

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 07 June 2020.....Proverbs 01.....Chartered Waters
- 2) 14 June.....Proverbs 03:1-18.....Direction Offered
- 3) 21 June.....Proverbs 03:19-35.....Compassion Demonstrated
- 4) 28 June.....Proverbs 04.....The Choice
- 5) 05 July.....Proverbs 05.....Following God's Design
- 6) 12 July.....Proverbs 08-09.....Pursuing Wisdom
- 7) 19 July.....Proverbs 14.....Living Wisely
- 8) 26 July.....Proverbs 15-16.....Pleasing God
- 9) 02 August.....Proverbs 23.....Staying Sober
- 10) 09 August.....Proverbs 29.....Accepting Discipline
- 11) 16 August.....Proverbs 31.....Finding Honor**
- 12) 23 August.....Song of Songs 1-5.....Relational Foundations
- 13) 30 August.....Song of Songs 5-8.....Relational Investment

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

- ♦ Hard-working / Strong
- ♦ Industrious / Energetic
- ♦ Unselfish
- ♦ Caring

Physical Attributes

- ♦ Educational Level Doesn't matter
- ♦ Social Upbringing Doesn't matter
- ♦ Physical Stature Doesn't matter
- ♦ Beauty Doesn't matter

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 because 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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 fete. 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." The husband 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.

Life Principles My Mom Taught Me:

Religion – "You better pray that comes out of the carpet"

Logic – "Because I said so, that's why"

Wisdom – "So, if your friends jump off a bridge, would you do it too?"

Irony – "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about"

Justice – "I brought you into this world and I can take you out"

Prophecy – "One day you'll have kids of your own, and I hope they turn out just like you!!"

