

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 02 Mar.....Proverbs 1:1-19..... Seek Wisdom's Ways
- 2) 09 Mar.....Proverbs 1:33-3:8..... Learn Wisdom's Benefits
- 3) 16 Mar.....Proverbs 8:1-9:18..... Listen To Wisdom's Invitation
- 4) 23 Mar..... Proverbs 10:11;12:17;18:21;25:26;31..... Guard Your Speech
- 5) 30 Mar.....10:11;13:14;19:20;22:24;26;28;21;27;28.....Don't be a Slacker
- 6) 06 Apr.....3:11;13;15;16; 20:21;22;23;28;30..... Financial Responsibility
- 7) 13 Apr.....3:10;11;13;14;15;16;17;18;19;20;22;25;26;27..... Godly Friendships
- 8) 20 Apr..... Mark 14:32 – 16:8.....Amazed by the Resurrection
- 9) 27 Apr.....Proverbs 20; 23; 29; 31..... Avoid Addictions
- 10) 04 May.....Proverbs 5-6.....Moral Purity
- 11) 11 May.....Proverbs 31:10-31..... Treasure Mothers
- 12) 18 May..... Song of Songs 1:1-5:1.....Righteous Romance
- 13) 25 May..... Song of Songs 5:2-8:14.....Invest in the Best

INTRODUCTION

- Proverbs 31 is an "Alphabetic Acrostic" where each verse begins with a different letter of the ancient Hebrew alphabet to aid in memorization, making this passage highly valuable to retain
- **The Perfect Mom, the Perfect Wife, the Perfect Woman:**

Character Attributes	Physical Attributes
♦ Hard-working / Strong	♦ Educational Level – Unknown
♦ Industrious / Energetic	♦ Social Upbringing – Unknown
♦ Unselfish	♦ Physical Stature – Unknown
♦ Caring	♦ Beauty – Unknown

Passage	Comments
Proverbs 31:10-19	<p>The Perfect Woman/Wife/Mother is Priceless</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v10, Who can find a "Virtuous" / "Capable" / "Excellent" wife? This Hebrew word is rich in meaning, and has military and business connotations – strength, force, power, might, wealth, rich, ability, efficiency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ "Triumphant" Numbers 24:18 ♦ "Fighting" Joshua 1:14 ♦ "Brave" 1Samuel 10:26 ♦ "Wealthy" 2Kings 15:20 ♦ "Noble Character" Ruth 3:11 ♦ "Powerful" Ruth 4:11 • vv11-12. She's profitable to the family and seeks the welfare of her husband & family before herself • v13. She selects Wool and Flax to produce quality clothes for her family – Wool was used to produce everyday working clothes; Flax was used to produce the fine priestly linen garments as well as the durable Tabernacle veil, screens, and curtains – and she sees tedious work for the family as a "Delight" • v14. She went to great lengths to meet her family's needs – looking far & wide for the best • v15. She acted as a servant to her servants, and got up early while the rest of the household slept to better prepare everyone for the next day • v16. She was entrepreneurial, industrious, frugal • v17. She didn't need to go to the gym to stay in shape cause she worked 4 jobs: 1) Maintained the home; 2) Ran a successful textile business; 3) Established a thriving real estate / agricultural enterprise; and 4) Made time to help the needy • v18. She was up before daybreak, and long after the sun went down – and no TV time. She didn't shop frivolously, or put her family in debt. She creatively worked to support her expenditures for the family
31:20	<p>The Perfect Woman/Wife/Mother is Compassionate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She met needs all around her without sacrificing the needs of her family ("worse than an infidel") 1Tim 5:8

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31:21-29	<p>The Perfect Woman/Wife/Mother is Dedicated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v21. Her family was "clothed in scarlet" or "doubly-clothed." She went to extremes to prepare for the cold. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Her family was not in need of anything 1Thes 4:11-12 • v22. She made her own bed coverings & fine clothes. She was a romantic in bed (silk sheets), & she dressed not to impress but to enhance her family's image • v24. She was into wholesale not retail. She made high volume artifacts, which takes quality and time • v25. "She smiles at the future." She was prepared for hard times • v26. She wasn't all business. She was smart, wise, and was willing to share her wisdom to others • v27. Was she all work and no play? She definitely avoided time-wasting endeavors • v28. She received accolades from the younger generation – no small feat. So she had to have some play time for her kids to "rise up and bless her." They enjoyed opening doors for her and being around her • v29. She excelled above many others in all areas
31:30-31	<p>The Perfect Woman/Wife/Mother is Devoted to God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v30. Outward appearance (charm & beauty) means little to God. Inward character development (fruit of the Holy Spirit) counts for here and for all eternity • v31. Let her works praise her and don't withhold it - "Let another praise you"Proverbs 27:2
Where is the Perfect Man for this Perfect Woman?	<p>The Perfect Man/Husband/Father Provided for Her</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v23. "The husband is known in the city gates." He is no slouch himself. • v28. Her husband also rises up and blesses her. He treasures her and realizes her worth to the family

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- To be a Super-Mom, Super-Wife, Super-Woman begins with one's devotion to God. Aquila & Priscilla (Acts 18) fit this model of being Super-Christians, Super-Spouses, and Super-Parents.

NEXT WEEK: Song of Songs 1-5. What Romantic Love looks like.

