

Girl Please Bible Study 2: A Virtuous Woman Deserves A Virtuous Man – Proverbs 31

Getting Things Started

- Proverbs contains a group of sayings and writings concerning how a faithful person is to live a godly life that's passed down from parent to child and from mentor to mentee.
 - Today's lesson contains the advice that a foreign king's mother gives him. We know he's a foreign king because the word used for son in the text as well as several other phrases throughout the text are in Aramaic instead of Hebrew. We also know his foreign because there's no record of a king named Lemuel who ruled Israel.
 - Verses 10-31 are an acrostic poem; that means each verse begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
- 1) Do you believe parents should raise daughters differently than they raise sons? Why or why not?

Into the Text

- 2) What characteristics of the virtuous woman as described in Proverbs 31:10-31 stand out most to you? Why do you like these characteristics so much?

<u>Characteristic</u>	<u>Reason for liking</u>

- 3) What characteristics of the husband of the virtuous woman suggest to you that he is also virtuous

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- 4) The expression usually translated as “virtuous woman” in verse 10 can also be translated as “capable woman” or “noble woman” Regardless of how the word is translated into English, it is only used three times in the Bible (i.e. Proverbs 31:10, Proverbs 12:4 & Ruth 3:11). Now that you know that the term is rarely used in the Bible, do you believe the description of the woman in verses 10-31 fits how the vast majority of faithful Jewish women during Biblical times would’ve been perceived? Why or why not?

Bringing Things Current

- 5) During the Women’s Liberation Movement women were told that they could have it all: career and family. However, the movement didn’t provide any advice on how women could properly manage career and family. How might the description of the Virtuous/Capable Woman help a woman of faith discover how to properly balance faith, career and family?

- 6) Today’s lesson suggests that married couples should be able to mutually support each other. What would it look like today for a couple of faith to mutually support each other?
