

The Family, Part 2:
“Grounded by Godly Mothers”
Proverbs 31:10-31

I. The woman in Proverbs 31 is a virtuous woman (vs.).

- A. The identity of the virtuous woman begins with the inner person.
- B. The virtuous woman is selfless.
- C. The virtuous woman models Godliness.
- D. The virtuous woman loves the Lord.

(Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-18; Ruth 3:10-11; Proverbs 1:8; 12:4; 1 Timothy 2:9-15; 5:13-14; Titus 2:1-5; 2 Timothy 1:5, 14-15)

II. The woman in Proverbs 31 is an example of a godly mother (vs. 28).

- A. She is a godly mother because she is first of all a Godly woman.
- B. She is in position to make an eternal impact upon her children.

(Proverbs 6:20-23; 23:25; 2 Timothy 1:5, 14-15; 3 John 3-4)

Scripture References and Notes

virtuous (חַיִּיל [chayil])

- strength, efficiency, wealth, army

Ruth 3:10-11 (AKJV)

¹⁰ Then he said, “Blessed *are* you of the LORD, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich. ¹¹ And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you *are* a virtuous woman.

Ruth 3:10-11 (NASB)

¹⁰ Then he said, “May you be blessed of the LORD, my daughter. You have shown your last kindness to be better than the first by not going after young men, whether poor or rich. ¹¹ Now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you whatever you ask, for all my people in the city know that you are a woman of excellence.

Proverbs 12:4 (NASB)

An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, But she who shames *him* is like rottenness in his bones.

Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 2:15-18

¹⁵ Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." ¹⁸ And the LORD God said, "*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

Proverbs 1:8

⁸ My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; ⁹ For they *will be* a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck.

Titus 2:1-5

¹ But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: ² that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; ³ the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— ⁴ that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ *to be* discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

1 Timothy 5:13-14 (NASB)

¹³ At the same time they also learn *to be* idle, as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also gossips and busybodies, talking about things not proper *to mention*. ¹⁴ Therefore, I want younger *widows* to get married, bear children, keep house, *and* give the enemy no occasion for reproach;

Titus 2:3-4

³ The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; ⁴ That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children...

1 Timothy 2:9-11

⁹ Likewise, *I want* women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, ¹⁰ but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness. ¹¹ A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness.

1 Timothy 2:11-15

¹¹ A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. ¹² But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. ¹³ For it was Adam who was first created, *and* then Eve. ¹⁴ *And it was* not Adam *who* was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. ¹⁵ But *women* will be preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.

2 Timothy 1:5, 14-15 (NASB)

⁵ For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that *it is* in you as well.

¹⁴ You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

3 John 3-4

³ For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth *that is* in you, just as you walk in the truth.

⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Proverbs 6:20-23

²⁰ My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother. ²¹ Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck. ²² When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And *when* you awake, they will speak with you. ²³ For the commandment *is* a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life...

Proverbs 23:25

Let your father and your mother be glad, And let her who bore you rejoice.

*Unless otherwise noted, all Scriptures are from the New King James Version.