



The Life, Wisdom, and Writings of King Solomon

Today's Message:

The Words of King
Lemuel ('s Mother)

Proverbs 31

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Introduction



Proverbs 31:

- Author: A King's mother! A wise, God-fearing woman.
- Content: A lesson about Responsibilities for **both** Men and Women and God's design for them to work together
- Form: A mother's chastening of her son's conduct, and encouragement to seek wise characteristics in a Godly wife

Theme: God has ordained responsibilities for both men and women, and most often they achieve the best success as they work together.

I. “Your Responsibilities as King” (v. 1 – 9)



- A. A Mother’s Chastening (v. 1 – 2)
- B. Don’t be Distracted by Women (v. 3)
- C. Don’t be Dulled by Wine (v. 4 – 7)
- D. Remain Focused and Alert so you can:
 - 1. LEAD (v. 8)
 - 2. DISCIPLE (v. 9a)
 - 3. PROTECT (v. 9b)



Application: What is currently distracting your focus, or dulling your judgement in carrying out your God-give responsibilities?

II. “The Godly Partner you should Seek” (v. 10 – 31)



A. A Godly Wife is a Rare, Valuable Partner and Companion (v. 10 – 12)

B. Her Thoughts Precede her Actions (v. 13 – 18)

1. Planning before Action (v. 13 – 14)
2. Preparation before Action (v. 15)
3. Prudence before Action (v. 16 - 17)
4. Perception about her Accomplishments (v. 18)



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C. Her Actions Benefit Others (v. 19 – 24)

1. She Clothes the Needy
2. She Clothes her Family
3. She Clothes herself
4. She Clothes her Husband
5. She Clothes others for profit



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D. Her Character Defines Her (v. 25 – 27)

1. She is known by her Strength and Dignity
2. She is Confident
3. She Teaches wisdom and kindness
4. She is a Caring Servant
5. She is a Diligent Worker

E. Her Reward is Praise (v. 28 – 31)



Application



- God intends men and women to work together to accomplish His plans!
 - While not exclusive, men are to focus on LEADING, DISCIPLING, PROTECTING
 - While not exclusive, women are to focus on CARING FOR, SERVING, TEACHING
- Marriage is the clearest example of this
 - However, for any group, church or community to thrive, God intends men and women to work together to make a prosperous organization

Application



- Remember: CHRIST IS SUFFICIENT!
 - He is all we need, because He is All in All, the Alpha and Omega.
 - Lead: “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish.” John 10:27-28
 - Disciple: “I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave Me out of the world...for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You.” John 17:6a/8a
 - Protect: “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail.” Luke 22:32-32a

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 - Caring for Others: Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Matt 9:36
 - Serving: “...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” Matt 20:28
 - Teaching: Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world; I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret.” John 18:20