vs 27-28

**F. SHE FEARS THE LORD**

1. Vs 29

2. Vs 30-31

**CONCLUSION:**

1. *Proverbs 9:10*

- 2. She is a true worshipper of God, and out of her love for God, is a commitment to her home.