

A GODLY MOTHER

Proverbs 31:10-31

INTRODUCTION: When the Bible and modern society part ways on any matter it is never the Bible that is in error. Today many feel the place of women, mothers, and wives should be different from that given in the Bible. Our passage for today sets out God's priorities to which a godly wife, mother, and woman will want to aspire. We should still admire virtue, character, integrity, and godliness in a wife, mother or woman.

I. A VIRTUOUS MOTHER COMMITS TO THE WELFARE OF HER HUSBAND!

A godly wife looks to and cares for her husband's well being: Proverbs 31:10-11. A godly wife is a source of peace and security for her husband: Proverbs 31:12. A godly wife enhances her husband's reputation and standing in the community because she is respected and honored for her integrity. Proverbs 31:22-23. A godly wife helps her husband become the man God created him to be.

II. A VIRTUOUS MOTHER MAKES A PRIORITY OF HER HOME AND FAMILY!

The Bible makes it clear that a godly mother's priority and primary responsibility is to the home. There are things that no one but a mother and wife can bring to her husband and children. A man cannot do it and neither can a nanny. It is very difficult today for women not to work outside the home. This is especially important when the children are little. The godly mother here in Proverbs 31 also worked outside her home: Proverbs 31:13-19. To be a godly wife and mother will take some sacrifice and work on your behalf rather you work at home or out of the home: Proverbs 31:27. One of God's most important ministries to a wife and mother is her family! It is Mother's Day and we should be sure to honor our godly mothers today! Proverbs 31:10.

III. A VIRTUOUS MOTHER GIVES DIRECTION TO HER CHILDREN!

A godly mother above all else she teaches her children, is a model of purity, an example of integrity, godliness, and grace for her family: Proverbs 31:26. Yes, dad goes off to work each day but mom is the one her children see working all day long and into the late night for her family. What your children will remember is your godly character mom and that will deserve praise from them and your husband.

IV. A VIRTUOUS MOTHER SHOWS HOSPITALITY TO ALL AND SERVES HER LORD AND IS WORTHY OF PRAISE!

A godly woman does not just serve her family, she serves her community! Proverbs 31:20; Proverbs 31:29-30. The key to the Christian life is the fear of the Lord! As godly mother's walk in the fear of the Lord it affects every other area of their lives and thereby affects their husband and their children's lives: Isaiah 33:6. Truly a virtuous wife and mother is worthy of praise! Proverbs 18:22; Proverbs 31:28-31. Moms and wives, today we what to honor our God by honoring you! We are all blessed and better today because of you!