

# Teaching Notes

## Mother's Day 2017

### Prov 31:10-31 (NLT)

<sup>10</sup> Who can find a virtuous and capable wife? She is more precious than rubies. <sup>11</sup> Her husband can trust her, and she will greatly enrich his life. <sup>12</sup> She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

<sup>13</sup> She finds wool and flax and busily spins it. <sup>14</sup> She is like a merchant's ship, bringing her food from afar. <sup>15</sup> She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household and plan the day's work for her servant girls. <sup>16</sup> She goes to inspect a field and buys it; with her earnings, she plants a vineyard. <sup>17</sup> She is energetic and strong, a hard worker. <sup>18</sup> She makes sure her dealings are profitable; her lamp burns late into the night. <sup>19</sup> Her hands are busy spinning thread, her fingers twisting fiber.

<sup>20</sup> She extends a helping hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy. <sup>21</sup> She has no fear of winter for her household, for everyone has warm clothes. <sup>22</sup> She makes her own bedspreads. She dresses in fine linen and purple gowns.

<sup>23</sup> Her husband is well known at the city gates, where he sits with the other civic leaders. <sup>24</sup> She makes belted linen garments and sashes to sell to the merchants. <sup>25</sup> She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. <sup>26</sup> When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness. <sup>27</sup> She carefully watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness.

<sup>28</sup> Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: <sup>29</sup> "There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!" <sup>30</sup> Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the LORD will be greatly praised. <sup>31</sup> Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.

### Vs. 10

A woman who has a high moral standard and a good work ethic is both priceless and in short supply!

### Vs. 20

She realizes God's blessings are not just for her own family, but for those in need as well.

### Vs. 25

Women, don't ever apologize for being who God created you to be! You are not "less" because you are a woman.

### Vss. 28-29

We know this is a very special woman because the people living in her home are the ones that think so highly of her!!

### Vss 30-31

It's actually her inner beauty that is the focus of her amazing qualities.

She is not a perfect woman, she's a godly woman!



**Happy Mother's Day!!**